

## Coastal Canara Bank and Syndicate banks to merge; to be 4th largest bank

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**NEW DELHI:** After Vijaya Bank was merged with Dena Bank and Bank of Baroda (BoB), three other banks which had its genesis in the undivided district of Dakshina Kannada are all set to merge.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on August 30 announced the merger of 10 public sector banks. "Canara Bank will be merged with Syndicate Bank. Indian Bank will be merged with Allahabad Bank. PNB, OBC and United Bank will be merged and PNB will be the anchor bank. Union Bank of India, Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank will be merged," she declared.

"In place of fragmented lending capacity with 27 public sector banks in 2017, now there will be 12 public sector banks post the latest round of consolidation of PSU banks. The consolidation of public

sector banks will give them scale," Sitharaman said.

After the merger, Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank will be 4th largest public sector bank with ₹15.2 lakh crore business. Consolidated Union Bank of India, Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank will be the 5th largest public sector banks with Rs 14.6 lac crore business.

Indian Bank and Allahabad Bank will be the 7th largest public sector bank with Rs 8.08 lac crore business after merger.



Both the coastal banks are set to merge very shortly as announced by Ms Sitharaman.

Last year, the government had approved the merger of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda (BoB) that has become effective from April 1, 2019. In 2017, the State Bank of India absorbed five of its associates and the Bharatiya Mahila Bank.

## Plaster of Paris Ganesha idols not allowed for immersion, says Pollution Board

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**MANGALORE:** In a notification sent out to the public, Karnataka Pollution Control Board has banned the immersion of Ganesha idols in any kind of water bodies during the upcoming Gauri Ganesha festival.

The notification says, "During the Gauri Ganesha festival, the public should celebrate the festival with Ganesh idols made of mud and without colours. These should be immersed only in water bodies specified by the local authorities. During the immersion of the idols in mobile tanks and other water sources, the flowers, fruits, plantain, mango leaves or any other decoration that is put on the idols should be removed before immersion." "Permission is given to make idols from mud to a maximum height of five feet only.

The immersion of idols made of plaster of Paris that are painted is completely prohibited by the board," reads the notification.

The board has directed local bodies in the State to inspect



Ganesh idol made from Plaster of Paris.

idols in their jurisdictions. If plaster of Paris idols are found, they should be confiscated and destroyed at landfill sites of the local body concerned.

The communication sent out by deputy commissioners of both the districts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi has asked the citizens to cooperate in order to maintain cleanliness of the environment.

Dr K Sudhakar, Chairman of KSPCB, said, "The Ganesha Chaturthi gaining prominence in the state and we (Board) have taken many measures to popularise the use of eco-friendly Ganesha idols."

## Chem-Aura to be inaugurated at St Agnes College

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**MANGALORE:** PG department of chemistry of St Agnes College will inaugurate its association CHEM-AURA on Tuesday. The chief guest of the programme is Dr Suchethan P A, assistant professor of the department of chemistry,

## Serve people or quit: Udupi DC G Jagadeesha warns officials

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**UDUPI:** Deputy Commissioner G Jagadeesha directed officials to strive to serve the people at their doorstep.

He was speaking at a meeting convened by Udupi MLA and members of 35 wards in Udupi City Municipal Council (CMC) to discuss the problems prevailing in town at DC office here, on Thursday.

"Those officials not willing to be on the field by 6 am, can seek a transfer elsewhere or tender their resignation. Service to people does not have any time constraints and it is not a 10-am job," Jagadeesha stressed.

The deputy commissioner

## SAC to hold two-day camp at Belthangady

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**CAMPUS:** A group of 50 students and two staff members of SAC will conduct two-day camp at Belthangady, the flood affected area of Dakshina Kannada from Saturday to Monday. Three resource persons are joining the group to conduct classes and discussions. Bishop Francis Serrao of Shimoga diocese will hold classes for the students on the topic 'social realities'.

Ms Anjana Devi, a person with disability, will talk about 'overcoming disabilities' to spread awareness. Dr Sudheer

KV from the department of psychology, SDM college, will speak on the topic 'identification of childhood disorders'. The students will also visit Seon Ashram, an old age home of 380 inmates, and will spend some quality time with them. "This programme will serve as a platform for the students to interact with old people," said Dhiraj Sequeira from the department of English.

"I'm excited to attend the camp because it gives us an opportunity to enrich ourselves and spend some time with old people," said Rakshita, a BSc student.

## Urwa police recognised as good Samaritans

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**MANGALORE:** Generally in society there is an ill-feeling about police saying that they do not respond quickly enough to the needs of people.

This was completely turned upside down by the personnel

of Urwa police station in the city, who not only helped a distraught citizen from their end, but also coordinated with the other departments in getting the tree fallen on his house cleared during the heavy rains that lashed the city on August 13.

## Decathlon Sports to 'run for charity'

ANUSREE, ABHIMITHRA

**MANGALORE:** Decathlon Sports, Mangaluru is conducting a marathon 'run for charity' on Sunday from 6 a.m to 9 a.m. This initiative is undertaken to provide aid to the flood affected people in Mangaluru.

The marathon starts and ends at Decathlon at Bharath mall. T-shirts, finisher medals, certificates, goodie bags and refreshments will be provided to all participants by the organisers of the event.

"There are no age categories for the running activity and children below 16 must be accompanied by parents or a guardian. Participants will have to report at the venue at 5:30 a.m. on the day of the event for pre warm up session," said Jayakanth, one of the coaches at Decathlon.

Registration fee is Rs 500 and 250 people have registered for the event till date informed Mr Jayakanth. Registration can be done online. "Compared to Decathlon's past events, this is the first time we have come up with an initiative focusing on charity," Jayakanth added.

Tumkur university.

Dr Jeswina A C, principal of St Agnes College will preside over the function. "This association is to help the students in various fields of industrial, business and in research fields," said Dr Keerthi, lecturer, department of Chemistry, St Agnes College.

said the duty of government officials was to respond to the grievances of the public.

He urged officials to work in coordination and adopt mechanisation to tide over the crisis of acute manpower shortage. Jagadeesha directed the officers to respond to the demands of elected members as they regularly interact with the people.

He highlighted the irregularities in the functioning of streetlights and urged the deputy commissioner to take measures on checking the stray dog menace in all the wards.

Member Sumitra Nayak said the stormwater drains in Parkala were not desilted.