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Sound relief for wedding planners, event management companies in the offing

CM Sawant says govt is working out a 'solution' to grant sound permission beyond 10 pm for events held indoors, in closed and sound-proof premises, and even outdoors; stakeholders see it as a positive step towards revitalising the tradition of wedding receptions

Team Herald

PANJIM/MARGAO: In what could come as a major relief for event management agencies especially wedding planners, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Wednesday said that the State government is working on finding a workaround to grant sound permission for events held indoors, in closed and sound-proof premises, and even outdoors, beyond 10 pm.

Speaking to reporters, Sawant said, "There are sound restrictions on all events post 10 pm as per Central Act. But the Goa State Pollution Control

CHURCHILL CALLS FOR EXTENDING SOUND PERMISSION TIME LIMIT FOR WEDDINGS UNTIL MIDNIGHT

MARGAO: Citing the importance of accommodating cultural and social practices among the Catholic community in Goa, former MP Churchill Alemao, urged the Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to consider extending the sound permission time limit for wedding receptions until midnight.

Justifying his request, the former chief minister said, "The Catholic community's unique culture of celebration necessitates more hours at the wedding reception venue compared to other communities."

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look at the issue from the tourism angle. A solution has to come. If the event is happening in a hall, which is sound-proof, then there is no problem in granting permission for holding events

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Meanwhile, stakeholders from the event management and entertainment industry in the State welcomed Sawant's statement on 'relaxing' the sound per-

missions timings for events as a positive step towards revitalising the tradition of wedding receptions besides the industry.

Domnic Gaunkar, who owns 'White House', an open-air venue at Arlem-Raia, welcomed the Chief Minister's statement regarding 'sound relaxation'. He said, "Recognising the cultural and religious significance of post-wedding rites following the Church nuptials, there is an urgent need to grant some relaxation with regards to sound permission beyond 10 pm. A balanced approach can be adopted to allow some relaxation in sound regulations rather than a complete shutdown by 10 pm. This can be done by lowering the decibel levels to minimise disturbance."

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At present, Goa's LS voter turnout stands at 76.06%

CEO Ramesh Verma says the coastal State's polling percentage will increase further after including ballot papers and home voting

Team Herald

PANJIM: Till Wednesday evening, Goa had recorded an approximate voting percentage of 76.06 in the two Parliamentary constituencies for which polling was held on Tuesday.

Speaking to mediapersons on Wednesday, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Ramesh Verma said that Goa's polling percentage touched the highest at 76.06 per cent and would increase further after including ballot papers and home voting. The North Goa Parliamentary constituency recorded 77.69 per cent polling and 74.47 per cent voting was registered in the South Goa Parliamentary constituency.

On Tuesday, the State Election Office had registered an estimated 75.20 per cent voter turnout.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the voting percentage was 75 per cent.

Of the 11,79,344 voters, a total of 8,96,958 including 4,31,087 males and 4,65,862 females and nine transgenders had exercised their franchise for the two Lok Sabha seats. Postal ballot and home voting figures are yet to be included in this data.

19 complaints received on polling day

The State Election Office received 19 complaints including a complaint against a candidate on Tuesday.

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SSCE RESULTS LIKELY ON MAY 15

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PANJIM: The Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education (GBSHSE) on Wednesday hinted that the secondary school certificate examination (SSCE) results may be announced on May 15.

However, GBSHSE chairman Bhagirath G Shetye said that the date is tentative and not finalised as yet. The SSC examination was conducted from April 1 to April 23.

In all, 19,573 students, including 9,757 boys and 9,816 girls, had registered for the examinations conducted at 31 centres across the State.

In 2023, as many as 20,476 candidates had appeared for the examination.

High Court reprieve for Siolim pastor, wife

Sets aside externment orders against the couple; says there's no live link, FIRs are stale

Team Herald

PANJIM: In a massive relief for Siolim-based Five Pillars Church pastor Dominic D'Souza and his wife Joan Mascarenhas e D'Souza, the High Court of Bombay at Goa on Wednesday set aside the externment orders passed against the duo.

Both had filed individual writ petitions praying to quash and set aside externment orders against them.

