

## Holy mass on Jesuit founder's feast day witnesses huge student gathering

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**CAMPUS:** On occasion of the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesuits, a holy mass was held at the PUC Loyola hall at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

The theme of this year's feast was 'To give without counting the cost'. The feast day witnessed a massive number of Catholic students from PU, degree and post-graduate departments of the College.

The Eucharist celebration of the day was graced with devotional rendering by the College choir.

Many students headed to the altar in procession with their gift offerings which will be given to the poor and needy of Mundgod and the needy in Mangalore.

"One of the most striking gestures we have is the joy of giving through which we encourage our students to bring gifts for the deserving in our community," said Fr Felix Victor, the campus minister.



The Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr Wilfred Prakash D'Souza and concelebrated by other priests.

The celebrant of the day was Fr Wilfred Prakash D'Souza, director of St. Joseph's Engineering College.

Fr Wilfred in his address emphasised the qualities of St Ignatius Loyola and the services rendered by him to society in various fields, especially in the field of education which has set him as a great example for everyone today. "Life is a dif-

ficult journey which influences our personalities for which each of us must possess determination, patience and positive attitudes," said Fr Wilfred.

St Ignatius Loyola was born in 1491 and died on July 31, 1556. When he was a youth, he joined the Spanish army and his bravado led him to sustain a life-threatening injury.

## Aati Amavasya celebrations in Mangalore

MANGALORE TODAY

**MANGALORE:** Today is Aati Amavasya, an auspicious day in Hindu calendar.

The first moon occurrence of August month is marked as Aati Amavasya. It is believed that on this day Lord Shiva was taken over by Parvathi's devotion towards him and accepted her as his wife.

The day is very special for people of Tulunad who consume Paleda Kashaya and Metha Ganji.

The Paleda Kashaya or concoction is prepared from the bark of Paale tree which is also known as Devil's Tree in English while Metha Ganji is a rice porridge prepared using fenugreek seeds.

Hundreds of devotees are thronging the Narahari Shree Sadashiva Temple and Mahatobar Shree Karinjeshwara Temple, Karinje, two important pilgrim shrines of Bantwal taluk on this holy day. They offer prayers to the Lord and have a sense of fulfilment.

## MLAs hold meeting with DC, MCC officials; discuss Dengue epidemic

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**MANGALORE:** MLAs Vedavyas Kamath and Dr Bharat Y Shetty will take the initiative to form teams at booth level to create awareness on the preventive measures to be taken to control dengue.

They were speaking in a meeting with the health, MCC officials, chaired by deputy commissioner (DC) Sasikanth Senthil with regards to the control of dengue epidemic on Thursday, August 1.

Mangaluru south MLA Vedavyasa Kamath said, "There is an outbreak of the dengue in the district and some people have lost their lives because of the same. I have been in constant touch with DC Sasikanth Senthil to take all kinds of preventive measures to tackle dengue.

"We will now form a team in every booth and ward to conduct awareness among the people about dengue and hunt larvae. They will be given training by the health officials and this drive by the members

in the booth level will begin from August 4. People should be aware of dengue and take all kind of preventive measures," he said.

Vedavyasa Kamath also stressed to focus on the unutilized land, where water gets accumulated and gives scope for mosquito breeding.

DC Sasikanth Senthil said, "We have formed different teams such as data and planning team, surveillance and source reduction team, awareness creating team and municipal cleaning team.

They are working in several places as we have formed 104 grids within the MCC limits. We are stressing on larvae reduction and have controlled it to a level."

Regard to Gujjarakere, Sasikanth Senthil said, "We have tested the water at Gujjarakere. There are no larvae of dengue mosquito now. Firstly, people should understand that these mosquitoes breed inside the house.

## Fishmeal and oil manufacturers to go on indefinite strike

SNEHA

**MANGALORE:**All India Fishmeal and Oil Manufacturers and Merchants Association (AIFOMMA) in a press note released on Wednesday, has stated that its members would go on an indefinite strike from August 1 till the GST department stops coercive action against fishmeal industries.

Fishmeal was exempt or nil-rated under the repealed Central Excise and VAT laws, and its characteristics for taxation were internationally accepted for four years under the customs tariff Act.

And while it was claimed that goods and services that were exempt in central excise and VAT regime would continue to be exempt during the implementation GST regime, docile taxpayers of these industries continued to declare the monthly sales of fishmeal on which tax has not been collected to date.

Despite being aware of the issues related to fishmeal and

accepting the returns from the industries, the GST department never raised any objection for non collection/ payment of tax. The notes to the GST Council by the Karnataka State Government to exempt fishmeal were not heeded. However on December 31, 2018 the Government of India (Tax Research Unit) circular was issued stating that fishmeal would attract 5% of GST.

AIFOMMA approached the Prime Minister of India and the finance minister and submitted a memorandum pleading appropriate explanation/ clarification/ amendment of the clarificatory circular dated December 31, 2018, so that fishmeal is exempted from levy of GST to be made effective retrospectively from July 1, 2017.

The GST department in response started harassing the industries by forcing them to pay tax from July 1, 2017, which was not collected by industries throughout the country, resulting in the stoppage of the business transactions.

## Coffee Day VG Siddhartha made 3 calls before he went missing

DAIJIWORLD

**MANGALORE:** The body of billionaire coffee tycoon V G Siddhartha was found by local fishermen and patrolling policemen on the banks of the Nethravathi river near Mangaluru on Wednesday, 31 July, two days after he went missing.

Siddhartha, aged around 60, was last seen near a bridge across the Nethravathi river in Koteपुरa area of the Dakshina Kannada district on Monday, 29 July.

But before he went missing, he made three calls. Siddhartha Made 3 Calls Before He Went Missing.

The Economic Times reported that according to police sources, Siddhartha made three calls in a short span of time before his phone was switched off. Siddhartha had called his close friend and CFO Javed Parvez. Parvez told The Times of India that the first two calls that Siddhartha made were business-related. But his last



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call was alarming. Javed Parvez said Siddhartha's last call came at around 6:00 pm and his voice was trembling. "Siddhartha sounded helpless," Parvez said.

Siddhartha Went Missing on 29 July Siddhartha had left Bengaluru for Sakleshpur in Hassan district on Monday afternoon, but on the way he had asked his driver to head to Mangaluru instead, according to the police.

Siddhartha reportedly directed his driver Basavaraj Patil to drive towards Mangaluru, his family sources said.