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Crescendo 2015, an inter-college fest conducted by Sindhi College of Commerce was inaugurated on September 10 and 11. The fest aims at encouraging students to achieve excellence in extra-curricular activities.

Actor Pooja Gandhi was the chief guest and Chakravarthy, Kannada film director and senior journalist was the guest of honour. Office Bearers of the college, Prakash Narang, Chairman, Avinash Kukreja, Secretary, Dr. Prakash B. Nayak, Principal and Prof. B. Parvathi Devi, Vice Principal attended the event. The events included creative writing, corporate fashion show, group dance, solo dance, cooking without fire etc.

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The launch of the state-level campaign 'Ambedkar for Youth and Democracy' initiated by Dr. Ambedkar Study Centre, Centre for study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, was inaugurated by Dr. Devanur Mahadeva on September 8 at Government Arts College, Bangalore. Dr. S Japhet, Director of CSSEIP, NLS, Prof. V.S. Shredhara, Dr. Lakshminarayana, Prof. Venkatasami Reddy, Principal of Government Arts College, Bangalore were present at the event. An introductory book on Ambedkar's thoughts for students was released by Dr. Devanur Mahadeva. He spoke about Ambedkar, who as a leader became the voice of the voiceless and lived for equality. He said that untouchability and discrimination have been understood only after reading Ambedkar's writings and emphasized its importance. The project envisages a series of programmes to reach Ambedkar's thoughts to college students and youth by reading his writings - 'Annihilation of caste', 'Revolution and Counter Revolution' and 'State and Minorities' which deal with the social and economic aspects of Indian democracy.

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KathaVana, the annual children's liter-



ature festival organized by Azim Premji University took off on September 9 with participation from nearly 50 Government and private school teachers and teacher educators (33 Government teachers from Anekal taluka, 13 teachers from 7 private schools participated) engaging with the theme 'Teachers as Readers'.

The event was inaugurated by S. Giridhar, Registrar & COO, Azim Premji University along with Prof. Shailaja of Azim Premji University, SV Manjunath, Head of Karnataka State Institute, Azim Premji Foundation, and chief guests Dr. Narendra Rai Derla (Kannada Professor from Shivram Karanth Government First Grade College from Puttur) and Anand Patil (Retired Deputy Director, Akashvani Mysore).

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There was a two-day national seminar on 'Confluence and Contemporary issues in South Indian Languages' conducted by the Department of Telugu, Bangalore University. Mandali Buddha Prasad, Deputy Speaker, AP Assembly, who was the chief guest at the event said that the Central Government should give support to



protect regional languages.

He added that mainly south Indian states are now struggling to protect their languages.

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Sambhram School of Management held an orientation programme for its 17th batch of MBA students and second batch of M.Com students between September 7 and 12. The students were advised to work on their communication skills and develop a networking plan with industrial contacts and alumni.

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MVJ College of Engineering inaugurated a new Astronomy Club at their college campus on September 8. The club was inaugurated by Dr. P. Sreekumar, Director of Indian Institute of Astrophysics. Dr. P. Sreekumar spoke about the peculiar solar activity that has caught his interest in the recent years as well as the importance of building a large size telescope for exploring the space. He guided the students about gazing through the night sky and how the formulation of this club will help their knowledge grow.