

Diary

"Srimad Bhagavatha": Discourses in English by Prema Panduranga, SSMRV Dental College Auditorium, J.P. Nagar, 6 p.m.

Spiritual Discourse: by Sri Nimishananda Guruji, Sri Nimishananda Ashrama, 80 feet road, Rajarajeshwarinagar, 6.30 p.m.

Suchitra Film society: Screening of the films, "The Day I Became a woman," 6.45 p.m.; and "How I killed my Father," 36, 9th Main, 2nd stage, Banashankari, 8.30 p.m.

IIT-B: Lecture on "Impact of open source software movement on computing," by J. Veeraraghavan, Chinnaswamy stadium, 6 p.m.

Osho International and Landmark: Launch of the Osho Book, "Meditation: The first and last Freedom," and panel discussion on "Meditation in the marketplace," Landmark, the forum, Hosur road, 6.30 p.m.

Brahmana Seva Samithi: Laksharchana- 8.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.; Carnatic music- vocal by Geetha Santharam and party, sri sundara Anjaneya swami Temple, 100 feet road, Indira Nagar.



Making a difference: A day when spastic children in Bangalore smiled as they shared tea and biscuits with Mayor Narayanswamy at his office in Bangalore on Thursday. He presented Rs. 25,000 each to eleven different NGOs to help the spastics in the city. *Observer Photo*

Reel life story in reality!

*Love triangle
ends in a
double murder.*

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BANGALORE, April 21: The police commissioner may deny that crime rate is increasing in Bangalore but it does not seem that way. Three people were hacked to death in two separate incidents in different parts of the city, in the last 24 hours. Two miscreants, whose identities are not yet known, killed Nagesh Kukoor, 36, a resident of Yeshwanthpur. The incident happened near Kengeri Satellite Town, when Kukoor was returning home, from Koramangala, after watching a movie, on Wednesday night. According to the police sources, the deceased had

20 cuts on his body. The police are investigating the case.

Love triangle murder

In another case of murder, two friends, Abhinav Raj Singh, 18, a rag picker, and Nagaraja Reddy, 20, both residents of Rajajinagar, third block, were killed in the wee hours of Wednesday, near Mallathali. The police assume that it was a case related to a love triangle. The police said that both the men loved the same girl. The brother of the girl, whose identity is not yet known, on learning of this killed the two of them, believed police sources. As of now, the police have not been able to make much

progress in the case. The murderer, as of now, is still at large.

Chain snatching

Two miscreants snatched a chain worth Rs. 10,000, from Kala Narayani, 36, a resident of Shivajinagar, near the Hudson circle, at 3 pm, on Wednesday. The incident happened, when she was going to pick her son from the Delhi Public School. The police are investigating the case. As of now, there has been no breakthrough.

Hit and run

A Maruti Omni collided with a TVS Victor, near Richmond Circle, killing the biker instantly. The

incident happened when the biker, Vijaya Gowda, a resident of Basaveshwanagar, second stage, third block, was returning from his office, at 10 pm, yesterday, and was hit by the Omni. Gowda died on the spot. The driver of the car is absconding. The police is on the look out for the driver.

Pedestrian killed

A Hyundai Santro on M.S.Ramaiah Road crushed Shivlall Puttu, 25, a resident of Frazer town, to death, last night. he deceased was crossing the road, when the incident happened, said the Frazer Town police. The police have not been able to track down the owner of the car.

State banking sector scores

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BANGALORE, April 21: The State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) met today to review the performance of the banks in extending credit support to the farm sector and the execution of various development schemes in the financial year.

N. Kantha Kumar, Chairman and Managing Director, Syndicate Bank and Chairman SLBC addressed the bankers in the Conference Hall, Vidhana Soudha. He said that the banks have disbursed Rs 6705.87 crores, which is 7.2 per cent more than the annual target of Rs 6253.14 crores.

The committee has been successful in bringing 3,50,269 farmers under various bank schemes by providing financial support. In his addressal note, Kumar informed the members that the state has nearly 66.61 per cent of the branches located in rural and semi urban areas.

Devaki Muthukrishnan, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, and Abhay Prakash, Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka also attended.

Sports

Fed Cup Tennis, India up 3-0

DELHI: India scored an impressive 3-0 against Singapore in the first day of the Asia-Oceania Fed Cup tennis tournament at the R.K. Khanna stadium, Delhi, yesterday. The hosts outplayed Singapore in the first two singles ties as well as in the doubles match. Shikha Uberoi, playing her first match in the women's tennis tournament under the Indian tricolour stole the show by defeating Yun-Ling-Ng, 6-0, 6-0.

