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# ORI receives \$50,000 grant from US govt

**Mysore:** The Oriental Research Institute of the University of Mysore has received a grant of \$50,000 from US government for renovate the century old building that houses over 75,000 ancient scriptures. US consul General of United state consulate in India Jennifer McIntyre handed over the cheque to Prof.V G Talawar ,Vice-Chancellor, University Of Mysore, here, recently.



**GOOD TIMES:** U.S.Counsul General Jennifer handing over the cheque to Prof. V G Talawar at Orient Research Institute in Mysore.

The grant will be used for the renovation and acquisition of storage furniture for the ORI's priceless collection consisting rare palm leave manuscripts. The renovation work will be taken up after the consultations with the National Trust for Arts and Cultural heritage (INTACH).

Jennifer McIntyre, US Consul General said, "We are

happy to work with the ORI.

It is my sincere hope that the renovated institute will continue to be Mecca for scholars from across the world who want to learn more about India's history and tradition". Established in 1891 ORI's invaluable collection Kautilya's 'Arthasasthra' an ancient

master piece written in 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C on state craft and military strategy which was in the use for several centuries before the manuscripts were discovered.

This manuscript which even inspired noble laureate Amatyasen's works was discovered. Jennifer McIntyre

said that these funds were being used to support a wide range of activities such as restoration of museum, preservation of archeological sites and documentation of vanishing traditional craft techniques.

According to Jennifer McIntyre US has provided a grant of nearly 26 million dollars for preservation of 640 projects in over 100 countries worldwide.

**-Dileep Kumar M Narasaiah**

## In brief

### Crash Course on Translation

Institute Of Soft Skills, University of Mysore will be conducting free course on translation from March 1<sup>st</sup> week. The course will be for duration of three months for an hour a day, and prominence will be given to journalism students.

### North Korea to halt nuke tests

North Korea's new leadership said Wednesday it has agrees to suspend nuclear tests and its uranium enrichment programme as part of a deal that includes US food aid for the impoverished nation.

-AFP

**-Dileep kumar M Narasaiah, Bhavya N**

### Prof Amrutesh of Botany dept bags International Award

Dr. Amrutesh Associate professor of Botany department has bagged the DBT-CREST award Department Of Biotechnology-Cutting Edge Research Enhancement and Scientific Training Award for 2010-2011. This award will provide him an opportunity to have advanced research training in foreign laboratories/ universities including university of Texas, Denton

and North Texas in the field of plant and agricultural biotechnology for a year. This award will



support and promote Indian young scientists of highest merit to enhance their skill in any of the foreign

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## Disabled children need comprehensive development : Justice H P Sandesh

**Mysore:** The disabled children need comprehensive development to cover education, health, training and rehabilitation with good employment opportunities. They should be given all the encouragement to lead a good life" said Justice H P Sandesh, Principal, District and sessions Judge.

He was speaking at a state level seminar on "Rights of special children" organized by the Department of studies and research in Education, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) as part of world disability day at the Cauvery auditorium here recently.

The society too should not neglect Disabled children who possess immense talent which need to be exposed he added. The seminar focused on non-conventional teaching methods at primary level, methods to shape the future of disabled children, co-operation with international organization



Session Judge H.P Sandesh inaugurating the seminar at KSOU auditorium, Dr. L. Lakshmi, chairperson of education department, Dr. Indumathirao of TBR network, Former Mayor Vasu, KSOU VC, Prof. Rangappa and others seen.

like UNO and motivation to special children to mingle with normal kids and rehabilitation awareness among the underprivileged children.

Nearly 300 teachers, several of whom are also physically challenged, from polytechnic, childcare centers, Anganavadi centers and other NGO's organizations attended the seminar. Speaking on the occasion Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Vice

Chancellor Prof. Rangappa lamented that inadequate inclusive policy and inadequate resources have created a huge gap between the actual need and availability of facilities required by disabled persons.

A Majority of private schools do not think that it is their social responsibility to admit disabled children. Hence, a strategy alliance between donors and institutions is needed for the well being of the

disabled", he added. Former Mayor of Mysore Sri Vasu stressed the need for a separate commission for disabled persons.