Pastor Domnic and his wife were externed from the jurisdiction of North Goa for six months with immediate effect, by the North Goa Collector, through an order passed on March 14, 2024, under the provisions

"The division bench has now given the order in our favour saying that there was no live link and all the FIRs, which were considered, were stale. They were registered long back and there was no live link between the FIRs and the need for the externment process - Adv Kapil Kerkar

of the Goa Maintenance of Public Order and Safety Act, 1988.

They had challenged their externment order before the appellate authority - Chief Secretary. But as the latter delayed the disposal of their appeals, the couple

approached the High Court seeking direction to the appellate authority to dispose of appeals within the stipulated time.

The Court had earlier directed the appellate authority to dispose of their appeals as expeditiously as possible and in any case, latest by April 26.

But the appellate authority dismissed their appeals following which the couple once again approached the High Court praying for quashing of the externment order, claiming that there was no live link between the offence and the reason for their externment.

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AstraZeneca starts global withdrawal of Covid vaccine

Cites surplus of available updated vaccines since the pandemic

PTI, LONDON/NEW DELHI: UK-based pharmaceutical major AstraZeneca has started global withdrawal of its Covid-19 vaccine, which was provided in India as 'Covishield' in partnership with Serum Institute of India, days after it admitted to rare side effects of blood clotting and low platelet counts.

The withdrawal has been initiated due to a surplus of available updated vaccines since the pandemic, the company said in a statement.

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COLLABORATION FOR VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

AstraZeneca had partnered with Oxford University to develop the Covid-19 vaccine, which was sold in India as Covishield and as Vaxzevria in Europe.

EMA'S NOTICE ON VAXZEVRIA

The European Medicines Agency, the medicines regulator for the European Union (EU), issued a notice on Tuesday to confirm that Vaxzevria - known as Covishield in India - is no longer authorised for use in the 27-member economic bloc after AstraZeneca (AZ) voluntarily withdrew its authorisation in March

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Burglaries grip Salcete; police urged to ramp up security

The spate of thefts and burglaries has left the citizens of Salcete feeling increasingly unsafe and frustrated

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MARGAO: Salcete appears to have become a target for thieves in recent months, witnessing a spate of burglaries involving the theft of cash, gold ornaments, and mobile phones from residences and workshops. The police have said that these cases are under investigation. There have also been cases of house break-ins where various other items have been stolen. The spate of thefts and burglaries has left the citizens of Salcete feeling increasingly unsafe and

frustrated with the lack of effective action from law enforcement agencies. According to panchayats like those based in Salcete, the influx of migrant workers is believed to have contributed significantly to the surge in crimes like thefts and burglaries, and they have urged the police to increase patrolling and complete tenant verification exercises. According to police staff attached to one of the police stations in Salcete, the strength of personnel, even head constables, in some stations is alarmingly low, with only a few personnel

RECENT CRIME CASES AT A GLANCE

- ▶ Two high-value theft cases in Cuncolim, where gold ornaments worth over Rs 14 lakh were stolen
- ▶ Gold ornaments worth approximately Rs 4.32 lakh were stolen from a residence in Balli
- ▶ Cash and gold ornaments totalling around Rs 8.5 lakh, including Rs 15,000 in cash, were stolen from a house in Cuncolim
- ▶ Gold ornaments worth over Rs 10 lakh were stolen from a shop in Chinchinim
- ▶ Theft occurred at a house in Navelim, where unidentified robbers broke in and stole gold and jewellery
- ▶ Two cases of mangalsutra snatching targeting elderly women in broad daylight and one incident where a 63-year-old woman's mangalsutra valued at Rs 1.90 lakh was snatched
- ▶ Multiple burglaries occurred at a house in Madel-Fatorda, where the resident alleges that the police have failed to file FIRs



