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March 15,

Mangalore, Mar 15: Dr. B. Shantharam Baliga, eminent paediatrician and Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatrics, Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore has been nominated the 'Governing Body' of Karnataka State Health System Resource Centre (KSHSRC) by Government of Karnataka.



Over the past two decades, Dr. Baliga has been providing voluntary medical services in public hospitals through Mangalore Medical Relief Society. He has pioneered the concept of public private partnership in public health sector, thereby channelling resources and enabling thousands of children belonging to poor families to avail advanced care which would otherwise have been unreachable to them.

He has been instrumental in facilitating development of advanced tertiary care facilities in government hospitals. In 1995, he set up the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Government Wenlock Hospital, followed by a full-fledged Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Goschen Hospital. Regional Advanced Pediatric Care Centre, the integrated pediatric tertiary care centre set up at Wenlock Hospital at a cost of Rs. 12 crore is also his brainchild. Today, more than 2,000 children belonging to poor families receive free care from these facilities and it is expected to expand over the next few years. The first Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in the private sector was also set up under his supervision at Mangalore Nursing Home in 1989.

He was actively involved with conceptualizing and formulating the newly launched Balasanjivini scheme for the benefit of children belonging to Below-Poverty-Line (BPL) families by the Dept. Women and Child Welfare, Government of Karnataka.

He has been an active crusader against the havoc of Malaria, having served as the president of Malaria Prevention Action Committee since 2000. He is associated with several NGOs for promoting children's welfare including Child Line and Nirmala Welfare Society (Child Adoption).

KSHSRC is an autonomous and independent body established under the umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NHRM) for advising Government of Karnataka on technical aspects for improving the Health & Family Welfare Services and also as a facilitating agency for civil society action.



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## Mangaluru to Udupi Journey Turns Fatal: Youth Killed in Hit-and-Run Crash (/news-top-story/mangaluru-udupi-journey-turns-fatal-youth-killed-hit-and-run-crash)



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September 23



Udupi, Sep 23: A 21-year-old youth lost his life in a gruesome hit-and-run accident at Kaup, Udupi district, on Monday, September 22, while returning home from Mangaluru.

The victim has been identified as Anush Bhandary, a resident of Santhekatte-Kallianpur. He was reportedly on his scooter when an unidentified vehicle struck him. Sources suggest that after the initial collision, other vehicles may have run over his body, causing severe mutilation.

Anush had previously worked in Bengaluru but had returned to Udupi just six months ago and was employed in Mangaluru at the time of the incident.

The body was shifted to the Ajjarkad Government Hospital in Udupi, where post-mortem formalities were carried out.

Kaup police have registered a case and launched an investigation to trace the vehicle involved in the hit-and-run.



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## Mangaluru on the Move: Walkathon Draws 1,500 in World Heart Day Drive for Healthy Living (/news-top-story/mangaluru-move-walkathon-draws-1500-world-heart-day-drive-healthy-living)



News Network

September 21



Mangaluru, Sept 21: From schoolchildren to senior citizens, more than 1,500 residents of Mangaluru stepped out at dawn on Sunday for the World Heart Day Walkathon 2025, turning the city's streets into a celebration of fitness, awareness, and collective spirit.

The walk began at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Circle and concluded at the Marena Sports Complex, led by national-level athlete Master Yash as the torchbearer. The event was flagged off by Shri Mithun HN, IPS, DCP (Law & Order), and Smt. Geetha D. Kulkarni, ACP (CCRB), Mangaluru Police.

With this year's theme, "Don't Miss a Beat", participants embraced the message of prevention, urging citizens to adopt regular health checkups, balanced diets, and active lifestyles to counter the rising threat of cardiovascular diseases.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Saghir Siddiqui, Regional COO, said: "Today's walk is more than exercise — it is community, awareness, and social responsibility for heart health."

Dr. Dilip G Naik, Pro Vice Chancellor of MAHE's Mangaluru Campus, added: "For over two decades, this initiative has encouraged families to come together for their hearts. Seeing it grow stronger every year is truly inspiring."

Dr. Narasimha Pai, Head of Cardiology, underscored the urgency: “Heart disease is increasingly affecting even the young. Small steps – walking – reflect preventive action we must all embrace.”

The event was infused with energy as groups from institutions such as Fiza by Nexus, Athena Nursing College, Sridevi Nursing College, MRPL NMPA competed in fun categories like Best Group Participation, Best Slogan, Best Placard, and Most Enthusiastic Participant.

As the morning sun rose over the city, the Walkathon left behind more than footprints — it reinforced Mangaluru’s collective commitment to a healthier, heart-conscious living.





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News Network

October 1

Mangaluru, Oct 1: Two separate cases of online fraud have been reported in the city, with victims together losing more than ₹32 lakh to cybercriminals posing as investment advisers.

In the first case, a 68-year-old senior citizen lost ₹23.3 lakh in an online investment scam. According to his complaint, he received a WhatsApp message on August 16 from an unknown number promoting stock market investments. The message contained a registration link for an app and another contact number for details.

After registering, the fraudsters convinced him to invest increasing amounts to gain higher profits. Between August 22 and September 1, he transferred ₹23.3 lakh in phases from his SBI account through UPI, IMPS, and RTGS. On September 20, when he sought to withdraw his funds, the fraudsters accused him of not paying an additional ₹11.5 lakh as "tax." Refusing to pay further, he realised he had been cheated and filed a complaint. A case has been registered at the CEN Crime police station.

In the second case, a woman from Urva lost ₹9.1 lakh after falling for a fraudulent promotional video on Facebook that falsely featured S. Murthy and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The video encouraged viewers to invest through a link. After registering on the link, on September 26, she was contacted by unknown individuals who asked her to make an initial payment of ₹20,664.2 to start investing.

Later, through WhatsApp, she was persuaded to transfer more money with promises of high returns. In total, she allegedly transferred ₹9.1 lakh. When the promised returns never came, she realised she had been duped. A case has been filed at Urva police station.

Police have urged the public to remain vigilant against online fraudsters using fake investment schemes on WhatsApp, Facebook, and other social media platforms.



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