Dr. L. Lakshmi, Chairperson, Department of education KSOU, Dr. Indumathi Rao of TBR Network, Bengaluru, Registrars Prof. T D Devegowda and Vikramraj Urs and others present on the occasion.



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*Editorial*

**ICT for superb learning outcomes**

India is one of the leading countries in information and communication technology. This, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), has brought abundant opportunities for social and economic development in India and the world as well. ICT is changing the face of contemporary world in every aspect. It has connected all corners of the world with inter linked network simplifying sharing and exchanging of knowledge and business. Furthermore, it has helped the integration of various traditional and modern societies.

Information and communication technology (ICT) has become important tool for delivering education in the world. Multimedia is a powerful tool of teaching and learning. However, despite some inspired teachers and educational institutions potential of ICT has not been utilized to its fullest extent. Even though proper ICT infrastructure is outlined in educational institutions, it has not been utilized for one or other reasons. It could be lack of skills, absence of proper training and orientation with regard to the use of these technologies in teaching and learning process. Stakeholders, either teachers or learners, are also not very well aware of ICT's benefit. As it is a new phenomenon, there may also be resistance to adopt it. Above all, ignorance of new trends which seem to increase earlier routine work may be one of the reasons for not using ICT to the optimum extent. With the help of ICT, there is a tendency to create collaborative ambiance. Teaching and learning becomes short and precise. The lesson gets audible, visible, touchable, perceivable as well as practicable. Any information can be easily accessed. As a result, teachers assist their teaching and students their learning too.

ICT is also full of varieties and suitable to all fields of studies. It also performs accurate computation and makes learning outcomes error free. Most importantly, ICT serves as medium of communication between teachers and students as well as peers. Considering these and other benefits of ICT in the teaching and learning process, stakeholders are required to put up their efforts in the area of utilizing ICT as effective teaching and learning tool. In the age of globalization led by information and technology, it becomes necessary to walk with it side by side. The new generation has to be familiar with ICTs before facing the real working environment. Hence Educational institutions, teachers and students need to work with educational ICTs while undertaking instructive functions.

*“Believe nothing, no matter where you read it, or who said it, no matter if I have said it, unless it agrees with your own reason and your own common sense”.*

**-Lord Buddha**

**UOM Attracts students from 45 countries: Prof. Indira**

*Dr.R. Indira is a Professor of Sociology and Director of International Centre at the University of Mysore. In her University career spanning 37 years, she has held such positions as Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Honorary Director of the Centre for Women's Studies and Chairperson of the Department of Sociology, Member of the syndicate, Senate and Academic Council of the University, besides being a member of many University committees. During her tenure as the Honorary Director of the Centre for Women's Studies, Indira worked towards strengthening all the three components of the Women's Studies Programme viz., teaching, research and extension, and networked the Center with both state and voluntary groups involved in women's development. Prof. R.Indira is the recipient of five international/national fellowships in the field of humanities and social sciences. These include two Fulbright Post-doctoral fellowship to work at the Purdue University in USA, two research fellowships from the Canadian International Development Agency and the Shastri Indo Canadian Institute to work with the University of Calgary on tribal communities in India and Canada and the Senior fellowship from the Indian Council for Social Science Research, a national fellowship given to senior social scientists in India to work on primary education and gender issues. Recently Aida Gharaee interviewed Prof.Indira.Excerpts:*



**Prof.R. Indira**

**◆ How many foreign students are studying in university of Mysore approximately?The number has increased or not?**

1400 foreign students are studying in university of Mysore; the number of students also has increased this year. The large number belongs to UG, followed by PG and PHD.

**◆ From which countries the students are studying in this university?**

We have foreign students from 45 different countries.

**◆ Which country the foreign students mostly belong to?**

Iran. Most of our foreign students belong to Iran, because the Iranian used to come to Mysore University for education since 1970.

**◆ Which subjects are more popular among foreign students?**

Most of the foreign students prefer MBA and followed by computer science.

