



State govt favours Common CET

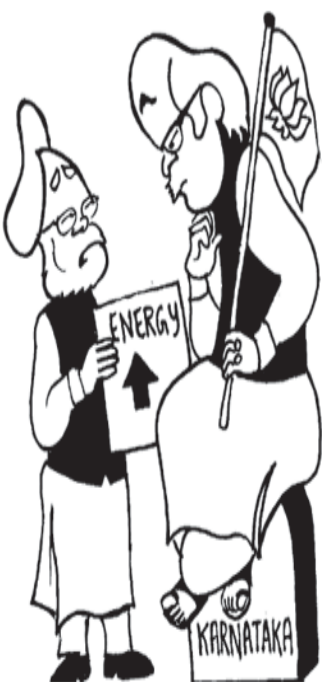
Bangalore, Nov (UNI) The Karnataka Government was in favour of holding Common Entrance Test (CET) for admissions to professional courses, including Medical and Engineering in both Private, State-run and State-aided institutions, Higher Education Minister VS Acharya said today.

Speaking to newsmen here, he said Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA), a nodal agency of the state government to conduct CET had tentatively finalised April 27 and 28 as the dates for the next academic year for CET.

Stating that the Government was in favour of holding a common CET for the admissions to professional colleges both in private and state-run institutions, Dr Acharya said he would convene a meeting of the representatives of the Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka (COMED-K) this month and try to convince them on the matter.

He said institutions which come under COMED-K were conducting a parallel entrance test on their own, independent of the government conducted CET.

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JD(S) betrayal, people losing faith in politicians: CM Yeddyurappa



courtesy: flonnet.com

Haveri, Karnataka, Nov (UNI) The Janata Dal(S) which betrayed the BJP by not handing over the post of Chief Minister as per prior understanding when the two parties formed a coalition government in 2006, had led to the

people of Karnataka losing faith in politicians, Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa claimed today.

Speaking at a public meeting where the government distributed sarees and bonds to women belonging to BPL

families under Bhagyalakshmi scheme, he alleged the party led by former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda had continued its 'sinister' act and recently triggered a political crisis in the state by creating dissent in the BJP legislature party.

Without mentioning the name of former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy, the Chief Minister alleged the JD(S) had breached its promise and deprived him of his chance to take over as the Chief Minister. This was a total betrayal, not only to him but also to entire state, he charged.

The present political scenario was mainly the outcome of JD(S)'s mean politics and this hampered the progress of the state. But to overcome the situation 'created' by JD(S) his government was concentrating on developmental activities, he alleged.

The main intention of the government was to give the people the best of administration oriented towards development, he said.

CM seeks PM's intervention for Savarkar memorial in France



courtesy: wn.com

Bangalore, Nov (UNI) Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa has sought Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's intervention for setting up a memorial for Veer Savarkar in France for his heroic feats in that country.

In a letter to the Prime Minister, copy of which was released to the press here, he said the French Government had granted permission to construct a memorial to mark the centenary year of Savarkar's feat of diving

into the ocean from the ship 'Maria' and climbing mountain Morcelis.

He said "however, there is an inordinate delay in taking up this memorial work in France. Veer Savarkar's admirers throughout Karnataka have expressed anguish over the delay and desire that the memorial work in France to commence at the earliest." He requested the Prime Minister to expedite the decision with regard to construction of a Memorial. "I hope that this long standing demand is fulfilled at the earliest through the use of your good offices," he added.

Jayamala third accused in the Sabarimala case



courtesy: mangalorean.com

(UNI) Kannada Cine actress Jayamala will be included as third accused in the controversial Devaprashnam held at Sabarimala under the leadership of Astrologer Parappanangady Unnikrishna Panicker in 2006.

According to crime branch police it was part of a conspiracy to give authenticity to Panicker's revelation. Case was being filed against Jayamala for making a statement hurting the sentiments of devotees.

Global jobs recovery “volatile and uneven”-ILO

GENEVA, Nov 10 (Reuters) Global employment is witnessing a volatile and uneven recovery, with the manufacturing and construction sectors hardest hit and health a rare bright spot, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) said today.

“In 2010, the global economy seems to have entered into a new stage where divergence and volatility in a number of labour markets have significantly increased and uncertainty over the stability of the recovery remains high,” the ILO said in a report.

The report was based on figures covering 13 economic sectors in 51 countries, ranging from the United States and Germany to Russia, the Philippines and India. It is the second issued this week by the agency on global job trends in advance of a meeting of leaders of the



Group of 20 (G20) in Seoul on Thursday and Friday.

In the first half of 2010, manufacturing and construction, especially in Europe, lost more jobs than any of the other sectors surveyed, while employment losses continued in wholesale and retail, the report said.

Health, it noted, had 2.8 million more jobs in the 51 countries surveyed at the end of the first quarter this year than it did two years previously.