Robbers making unsuccessful attempt to break into a secured bungalow in broad daylight at Betalbatim, in Salcete taluka

working at certain locations. They alleged that due to inadequate staffing and infrastructure, the investigation of crimes, monitoring of migrant behaviour, illicit trafficking, and drug cases suffer. Recently, the Cuncolim

police registered two high-value theft cases, where gold ornaments worth over Rs 14 lakh were reported stolen. Despite seeking assistance from the dog squad, fingerprint experts, and interrogating several suspects, no arrests

have been made so far. In the first incident, a residence in Balli was burgled, resulting in the loss of gold ornaments worth approximately Rs 4.32 lakh. The second case involved the theft of cash and gold ornaments totalling

around Rs 8.5 lakh, including Rs 15,000 in cash, from a house in Cuncolim. Both cases have been registered under Sections 457 and 380 of the IPC against unknown individuals. Additionally, gold ornaments worth over Rs 10 lakh were stolen from a shop in Chinchinim. Another family living in Navelim, the Vernekers, have claimed in a letter addressed to the Margao police that a robbery occurred at their house on the afternoon of March 24. In their complaint, the Vernekers stated that unidentified robbers broke into their house and made off with gold and jewellery. While the Margao police have registered the offence and the investigation is ongoing, the culprits are yet to be nabbed. The number of chain-snatching incidents in Salcete is causing alarm

among residents, particularly senior citizens who live and commute alone. Two cases of mangalsutra snatching targeting elderly women have been reported in broad daylight this year, intensifying worries as the perpetrators remain at large. In the first incident, two unknown individuals engaged a 63-year-old woman in conversation outside her Davorlim residence, while one snatched her mangalsutra valued at Rs 1.90 lakh. Both fled the scene. Many residents have expressed concerns about the growing audacity of the criminals, who seem to be operating with impunity. One such person from Madel Fatorda even lamented that their house had been burgled multiple times. He alleged that, despite repeatedly falling prey to these incidents, the police have failed to file an FIR.

"We as citizens are calling for immediate action and demand increased police presence, expedited investigations, and swift prosecution of the perpetrators. A strong message needs to be sent to deter potential criminals and restore a sense of security," said Lionel Almeida, a concerned citizen. "The authorities need to prioritise our concerns and take concrete steps to address the root causes of these crimes, including addressing issues like inadequate staffing and infrastructure. Moreover, we need directions issued from the top brass to local police stations to focus on cracking unsolved cases at the earliest to restore that level of trust and confidence in the public," added Reshma Dessai, another concerned citizen. (With inputs from Shyam Zambauliker)

Stray cattle menace continues to pose danger for commuters in Ponda

Team Herald



PONDA: The continuous presence of stray cattle on the national highway and the arterial roads in Ponda Taluka remains a major threat to lives of commuters as well as cattle caused by road accidents. Last Monday, one 20-year-old youth Maruddin Ansari from Pansule, Dharbandora got seriously injured after his bike hit a cow sitting on the road at Par Usgao and was shifted to GMC. It is learnt that bike riders could not notice the cow's presence due to darkness, leading to the mishap. Few days ago, around four cattle were killed, while one was injured on Dhavli Bypass after a heavy vehicle dashed against them early in the

morning. Prior to this incident, cattle meandering on the Curti-Kerya Dharbandora road caused several accidents. Some couple of years ago, youth were seriously injured in an accident at Paunwada Kavlem while a cow died on spot after their bike dashed to it. Goa Road Safety Forum (GRSF) Convenor, Dilip Naik said GRSF is continuously discussing the stray cattle issue with government authorities. He said some people shout slogans against cow slaughter, but do nothing to save their

lives. He said that all necessary steps regarding stray cattle management are well documented. There are even court orders, but still the problem continues as very few local bodies have taken initiative and signed agreement with goshalas to clear stray cattle. This needs to be done at a greater level to eliminate the problem. He said just as the politicians ensured proper management in the Lok Sabha elections to ensure voters reach polling booths and cast vote without any hitch, similarly they should take efforts for ensuring safety of their voters on road. Like in Mumbai, the temples in Goa should also take care of some stray cattle. This will minimise mishaps on the roads.