**◆ What are the major problems that your center is facing with foreign students?**

I can't tell major problems, there are some issues. Most of

them are ok. The problems are related to the expiry of visa. Some of them used to come after expiry of visa and not bringing the right record. We had a few case that they had forged my own signature and get entry to the wrong way. If they come through proper channel there will be no problem but unfortunately some of them want to cheat university, International center is also part of the university. The other problem is English language, but it is not faced by all the students. Some students come from non-English country, when the medium of structure may not be English. As example we can mention Iran,yemen.

**◆ What plans does the university have to improve the proficiency in English language among foreign students?**

All students should take up

English course, which is the way that most of the countries across the world are doing. Mysore University set up a separate center for development of soft skills such as English.one of the objectives in that center is offering English language to foreigners. There are many private institutes and tutors for teaching English in Mysore, so we cannot compel students to join our center, but we have to make it compulsory.

**◆ What is your suggestion to the new students enrolled in the University of Mysore?**

The foreign students must keep regular touch with international center. They should be conscious of the date of expiry of visa. They should come well in advance instead of coming in the last minutes or coming after the date of expiry.Those who come early there is no problem. The students who have problem with English language should take English course. I wish the center in university of Mysore make a regular English course for foreign students.

**Aida Gharaee**

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Is Security in danger at BIA?**

The Bangalore airport is very modern, clean, sophisticated and well organized.I was travelling to my country through this airport. I entered the airport and was searching for the x ray machine to check the luggage in it. But to my surprise there was no x ray machine.They asked the passengers to submit the luggage for checking the weight and then they would send them into the airplane.I was uncomfortable.

If somebody sends a bomb through suitcase and send it to the airplane, who will come to know

about this? That is the weakness of the security in Bangalore airport.Do they have any other mechanism to have foolproof security? Hypothetically a terrorist can misuse this lacuna and cause a lot of problems for the passengers.It will be dangerous for the life of thousands of innocent people.It is necessary to convey this message to the concerned authorities in the Bangalore airport to prevent such problems and to make secure and safe environment for the passengers.

**-Aida Gharaee**



# Protect yourself from invisible thieves

**-Dileep Kumar M Narasaiah**

Once there was a time when someone stole something from you and then you at least knew the fact you were robbed. Then, you felt you knew how to prevent it and, in an unfortunate case you could do something about it right away. But it's different these days. You are often so helpless facing unknown, invisible thieves. You don't even know that you lost something really valuable. Identity theft is becoming a serious problem all over the world.

There are numerous tactics perpetrators use with all the recently developed technology, so it sometimes seems like it's just a matter of time before you become a victim of it. But there sure is a way you can significantly lower the chance. College students are allegedly using sites like Orkut, Facebook and MySpace to target people they don't like by creating fake profiles, posting abuses, obscene pictures of their friends or giving out personal detail like telephone numbers, addresses and e-mail ids. Never write down or carry around

with you social security number, password, or PIN number. You might lose your wallet and hand over all your valuable information with it to others.

As we know that we have so many numbers to memorize these days but considering the risk, it's not really big deal to memorize a few more number of your Credit Card Company and bank separate from cards so that you can report them in case you ever lose the cards as soon as possible. Some of you choose predictable numbers for your password or pin number for anything from e mail to banking so stop do that.

You and your family's birth dates, your phone number or address are not a good idea. Pick something only you would know. Keep your password mixed with lower case letters, upper case letters and numbers. Changing them often is another way to insure your protection. Most of the students are forget to logout their accounts in library lab so it leads misuse your accounts by others. Updated your computer regularly for online safety features. If you are not sure,

it's not a bad idea to invent a little on your computer protection program.



Do not use the same ID/ password for e-mail accounts and on-line banking accounts. E-mail password then you is done. Of course, it would be great to have a shredder with you but not everyone has one and you can't it around with you all the time either. So, whenever you throw away

some paper that has any of your personal information, tear up into small pieces and scatter the pieces in many separate bags before you throw them away. Never answer to "you are a winner!" when you know well you haven't done anything to get that prize .did you know that those kinds of companies actually share, so to speak, 'a sucker list?' once you answer to that kind of trick and you are on that list, that pestering sales call or shower of advertisement mails may not come on their favorites list! Also beware of phishing.