The report did not analyse why some sectors were doing better than others. ILO economist Elizabeth

Tinoco said the volatility varied not only across sectors but also across emerging economies like China, South Africa and Brazil as well as richer nations.

Financial services, which last year showed signs of recovery, saw jobs fall in the third quarter of 2009 and had been rising and falling quarter to quarter since then, reflecting restructuring in the United States and Britain.

Agriculture, the ILO said, remained resilient although volatile in the first 6 months, with a year-on-year job total decline of 1.1 percent over the first quarter, driven by a 5.9 per cent drop in Asia due to extreme weather. Today the ILO said unemployment in the G20—a steering group of leading world economies, both developing and developed—stood at 70 million or nearly 8 percent of the total workforce and looked set to grow strongly.

CONG, JD(S) WORKERS ARRESTED

Karnatakaka, Nov 10 (UNI) More than 50 Congress and JD(S) workers were arrested when they tried to interrupt distribution of saris and bonds under Bhagyalakshmi scheme by Chief Minister B S Yedyurappa at the stage in Nehru stadium protesting against the distribution of saris for political gain. They also alleged that the Government was mainly responsible for the death of JD(S) leader Chandru Bannikod who recently died of burn injuries protesting against the non payment of compensation to the farmers who lost their land for Upper Tunga irrigation project.

Strong field for Delhi Half Marathon



New Delhi, Nov (UNI) The Delhi Half Marathon is expected to see tough competition this year with two-time defending champion and Ethiopian running machine Deriba Merga leading a super-fast field of elite male athletes from around the globe who have confirmed their participation for the IAAF Gold Label event.

According to a release from promoters Procam International, the event, to be held in the national capital on November 21, will have a total prize purse of 210,000 dollars, with the overall male and female winners standing to win 25,000 dollars each.

Merga, with a personal best of 59.15 min, set at the 2008 Delhi Half Marathon, is the fastest runner in the talented field, which has more than 10 sub-60 runners, most of those timings set at big races this year. Merga will hope to be assisted

in his run by Ethiopian compatriots Eshetu Wendimu, who has a personal best of 59.56 min, and training mate Lelisa Desisa.

However, the Ethiopians will have a lot to worry from the formidable Kenyan field, led by Geoffrey Mutai, who has a personal best of 59.30 min, set while winning the 2010 RAK Half Marathon. Incidentally, Merga was defeated by Mutai at that same race and the Kenyan also has to his credit one of the fastest ever full marathon timings of 2 hrs 4.55 min.

Mutai will be backed by his teammate and training partner Erick Ndiema, who has also run below the hour mark this season. Other strong runners from Kenya include Sammy Kosgei, Silas Kipruto, Kiplimo Kimutai and Leonard Lagat.

Kosgei set the World Record in the Big 25Km Run in Berlin in May, running the

distance in 1hr 11.50min, nearly a minute faster than the previous world record, while Kipruto, Kimutai and Lagat all have personal bests of 59.39 min, 59.36 min and 59.56 min respectively.

Moroccan Khalid El Boumlili, an IAAF Gold Label marathoner, leads the North African challenge, while European hopes rest on their top marathoner from Moldova, Laroslav Muschinski, who has a personal best of 2hrs 8min.

The women’s challenge is also Ethiopian heavy and includes 2008 winner Aselefech Mergia, who recorded her personal best of 67.22 min at the RAK half marathon earlier this year. Her compatriots include Mare Dibaba, who ran 67.13 min at that same race and 2009 half marathon world silver medallist Aberu Kebede.

The other Ethiopian names are former track star Yimer Wude and Ejigaheyu Dibaba, another world class track performer making a move to road running. The Kenyan challenge among the women will be spearheaded by Sharon Cherop, winner of the 2010 Toronto Marathon with a time of 2hrs 22min and junior star Lydia Cheromei. Around a dozen women runners have timings under 70 minutes and should provide for a fast finish.

HC nod for rural medical degree, asks MCI to prepare curriculum

New Delhi, Nov (UNI) The Delhi High Court today directed the Medical Council of India (MCI) to formulate a curriculum for the

exception to the MBBS doctors’ plea contending that a parallel medical degree will start off with the introduction of this course, saying instead,



new three-year rural medical degree — Bachelor of Rural Medicine and Surgery (BRMS)— within two months to enable thousands of villagers to avail its services. A bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justice Manmohan directed the MCI to formulate the curriculum within two months’ time and directed the Centre to implement it so that the three-year medical course meant for those doctors who want to practice in rural areas kicks off in the next four months.

The court took strong

“there is an urgent need of doctors in the rural areas, are you ready to go and practice there?”.

Lawyer Pranav Sachdeva, appearing on behalf of the petitioner, public health specialist Dr Meenakshi Gautam urged that a short medical course of this sort is the need of the hour and should be introduced to serve the rural areas exclusively.

Counsel for MCI said they are designing the curriculum in such a way that the students from villages could join these courses.