



Literature from Goa to Frankfurt

Noted writer Damodar Mauzo will be participating in the Frankfurt **Book Fair as part** of the 5 member **Indian Writers'** delegation. **Excited** about his first visit to Europe for a book fair, he expresses his joy of writing that gets translated aptly



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Noted Konkani writer Damodar Mauzo will represent Indian Literature as he is all set to participate in the Frankfurt Book Fair along with other four members comprising the Indian Writers delegation.

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"The last time I went abroad was for a festival in Singapore; this will be my first European visit. The Indian writers who will be joining me are Gaurhari Daas, K P Ramanunni, Raghav Chandra and Balram Prem Narain; we will be part of the panel discussion 'My World, My Writing'

translated by Xavier Cota," he adds. "Four of my books which have been translated into English will be available at the Frankfurt Book Fair. It

makes no sense in carrying Konkani books as there won't be any readers or takers for the language there. These books have been translated by Vaidya Pai and Xavier Cota into the English language.

"I am happy with the translations as the translators should understand the characters and the nuances in the story and should have the ability to



Getting dirty to keep Goa 100% clean

A group of vigilant citizens from Panjim and the northern beach belt of Candolim and Nerul launched an initiative aimed at maintaining cleanliness across Goa, last Sunday

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Last Sunday, a group of individuals sent a strong message by leading with example. Armed with gloves, brooms, and bins, these cleanliness crusaders launched an initiative by the name of 'Goa loves 100% clean' and cleaned up the place near the Aguada Fort. Spearheaded by Rajesh Khanna, who used to run 'Food Court' in Calangute few years ago, and equally supported by likeminded individuals from different walks of life, the

Malcolm Young - guitarist, songwriter and co-

founder of the legendary Australian band, AC/DC

- is suffering from dementia and was admitted to

a nursing home in Sydney. He had announced his

"If you were in the room with (Young) and

walked out, then came back in one minute later,

he wouldn't remember who you are. He has a

complete loss of short-term memory. His wife,

Linda, has put him in full time care," a source close

retirement from the band earlier this week.

group's objective is to raise awareness about every individual's responsibility in keeping Goa clean. The idea was triggered in Khanna's mind when

he was accompanying his foreigner friend to show him the Aguada Fort few weeks ago. Khanna noticed that instead of looking at the fort, his friend was looking at the garbage spread across the area an observation that struck Khanna's conscience. Around the same time, Khanna was also in touch

with Avaaz.org - an internet based NGO that gave a clarion call to people worldwide to get together for the 'People's Climate March' on September 21, as world leaders assembled in New York for the climate change summit. Khanna says, "The website inspired me to start the initiative from an area that I function from – Aguada. This is also one of the few places in Goa that is untouched. Apart from the natural flora and fauna, the place also has tremendous heritage value. We want to start the initiative from here; I hope this spreads in other parts of the state as well.

Ricardo Rebelo, a local from the area who was a part of the initiative and the cleanliness drive last Sunday, says, "The basic objective of this initiative is to keep Goa 100% clean. But the question is, who should do it? The easy way out is to say that it is the government's responsibility, whereas the truth is that even if the government puts all its resources, Goa is not going to be 100% clean, that is, unless every person takes responsibility and does his bit, we won't have results."

According to Rebelo, in India, if we give total freedom to people, no one will follow the law. He feels that awareness has to be created about the incentives available through the local panchayat sanctioned by the Urban Development Ministry for garbage management. He says, "We have to use the 'Carrot and Stick' approach to make this initiative successful. We want to replicate the Sunday drive in other parts of Goa till it goes viral all over."

Saurish Naique, a young guy from Panjim who is a part of the initiative, mentions an interesting incident that happened last Sunday. Saurish says, "When we were cleaning up the area, few tourists, maybe from Maharashtra, were sitting there drinking. One of them threw the bottle outside. To our surprise, one of the guys from their group picked it up and dropped it in our bin and advised his friend not to litter around. So it'd be safe to say that there has been a positive impact."

The next cleanliness drive is on October 2 and those who wish to get involved in the initiative can assemble at the Aguada Fort at around 11.30 am.

which will take place on October 8, 2014. The festival is highly ticketed in Germany. It will receive a total number of nearly 70,000 people per day for the five-day festival," informs Damodar

Damodar will be releasing his new book, 'Tereza's Man and other stories from Goa', published by Rupa Publications at the festival and will also have a book reading session.

'The festival will focus on young adult literature and this book features a collection of 14 fictional stories based on Goa and Goans. The book is

carry it into another language," says Damodar.

Damodar will showcase his books, 'Karmeline', 'Tsunami Simon', 'These are my Children' and 'Teresa's Man and other stories from Goa'.

The Frankfurt Book Fair (FBF) is considered to be the biggest and most important literary event in the world for international deals, book launches and trading and having Goan representation for the same is nothing short of an immense honour.

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AC/DC guitarist hospitalised with dementia

to the musician's family said.

