After independence

After <u>India's independence</u> in 1947, Mangalore which was a part of the <u>Madras Presidency</u> was merged into a unified

Mysore State

in 1956. Thereafter, Mangalore gained a very important position in the state since it gave the erstwhile Mysore state the benefit of a coastline. The late twentieth century witnessed Mangalore develop as a business and commercial centre. In spite of this, Mangalore still retained its old world charm such as tile-roofed buildings amidst

coconut

groves,

fishing

boats

silhouetted against the darkening skyline. The present day city bustles with great activity in the upcoming

IT Sector

and the prognosis of a prosperity in this international trade looms.

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