Ponda residents want PMC to finish crematorium renovation before rains

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Renovation work of PMC crematorium in progress

PONDA: Residents of Ponda have demanded to expedite the renovation work of Ponda Municipal Council (PMC)'s 'Mukhidam' crematorium and complete it before monsoon. PMC Crematorium is used by taluka locals from all religions for final rites. The renovation work has been progressing at a snail's pace, causing hardship to locals in the taluka. The renovation work was undertaken following leakages in the crematorium premises. It may be recalled that in March 2023, PMC started the renovation work on its two-decade old dilapidated crematorium. The work was taken up as the old crematorium building condition was in a pathetic state and the public was inconvenienced. The renovation work was undertaken at a cost of around Rs 1.20 cr. The renovation work includes putting up new roofing

Most of the work is complete and remaining work would be completed at the earliest. Ritesh Naik, PMC Chairperson. sheets, new tiles on floor, storage for wood, parking area, repairs of toilet, repair of stand used for final rites beside many other works. Vishal Fadte, social worker at Ponda, said, "Some panchayats in the taluka lack public crematorium and so people use

PMC crematorium for final rites. People are facing hardships in performing final rites as there are very few equipped public crematoriums in Ponda." Local Councillor Adv Pratiksha Naik said, "PMC is making efforts to complete the work in the next two to three months." PMC Chairperson Ritesh Naik said the work was taken up as the public was facing hardships due to dilapidated condition and leakages in the building during the rainy season. "Most of the work is complete and remaining work would be completed at the earliest," he said.

CALLING FOR TROUBLE

SAGUN GAWADE



A driver of a heavy vehicle was spotted talking on his cellphone while driving along the Mercedes-Santa Cruz stretch of the national highway

Sinquerim watersports operators provide online transactions for greater transparency

Team Herald

CALANGUTE: The Sinquerim-Candolim Watersports Association has made the entire booking and payment process transparent by going completely online. "There were a lot of complaints earlier that tourists were being overcharged or cheated. Now they can go online and pay directly. There's satisfaction amongst customers that they're not getting cheated," Vincent Fernandes, Sinquerim-Candolim Watersports Association said. With allegations of touts cheating tourists and bringing disrepute to watersports in the state, the tourism department had sought to introduce an online system. "The tourism department wanted the Goa Electronic Limited (GEL) to implement the online booking and ticketing system which was opposed by all watersports operators

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complimented us, saying 'You have done what we expected you to do'. And there's satisfaction in customers that they're not getting cheated," he said. The Sinquerim Jetty Association operates dolphin spotting trips, and has 196 boats, with each getting a trip in the queue system. There are around 50 dolphin spotting boat trips per day currently, a stakeholder said. "It's summer holidays so tourists are coming with their children. Otherwise there's hardly any crowd now," he said. "The season started very well in October-November, but then it inexplicably slumped in December-January when you normally expect the maximum crowd. Then around mid-February it picked up. They're saying the Calangute-Candolim beach-belt is getting crowded and tourists are looking for less crowded beaches," Fernandes said.

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STREET VOICES
WHERE GOANS ARE HEARD

DO THE POLITICAL PARTIES & LEADERS REALLY HONOUR THE EFFORTS & ENTHUSIASM OF VOTERS?

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Once the elections are declared, people's enthusiasm increases. People are so committed to their candidates, that sometimes there is personal enmity with family and friends due to this. But often the leaders disappoint the voters. There are many leaders who favour selected voters. Most of them use their power for personal gains. They don't care for those who voted for them. At the fag end of the tenure, before 6 months to one year, they do 'small things' for the voters and try to reestablish contact with them. They get voted again and again. They don't do any development. They do their personal work. They know how to manipulate. It is the fault of the common man, since we elect them again and again. They promise to do things in the next term. Like this they prepare their vote banks. They are not bothered about the voters nor do they do development work. Mariano Ferrao

Voters are enthusiastic to participate in the elections. On voting day, voters lined up early morning or braved the blazing heat to cast their votes for their candidates. In this edition of Street Voices, Herald TV asked people whether political parties & leaders really honour the efforts & enthusiasm of the voters

Let us consider the two main political parties that recently fought the Lok Sabha elections in Goa - the BJP and Congress and its allies. When you compare them both, it can be seen that though the BJP is in power, they try to respect its people. That shows they worked at this Lok Sabha election. On the other side, although the Congress party lacks in organisational ability, it is the people who are taking it forward. Are those people being respected? Was the Congress not in power? Did it respect its voters, its supporters, its leaders? There are complaints from the leaders that some of them have not been contacted for their support. On the other side, the BJP tried to reach out to everybody who fought for them and brought everybody together. This is lacking in the Congress. Trajano D'Mello