In April, it was learned that the 61-year-old Young was suffering from a serious illness, which was not revealed, and could not participate in the recording of the album 'Rock or Bust' which is set for release in November

His nephew, Steve, who replaced him during the recordings, will join other members of the group, Angus Young, Brian Johnson and Phil Rudd, during the AC/DC world tour in 2015. - Agencies



Rocking on: Raising Steam performs at Hounslow at the end of July

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Local rock super-band BadBlood completes its UK tour on a high and in the process, becomes the first rock band from Goa to be featured on Pepsi MTV Indies

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Rock music in Goa has only been synonymous with one act over decades: Bad-Blood. From covers of glamrock and metal bands to creating their 'own sound', the band has been the mainstay of heavier genres in the state. In recent times, the band created a spin-off titled 'Raising Steam' for their tour of the United Kingdom.

While younger generations may not be familiar with the band, older followers of the act see them as timeless. For the most part, the members comprise various acts across the state and each has their own fan following. Blasio Pinto is a vocalist who never ceases to amaze audiences with his vocal range. He shares the stage with Bad Blood and Sky High with renowned drummer, Aurvile Rodrigues who started drumming at the early age of five. Now also a music producer, his studio Audio Masters is a centre of production for many

Konkani, Hindi and English albums. Similarly, Anthony Fernandes is one of the state's renowned names on bass guitar who shares two bands with compatriot Frazer Pacheco on the keyboards, with both lads also being a part of local band Lynx. The band is generally run and directed by unofficial leader, Nixon Soares, the band's lead guitarist. Guest artist Sandy Pacheco featured on a few songs with Raising Steam during some stage performances.

"Our first performance as Raising Steam was at Hounslow Grounds on July 27, 2014 where we played to a whopping crowd of approximately 18,000 people. We were amazed by the audience that didn't allow us to even think of getting off stage although we had performed for 3 hours. That is the kind of response they got at our first show in London," says a grateful Nixon.

From there, Bad-Blood went on to perform at 'Kings Arms', a pub at Kenton on August 2. The band thrilled local audiences with good old fashioned rock, proving to an awestruck English audience that a band from Goa can be counted on to showcase old school talent. As the tour continued, August 8 saw Bad-Blood perform at '12 Bar' on Denmark St. As the tour began to wind down. Bad-Blood took the stage on August 9 at 'The Good Ship' in Kilburn along with a country band 'Blank Bibles' and an Irish reggae band called 'The Barley Mob'. The final event on the tour on August 17 saw Raising Steam take the stage once more as they performed at the Summer Dance at Harrow's Leisure Center organised by the Goa Association.

Just as the band touched home soil in Goa, they were pleasantly surprised by their inclusion in Pepsi MTV Indies, an international music programme that aims at showcasing Indian artistes. The programme will air the band's new music video 'Tomorrow's Yesterday'. The video is receiving an overwhelming response and the band is in the process of planning an EP to reach out to their fans by the end of this year. One can't suppose that there is much bad blood between them and such a massive following after all.

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JASON ORANGE QUITS TAKE THAT AFTER 15 YEARS

Singer Jason Orange has quit Take That after

15 years as a member of the music group. The band will continue as a trio of Gary Barlow. Howard Donald and Mark Owen. Robbie Williams will not be returning for their next project.

"I want to start by saying how proud I am of what we have achieved together over the years. However, at a band meeting last week I confirmed to Mark, Gary and Howard that I do not wish to commit to recording and promoting a new album. I have spent some of the best years of my life with Take That and I'd like to thank everyone who has been a part of my journey, including my band mates, who I feel are like brothers to me," Orange said.

Take That, whose 2007 hit 'Rule the World' recently passed the one million sales barrier in the UK, are expected to release their next studio



album in 2015.

The boyband formed in Manchester in 1990 and disbanded in 1996 following the departure of Robbie Williams. They reformed in 2006 as a four-piece to work on their Beautiful World album, before Williams rejoined in 2010. - PTI

NAVRATRI ON, B-TOWN SAYS TIME TO SING, DANCE

The nine-day Navratri festival began Thursday.

Bollywood celebrities like Amitabh Bachchan, Anil Kapoor and Mallika Sherawat are excited and say it is time for revelry. The celebs took to Twitter to share their thoughts. This is what they tweeted:

Amitabh Bachchan: Happy Navratri ... the shraad period is over and now time to celebrate 9 days of gaiety and dance.

Anil Kapoor: May this nine nights of Navaratri bring grace, joy and fun. Let the prayers be sung and dandiya be done. Wish you all a Happy Navaratri!!

Mallika Sherawat: Happy Navratri tweethearts:) Rohit Roy: May maa Dugga protect n bless u

all.. Navratri ki shubkamnayen aap sabhi ko.. Sonu Nigam: Navratri ki shubhkaamnaayein..

Lots of prayers and auspiciousness? Sophie Choudry: Happy Navratri to you all! Wish you happiness, health & prosperity! Sing, dance & celebrate! God bless!

Tanishaa Mukerji: Have a wonderful Navratri! May Maa Durga bless us all! - Agencies