Your bank or your credit card company will never contact you to ask for your password will never contact you to ask for your password or personal information by mail, mail, or by phone call. If for

security reasons they need to contact you, they send the general alert and ask you to contact them. Do not even click on a button in any kind of e-mail that asks to give away your personal information. Some programs are designed to collect personal information in your computer when you click a button in your e mail. The bottom line is this: TMI! Keep all your personal information to yourself. Often you are the one who gives away too much information.

**Remember – You are responsible for what you do online. You must also be aware of Cops. So please don't lose your mind and use our fantastic cheat tools, and enjoy your orkut life.**

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## Art for Art's sake, and More

**-Shruthi R**

Many people believe in art for art's sake. Yet others create art according to people's liking. It is a challenge to balance both of this and find perfection in any art, something very successfully achieved by poet Amir Or.

Amir Or is a poet, translator, and editor from Tel Aviv, Israel. He is the author of seven volumes of poetry, as well as The Song of Tahira (2001), a fictional epic in metered prose. His poems have been published in more than 30 languages, as well as in eight volumes published in English and other European languages. During his recent visit to the University of Mysore Amir Or recited his best poems and spoke about them to the students of the Department of English, and mesmerized the students with his insight on life as he sees it through his verse and imagery.

His poetry captures the world as it exists, like a series of still photographs of such spontaneity and flow that one can almost hear the continuous clicks of mental images as the poem unfolds. To Amir, poetry is not only passion, it is also his own way of growth. "Poetry is a dialogue" he says, "When people read a poem, it should

mean something to them." All the while as the words flow from his pen, at the back of his mind is a reader. With the absence of that audience, he is simply not communicating to anyone with his poem. It would be like

occasionally uses poems in the form of songs, prophesies and narration aides. His works are inspired by values from several cultures like Jewish Prayer, Greek Religion, and Sufism. While he speaks about his



writing a diary, which nobody else needs to understand. But art is not a diary, it is a dialogue.

His acumen has the depth owing to years of travel and study of cultures and languages like English, Hebrew and various European languages. Or has worked as a shepherd, a builder and a restaurateur, and lived for a few years in Netherlands and India, where he has studied various spiritual techniques. In 1987 Or published his first book, I Look Through The Monkeys' Eyes, for which he was awarded the Harry Harshon Literary Prize by the Hebrew University.

Besides poetry, Or also writes fiction, where he

works, he explains. "I can write in a very simple way that anybody can understand my poem. But I can also decide that I want a smaller audience, in which if you read my poem I want you to know something about the Bible, or the symbols of Hinduism or Sufism."

"I want to be authentic and say things the way I say it, but not at the expense of communication. The real test of a good poem is not how perfectly authentic I am, but how little I compromise the communication. If I write a poem and I feel nobody would understand it I will have to change it" he says.

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## Evolution of Mysore

**- Murgesh P K**

Mysore is poised to become like Bengalooru in the next few years, in terms of population and the problems accompanying it. Mysoreans are dubiously known as laid back people, who enjoy simpler things in life. Our thirst for art is Rangayana, our breakfast is Masala Dosa and coffee, and lanes and by-lanes take care of our shopping needs. As much as we would like to keep it this way, it is fast changing due to the influx of IT and related services, and people with metro and mall mindset. Our cherished breakfast is being replaced with cornflakes, our theatre with multiplex and malls literally demolishing the lanes and by-lanes. Only the poor and the old people still linger on to markets. The young generation is flocking the mega-markets with air-conditioning and un-bargainable prices. Only the lakes and parks are

maintained to some extent whereas , the rest heritage structures, roads and buildings are ignored and slowly allowed to die a natural death Gone are the days when mysore tongas was the favourite and enjoyable mode of transport. The ups and downs on the journey of life could be shared with the tongawalla. They are replaced with autos that don't even maintain proper meters and always demand excess fair. The few bumps on the roads would be enjoyed with laughing and giggling. Now we need Volvos to ensure we don't break our backs on the potholes. The good old 'Kodbele' the favourite snack has conceded defeat to Doughnut's and Pizzas. Apartments and flats are our hives, where we don't knock on the neighbour's door daily, a un- Mysorean thing to do. We prided ourselves with

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# Beat the heat with a healthy diet

**-Bhavya N**

Summer is back in Gangotri. The leaves gently dropping & touching the dry ground, warm mornings, and students carrying their own water bottles is indication of the season. Here are some often quoted, yet ignored tips.