Shorttakes

1 COURT EXAMINES WITNESSES IN MURDER CASE

MARGAO: The Additional District and Sessions Court, Margao, on Wednesday examined the witnesses in the case pertaining to 29-year-old carpenter Sufal Sharma's murder. Sharma, who was working for a furniture workshop at Majorda, was allegedly murdered by his co-worker following an argument. Both, the deceased and the accused Subhankar Jana, were natives of West Bengal and residing at Majorda, where they were working together. According to Colva police the murder was committed by hitting the deceased with an object near Majorda railway station on June 11, 2021 at around 10:45 pm.

2 FIRE PERSONNEL DOUSE FIRE IN THE FIELDS AT SERNABATIM

MARGAO: A fire broke out in the fields at Sernabatim on Wednesday and nearly destroyed a nearby cottage, on Wednesday. Fire Station Officer Gil Souza informed that one team of fire personnel under Leading Fire Fighter S R Naik, tackled the fire for nearly one-and-a-half-hours before it was extinguished. In another incident, dry grass caught fire near Telaulim Panchayat and fire fighters led by Leading Fire Fighter S P Desai with one fire tender, brought it under control. Meanwhile fire fighters rescued a dog from a well at Pulwaddo, Benaulim in an operation conducted by Sub Officer A K Velip. Fire fighters also retrieved a car from a well near Joemitra Woods hall at Maina-Curtorim in an operation conducted by Leading Fire Fighter S R Naik.

3 ASSAULT ACCUSED DISCHARGED FROM S GOA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

MARGAO: Samson Mesquita, aged 33, resident of Manora, Raia, who was admitted to South Goa District Hospital, Margao, for having consumed excessive pills after committing an offence, was discharged today. Maina-Curtorim police have registered an offence against Samson for allegedly abusing and assaulting a woman with a pair of scissors, thereby causing her injuries on the abdomen and right side of the face. The accused had apparently consumed the pills after committing the crime. The offence was registered under Sections 324 and 504 of IPC, following a complaint by a resident of Dando, Benaulim.

4 WHEREABOUTS OF HIT-AND-RUN CASE CAR DRIVER REMAINS UNKNOWN

MARGAO: Whereabouts of the driver of the car that hit 27-year-old Saiesh Kuncolkar near Jamison Caterers at Mungul is yet unknown. Fatorda Police have registered an offence under Sections 279 and 338 of IPC, Section 134 (a) (b) of MV Act against an unknown person who is being traced with the help of CCTV footage.

5 COLVA POLICE TEAM TO LEAVE FOR TELANGANA AGAIN IN BETALBATIM ATTEMPTED HOUSE BREAK-IN CASE

MARGAO: Colva police team led by a sub-inspector will once again depart for Telangana tomorrow to trace the two persons who tried to break into a bungalow at Betalbatim. The attempt by the two to break into the house in broad daylight was captured on a CCTV camera which video had gone viral. The CCTV camera recording has been reportedly sent to Telangana police to look out for the culprits. A police team led by a PSI that had gone earlier to Hyderabad in connection with the same case had returned empty-handed on April 25.

6 MAN INFLECTS SELF-INJURIES WITH A BROKEN GLASS BOTTLE

MARGAO: A person inflicted self-injuries with a broken glass bottle on Wednesday. This incident took place outside Margao police station. He has been shifted to South Goa District Hospital, Margao. Police said that his identity has not been revealed as yet. Police said that he was under the influence of alcohol. His statement is yet to be recorded.



International Observers from Bhutan and Mongolia visited Old Goa Church and evinced keen interest in the rich cultural heritage of Goa, on Wednesday

National parties claim victory citing huge voter turnout

BJP confident of winning both Lok Sabha seats

INDIA Bloc says people have vented their ire against BJP

Team Herald

PANJIM: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, on Wednesday, claimed that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will lead in all 20 constituencies in North Goa and 14 constituencies in South Goa.

