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National seminar on 'Banking before and after nationalisation'

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CAMPUS: The department of Economics, St Aloysius College (Autonomous) will organise one-day national level seminar here on Friday. The theme of the seminar is 'Banking before and after Nationalisation'.

Allen C A Pereira, former chairman and managing director, Bank of Maharashtra, and former director, National Institute of Bank Management will be the chief guest of the seminar.

A press release issued by the department stated that the nationalisation of 14 major private commercial banks estimated to be controlling more than 70 per cent of the deposits in the country, has been termed as a major turning point in economic history of India.

Questions such as why banks were nationalised, how has the banking sector fared in these five decades of nationalisation, what are the challenges faced by them at present, will be con-

sidered during the seminar.

"On July 19, 1969, 14 banks were nationalised. And now it is 50 years of this nationalisation. So we thought we will conduct a seminar on this issue and on this same date," said Dr Priya Shetty, HOD of Economics Department.

Dr G V Joshi, renowned economist, Dr T Mallikarjunappa, professor, department of MBA and dean faculty of Commerce, Mangalore University, T R Bhat, former director, Corporation Bank and socialactivist, will be the resource persons. They will address on Nationalised Banks as Catalysts of change, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, the Corporate Sector and the Role of Banks in India and the Nationalised Banks: Challenges Ahead, respectively. "As of now including our students and people from Karnataka and Kerala around 375 participants have registered of the seminar," Dr Shetty added. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, principal, SAC will preside over the seminar.

Professor generates QR code to harbour trees from being hacked

COASTAL DIGEST

MANGALORE: The 'Fern Doctor' of Mangaluru, Professor Smitha Hegde has now launched a crusade against felling of trees by developing a Quick Response (QR) Code to save the city, some greenery. The Nitte University Centre for Science Education and Research (NUCSER) Professor Dr Smitha Hegde has involved her students to develop the code for all the trees on the campus.

As many as ten students have volunteered for the project wherein they have been tasked with documenting over 1900 trees which were earlier geo-tagged by Dr Smitha and her team. As of now, over 100 trees have received QR codes and a quick scan on the mobile will reveal the tree's botanical name, the common name, its origin and mind you, its benefits as well. "If you walk on the streets of Hampankatta or Falnir, you'll notice very few trees. Most of the trees have been felled for road widening

projects," said Smitha. Plant saplings were not planned and planted randomly on either side of the road, only to be cut down to accommodate further road works.

QR codes on trees are a per-

serve and educate about trees. Prof Smitha has been awarded the Professor SS Bir gold medal in Pteridology for her scientific work towards the advancement of science in the area of ferns. She has exten-

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Dr Smitha Hegde honouring a student

fect way to know about a tree. "It is something like when you meet a person for the first time, you would ask his/her name. Isn't that a way to build a bond?" argues Prof Smitha. She now plans to include students from other institutions of the campus in the project. The novel initiative was launched to commemorate the International Day of Forest. A Pteridologist, Smitha has been relentlessly working on to con-

served worked on ferns of the Kudremukh National Park region. In a span of one year, she had also audited the plants and geo-tagged them at her former employer's campus at St Aloysius College.

In due course, Dr Smitha says she wants the policymakers to take cognizance of the importance and role of the tree and further intends to roll out a similar drive to conserve trees in the public sphere.

Women oppose threat caused by drug mafia and 'uncontrollable obscenity'

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MANGALORE: A protest, demanding action against drug mafia and uncontrolled obscenity, was held in front of Deputy Commissioner's office on Tuesday, July 16 by the Dakshina Kannada Committee of Women India Movement (WIM).

Addressing the protesters, Nasriya Bellare, president of WIM said, "The number of drug addicts is increasing in the district. Due to this, crimes like murder, harassment and rapes are increasing, which is a dangerous trend. There is danger for the lives of girls and women due to this," Addressing the protesters, Nasriya Bel-

lare, president of WIM said, "The number of drug addicts is increasing in the district. Due

to this, crimes like murder, harassment and rapes are increasing in the district. Due



Women protesting outside DC office

to this, crimes like murder, harassment and rapes are increasing, which is a dangerous trend." The sale and consumption of drugs is going on unabated in the campuses of prestigious colleges of the dis-

trict. As a result of this, the students are getting involved in cases of obscenity on social

media and rapes. Farzana, member of national committee of WIM, Misriya, member of national committee of CFI, Rubiya, district secretary of WMI and others were present.

Car rams into Bejai Church hall, narrow escape for people

DAJIWORLD

MANGALORE: A car went out of control, while leaving the parking space of Bejai church and entered the church mini hall on Tuesday, July 16.

This mishap occurred on the

afternoon of Tuesday, July 16 and luckily there was no loss of life.

Children from the nearby school were running around when the car headed straight on the downward slope from the church parking area into

the church mini hall area. The parents of the students pulled the children, who were standing in front of the hall and saved a sure tragedy.

The entrance of the mini hall and the car got damaged in the accident.

UG students in exam mode; study atmosphere on campus

NIMMY

MANGALORE: First internal examinations for the UG students of SAC began on Monday, July 15 and will end on Thursday, July 18.

"The College has appointed new controller of examination Dr Alwyn D'Sa, from the English Department. There are certain modifications made in the existing examinations in terms of structure, percentage and the timing of the exams. One among the modifications this

value education.

The CBCS subject which was actually for the post graduates, now has also been introduced to the under graduates," said Dr A M Narahari, Registrar of the College.

"Around 5272 students are writing the exam. The modifications we introduced this year is the adding of CBCS subjects for the first years," said Dr Alwyn D'Sa, controller of examination.

"As first year students, it is the first exam we are attempt-



Students preparing for internals at the Mother Teresa Peace park

year is adding of interdisciplinary subject, the choice based credit system (CBCS) which is to be studied along with foundation programme and the

ing since we came. We have all indeed prepared well and are hoping to score well," said Vaisha Sooraj, a first year UG student.