Paes to lead Group-1 Davis Cup tie

JAIPUR: Leander Paes will lead the team for the Asia Oceania Group I Davis Cup tie against Uzbekistan, to be played at Jaipur from April 29 to May 1. The team will assemble in Jaipur on April 24 while the Uzbekistan team, captained by Farrukh Dustov, is already in Delhi and would also reach the city on the same day, said the All India Tennis Association, yesterday.

East Bengal football team defeated

KOLKATA: East Bengal was defeated 0-1 by Jordan's Al Faisaly in a dreary Group A league football match in Kolkata at the Salt Lake Stadium, yesterday. This will hamper the club's AFC Cup prospects. The Jordanians scored the only goal in the thirtieth minute from a penalty.

Ajit Wadekar criticizes BCCI

MUMBAI: Ajit Wadekar criticised the Board of Control for Cricket in India for looking for a foreign coach to replace John Wright. The former Indian captain and coach explained that he did not believe it was necessary to have a foreign coach when former players such as Sandeep Patil, Kapil Dev and Sunil Gavaskar were available. He believed that they were great players and could coach the team successfully.

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Now, a military MBA

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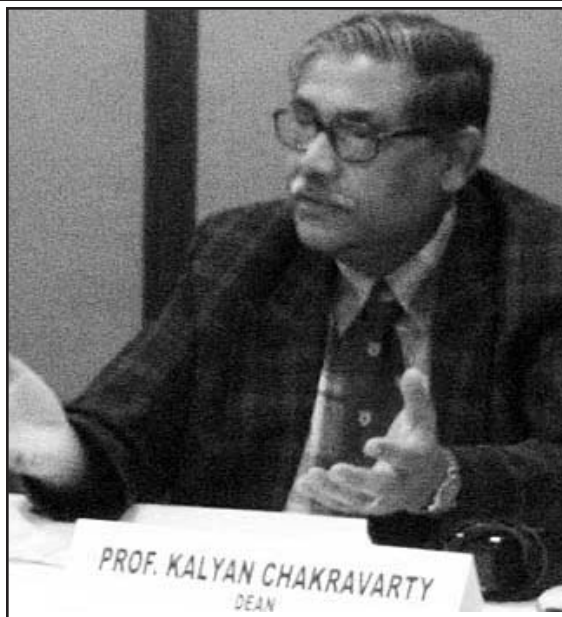
BANGALORE, April 21: MBA aspirants from the Defence Services now have a better option for a diploma or a degree. Vinod Gupta School of Management (VGSOM), the first management school to be set up under the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, system, is introducing a five-year dual degree programme and a tailor-made sponsored MBA Programme for officers of the Defence Services, for the next academic year commencing from July 2006.

Addressing a press conference at Hotel Gateway, Professor Kalyan Chakravarty, the Dean of VGSOM said that under the two-year tailor-made sponsored MBA programme, which is still under review for finalisation, the non-engineering officers from the Army, the Navy and the Air Force will undertake a pre-course commencing in May. It will include six-eight weeks of quantitative methods to update their knowledge to the level required for participation in the programme. The selection process will be set up by the Defence Services, with the participation of VGSOM and IIT Kharagpur professors.

As for the dual degree programme, an MBA degree under the dual degree programme normally takes six years to complete but now it can be done in five with a fee structure of Rs.90, 000 per annum.

The student selection will be done from the Joint Entrance Examination qualified students of IIT Kharagpur, from the many branches of engineering, who have completed their first year with a minimum prescribed Cumulative Grade Point Average, along with other MBA students who have been admitted through the normal Joint Management Entrance Test of all IITs. It will also be necessary to clear the group discussion and interview.

"Our aim is to play a pioneering role in creating the management school within the IIT system and offer unique programmes that would develop managers who can understand and appreciate the critical technology related issues and their managerial implications," says Chakravarty. Ranking amongst the top 15 management



VGSOM Dean unveiling the new management programmes for 2006. Observer Photo

schools in the country, VGSOM also intends to help their alumni start their own management ventures by providing a capital of Rs.1 million.

The MBA course has a vacancy of 30 seats, and also has 25 seats open to foreign students with special emphasis in admitting students from the SAARC and other neighbouring countries, and from families of non-resident engineers settled in the US, including alumni children and elsewhere.

The management institute will still be continuing its existing MBA and Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration programmes, and will introduce an entrepreneurship programme after 2008.