Addressing a press conference at the party office in the city, Sawant said, "Bhau (Shripad Naik) will win with more than one lakh margin and we will win South Goa seat with a margin of around 50,000-60,000. I am firm on it. I'm not saying so. Even Congress leaders too have said the same. They have accepted that Congress' support is limited to four constituencies only. We will slightly lag behind in six assembly constituency in South Goa, otherwise in rest of the constituencies we will have a lead."

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— Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister

He said Goa stood second in the country as far as polling percentage in the third phase of Lok Sabha election was concerned.

Goa BJP President Sadanand Shet Tanavade claimed that INDIA Bloc will be decimated completely after the elections. He said five constituencies in North Goa registered more than 80 per cent of polling which will be favourable to the BJP.

Tanavade denied that the polling percentage in Panjim was lower. He said, in fact, this time there was more turnout of voters in Panjim compared to previous years, for Lok Sabha elections.

Union Minister Shripad Naik said he is firm that this is his last election but final decision rests with the party. "I have made my stand clear. It is my individual wish that this election is my last election. However, we are disciplined soldiers of the party. We do what party says," he added.

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PANJIM: INDIA Bloc leaders in the State, on Wednesday, expressed confidence of winning both the Lok Sabha seats and vowed to continue the alliance to protect the State.

Addressing a press conference at the Congress House in the city, Goa Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) President Amit Patkar said, "People have vented their anger against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and hence the percentage has increased. We can now say with confidence that we are winning both seats."

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) President Adv Amit Palekar alleged that Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and his leaders had such a fear of INDIA Bloc that he reached pockets of South Goa constituency, which he had never visited.

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— Amit Patkar, President, Goa Pradesh Congress Committee

"I am happy that people still trust the democratic process and hence they turned up in huge numbers for voting. I am thankful to the people of Goa for trying to protect the State," he said.

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) (Sharad Pawar) State President Jose Philip D'Souza said people voted to vent their anger against the BJP.

"There was a reason why they voted against them. People are se-

rious about the issues Goa is facing. Hence this election looked like an Assembly election, where a huge voter turnout was recorded," he said.

INDIA Bloc's South Goa candidate Capt Viriato Fernandes

said he will be always thankful to the people for giving love during the campaign.

"I am also thankful to the INDIA Bloc, activists and others for supporting our parties," he said.

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Goa govt to fill up 16 vacant posts of panchayat secretaries

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PANJIM: The State government will find solution to fill 16 vacant posts of panchayat secretaries in village panchayats. There are 226 posts of panchayat secretaries and 210 posts are filled up. Currently 23 panchayat secretaries are holding additional charge, Advocate General Devidas Pangam told the High Court of Bombay at Goa on Wednesday.

The High Court was hearing a writ petition filed by Narayan Datta Naik regarding appointment of a full-time panchayat secretary to the Sancoale Village Panchayat, in terms of Section 113 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994.

Arguing on behalf of the petitioner, Adv Abhijit Gosavi and Adv A Naik stated that on March 13, 2023, the panchayat secretary was transferred and the charge was given to the gram sevak as defined under Section 2 (11-A) of the Panchayat Raj Act and not as per Section (20) which defines the secretary of the panchayat.

Adv Gosavi argued that Section 113 of the Panchayat Raj Act, in terms, provides that every panchayat shall have a "whole time" secretary who shall be an officer of the government and shall draw his salary and allowances from the panchayat fund. He also placed on record the recruitment rules for the post of the panchayat secretary and the gram sevak.

The division bench Justice Mahesh Sonak and Justice Valmiki Menezes opined that the continuance of the gram sevak as acting panchayat secretary was problematic even as the Advocate General submitted that the gram sevak discharges no other functions than those of the secretary of the panchayat on whole-time basis. He also brought to the notice of the court that the gram sevak was a double graduate besides having a degree in law. He said that the government would look into this issue and take some decision at the next date.

Accordingly, the court posted the matter for further hearing on July 1.

Socorro petitioner agrees to demolish portion of his illegal house

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PANJIM: The petitioner on Wednesday agreed to demolish a portion of his house as per the order of the Socorro panchayat within next six months since he was residing in the same house.