To make your stay in the campus a pleasurable



one this summer, keep the following in mind: Try out juices of grapes, watermelon, lemon and pineapple during summer. Consumption of fruits and juices reduces body heat and helps in controlling body

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encouraging strangers and guests to jump the long queue, but now the old-timers are shocked when they are honked at and overtake their vehicles from all sides.

Students used to be proficient in Sanskrit, now they are scorned if they are not on Facebook. Fancy uniforms and ties have replaced the traditional dresses, including the Mysore peta. Books were bought from single floor shops and streets without much fanfare. Evolution of cities is all but natural. Sadly tradition and people believing and following them slowly fade away. Thankfully, some relics, both people and places, still exist to remind us what this city of palaces and temples stand for ...

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temperature. Hanging out in the canteen with coffee and tea is not good as they are said to stimulate the central nervous system.

One must spend time in a place surrounded by water and green trees, & Gangotri is blessed with Sprawling green campus and beautiful kukkarahalli lake. Eat light, small & frequent meals. This doesn't mean you hog at the deep fried snacks & cream rich pastry. Choose home-made foods or if you're a hostelite, tuck in some fresh fruits & dry fruits in your bag. Include salads in your diet. Consuming leafy lettuce

greens and cucumbers, in salads are good ways to stay cool. These foods contain a significant amount of water. Onions too are great in the summer, because of their ability to beat the heat and provide relief from summer ailments.

So, throw in some washed onion slices onto a sandwich, or in your salad. Hydrate your body. Drink plenty of water. Don't cheat & consume Coke, Pepsi or any such aerated drinks. Consume coconut water, lassi or rose milk. Plus, these cost less than a can of Coke. Wear loose, full-sleeved cotton clothes. The



urge to show off your fair skin or your biceps will always be there. But if you avoid wearing full arm clothes, you'll end up with sun burnt or an unwanted tan.

Avoid extreme cold foods and drinks - most of us normally pick these and they

are actually known to interfere with digestion and sweating, thereby affect body's natural cooling. But, it is OK to indulge in ice-cream once in a while. How about mixing fruit salad with your ice-cream? You'll have your dose of healthy fun.

## Movie Review Path of Venegance

**-Arshiya Sultana**

Agneepath of Amitabh Bachchan and Agneepath of Hritik Roshan, even though very similar paths of

**Director:** Karan Malhotra  
**Cast :** Hrithik Roshan, Sanjay Dutt, Priyanka Chopra  
**Rating:** 2 1/2 stars



Sanjay Dutt has played the villain wonderfully, making the character very interesting. His new getup looks very horrible, as though contributing to the evil nature of his character. Katrina Kaif as Chikni Chameli adds a nice *tadka* to the film. Hritik roshan has performed quite well as the angry young man. He has been paired well with Kaali (Priyanka Chopra), who is at her charming best.

It is an action packed movie with a spoonful of parental emotion. However, the plot is not new. We can say it's like an old wine in new bottle. Forget the wine, appreciate the bottle.

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fire, have lot of differences in all other departments of filmmaking.

The movie starts with Ganesh festival celebrations and there the character of hero and villain is established. Vijay's (Hrithik) father is a teacher in the school, and people respect him more than the

head of the village. When he is falsely accused of rape by Kancha (Sanjay Dutt) and publicly hanged, Vijay and his mother are forced to flee Mandwa.

This leads to a big rivalry between Vijay and Kancha. The typical Bollywood style tit-for-tat tug of war begins, where Vijay tries to avenge his father death.

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laboratories/universities and interact with scientists abroad. Dr Amrutesh is currently guiding nine Ph.D students. He has also organised two national conferences and has published 40 research articles.

**-Bhavya N**  
**-Dileep kumar M Narasaiah**

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**LENS-SIGHT**

**“Leave me alone!!”**

*Two storks getting playful at the Ranganittu bird sanctuary*

- Shruthi R