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KICK OFF THE FESTIVE SEASON

With the festive season round the corner, Taj Residency recently held its cake mixing ceremony. The staff of the hotel got together with some of the resident guests and soaked a wide assortment of nuts and fruits in fine spirits and a variety of wines. Half the matured cakes will be sold, while the other half will be preserved for the next year. The deliciously crafted cakes will be innovatively packed for take-aways from the hotel cake shop Sugar n Spice. Five per cent of the entire sale proceeds will go towards charity. (below)



Le Meridien is hosting a food festival titled the Taste of the Far East by the poolside. It is a celebration of the Far Eastern culinary heritage. The poolside will come alive with pagodas, floating candles, oriental art and an interactive kitchen showcasing the finest Pan Asian flavours. Join chef Mukherjee as he embarks on a gastronomic tour of Thailand, China, Japan, Korea and Indonesia. From November 20 to November 30. From 7.30 pm onwards. (below)



GROWTH!



Stepping Stones International, a pre-school co-founded by Ms Seetha Krishnaraj has taken up the initiative of educating its tiny tots on issues pertaining to the environment. Recently on the occasion of Children's Day, 35 children between the age group of three and four, joined hands with the Karnataka Forest Department and Urban Development Division to plant saplings at the Madivala Tank Range office. The initiative was indeed a stepping stone for the school, which aims to inculcate environmental awareness among children from a tender age.

MEANINGFUL CELEBRATION



IT professionals celebrated Children's Day at the International Tech Park in a novel way by entertaining over 600 less fortunate children from 12 different institutions and schools. Family Services, a non-profit organisation along with the Karnataka Marwari Youth Federation, which had organised the carnival, made it a fun-filled day for the children. Mr Chan Kah Hoe, ceo, ITPL held, "The Children's Day Carnival created a unifying spirit at the international Tech Park

among the Parkites and the children. It proved to be lots of fun and enjoyment enabling Parkites to relive their childhood days while doing their bit for the less privileged." (left)

Celebrating its centenary this year, St Joseph's Indian High School presents the play *Spartacus Returns*, written and created by John Devraj. *Spartacus Returns* will be staged at the St Joseph's Indian High School Grounds on November 20 and 22 in English and on November 21 and 23 in Kannada. (below)



THE BANGALOR AGE