While hearing a writ petition, the High Court of Bombay at Goa asked the petitioner Gajanan Chari to place on record the report/plan of the architect/engineer within next three weeks, so that portion which is 'illegal' could be saved.

The Court also asked the Socorro village panchayat to only submit the compliance report after the expiry of six months and granted liberty to the petitioner to approach the concerned authority for regularisation of the remaining structure.

In October last year, the Socorro village panchayat had to postpone demolition of Chari's house following a stay by the District Court at the last minute.

The demolition squad had to

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return back after the villagers and the activists alleged that the Socorro village panchayat was selectively targeting Chari when there were many other illegal houses in the village.

MISSING DOG
 LAST SEEN IN POSREM BHATT, TALEIGAO

Name: TASHA
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Education dept asks schools to ensure growth of saplings planted during LS polls

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Directorate of Education has said that a survivability audit of fruit bearing and medicinal tree saplings planted by polling officers as part of green initiative of CEO Goa will be conducted periodically to monitor their growth.

In a circular, Director of Education Shailesh R Sinai Zingde said, "As a follow-up of the green initiatives taken up during the Lok Sabha election 2024 in the State, the office of the Chief Electoral Officer has mandated that the responsibility for the maintenance of the saplings planted on poll day at the polling stations

(schools), shall come under the purview of teachers in the respective schools."

Zingde

Authorities seek guardians or prospective parents for 21 abandoned children

Children range between the age group of 8 and 18; in all cases, names of their parents are unknown although their dates of birth are available

Team Herald

MARGAO: The North Goa District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) has taken a significant step by releasing an advertisement seeking guardians or prospective adoptive parents for 21 children currently residing in a Specialised Adoption Agency in the district. The move comes amid a recent surge in incidents of young children being abandoned by their parents in public spaces across Goa.

The advertisement, which includes the names, ages, and photographs of the children, aims to reunite them with their families or identify potential claimants, such as guardians, grandparents, or relatives. The children's ages range from 8 to 18, and in all cases, the names of their parents are

unknown, although their dates of birth are available.

Peter Borges, the Chairperson of the Goa Child Commission for Protection of Child Rights (GSCPCR), praised the DCPU officer's actions, describing them as a "positive step." Borges emphasized the importance of following the due process to declare these children legally free for adoption, ensuring their well-being and best interests are prioritized.

"This notice is part of the due process required to declare these children legally free for adoption," Borges stated. "Every effort is made to reunite them with their families or identify potential claimants to provide them a secure and nurturing environment. However, if no claimants come forward within the stipulated 60 days, these children will be de-

THE ADVERTISEMENT SAYS

"This is to inform the General Public that the child mentioned below is staying in a Specialised Adoption Agency in North Goa whose parents/relatives' whereabouts are not available. As per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015, any claimant for this child like guardian, grandparents, relatives, etc are kindly requested to contact the Directorate of Child and Women Development, 2nd floor, Old Education Building, 18th June Road, Panjim. If no valid claims, the said child will be declared legally free for adoption," read the advertisement issued by the North Goa District Child Protection Unit.

Furthermore, the name of these children are as follows: 12-year-old Lucky Mishra; 15-year-old Geeta Mishra; 13-year-old Pooja Yadav; 14-year-old Laxmi Yadav; 15-year-old Laskh Jalani; 17-year-old Pushanjali Huddar; 18-year-old Omni Shek; 15-year-old Manjulula Gaural; 16-year-old Nandini Gosavi; 16-year-old Ramazn Bi Shaikh; two 8-year-old twins, namely Laxman Singh and Ram Singh; 10-year-old Sakshi Singh; 16-year-old Michael Hussain; 16-year-old Sanjay Hanchanmani; 17-year-old Laxmi Hanchanmani; 17-year-old Vishal Chawan; 16-year-old Ajay Gaural; 15-year-old Viru Gosavi; 15-year-old Fatima Shaikh; and 15-year-old Prakash Salonki.

clared legally free for adoption to ensure they find a loving and secure home. The primary goal remains the well-being and best interests of every child under our care," he added.

The advertisement comes at a critical time, as Goa has witnessed several instances of children being abandoned by their parents in recent months. While in some cases, the police have managed to trace the parents, in many others, the whereabouts of the parents remain unknown after deserting their children.

The DCPU's initiative highlights the precarious situation faced by these vulnerable children and underscores the urgent need to provide them with stable and nurturing homes, either through reunification with their families or adoption by loving parents.

EVMS used in the South Goa LS constituency officially sealed and secured

Team Herald

MARGAO: The Electronic Voting Machines (EVMS) used in the South Goa Lok Sabha constituency have been officially sealed and secured at the Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law in Margao.

The sealing of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMS) was conducted under the supervision of Election Commission of India (ECI) appointed Election observers, along with Returning Officer Asvin Chandru, IAS and other election officials. This process ensures transparency and accountability in the handling of electoral materials.

When contacted, officials at the office of the Returning Officer in Margao confirmed that the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMS) have been securely stored and sealed in the strong room of the Kare College of Law.

Srinet Kothwale, Additional Collector of South Goa, has informed that the strong room where the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMS) are stored will be under constant CCTV surveillance.

The entire process of sealing and signing of election documents was completed smoothly and without any issues.

According to sources, INDIA Bloc Congress candidate Captain Viriato Fernandes and a group of Congress workers maintained a vigil at the Kare College of Law until the time of sealing of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMS).

Para-military personnel have assumed responsibility for the security of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMS), ensuring their protection round-the-clock until the day of the counting scheduled on June 4.

SAFE CUSTODY

SAGUN GAWADE



Polling officials check the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMS) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) before storing them in the strong room near the Government Polytechnic, Altinho, Panjim on Wednesday. Para-military personnel are guarding the strong room round-the-clock until the day of the counting scheduled on June 4

Garbage dumping at Mapusa bus stand under UHC scanner

Following a complaint by GOACAN providing photos of garbage dumped, Mapusa Urban Health Centre issues the first notice to the KTCL GM & Mapusa chief officer with a copy marked to Dy Collector and SDM, Mapusa

Team Herald

MAPUSA: The Kadamba Transport Corporation Ltd (KTCL) and the Mapusa Municipal Council need to file a compliance report by May 10, after the Urban Health Centre (UHC) issued a notice under Goa Public Health 1985 and Rules 1987 regarding the unattended garbage being dumped at the entrance of the bus stand.

Taking cognisance of the complaint filed by the GOACAN which provided photographs of the garbage dumped, Dr Dinesh Parab, health officer of Mapusa Urban Health

NGO'S INITIATIVE TO CLEAN UP BUS STAND ENTRANCE

GOACAN took the initiative to get the KTCL to remove the broken wall and non-functional gate which facilitated garbage dumping at the entrance

It requested KTCL to tar that portion of the land to ensure smooth entry of

buses and other vehicles into the bus stand and put an end to garbage dumping at the spot

Hopes that following UHC notice, the KTCL and Mapusa civic body will take proactive steps to end the garbage dumping at the bus stand entrance

Centre issued the first notice to the KTCL general manager and the Mapusa chief officer, with a copy of the same marked to the Deputy Collector and SDM, Mapusa.

It may be noted that every morning, passengers arriving at the Mapusa bus stand had to encounter the horrible sight of the garbage dump at the entrance of the bus stand.

The GOACAN took the initiative to get the KTCL to remove the broken wall and non-functional gate which were facilitating the dumping of garbage at the entrance. Subsequently GOACAN requested KTCL to tar that portion of the land so that buses and other vehicles could have a smooth entry into the bus stand and put an end to garbage dumping at the spot at the same time.

GOACAN is hopeful that with the UHC Notice, the KTCL and the Mapusa Municipal Council will take proactive steps to end the garbage dumping at the bus stand entrance.

Randomisation vital for transparency in India's electoral process: Bhutan official

Team Herald

PANJIM: Stating that Bhutan is a relatively new democracy with only about 15-16 years of experience in modern elections, Chief Election Commissioner of the Election Commission of Bhutan Sonam Topgay said that he had come to Goa on the invitation by

Election Commission of India which provided him the opportunity to learn from the vast experience and expertise of election exercise in the largest democratic country.

He was speaking during the briefing in Panjim on Wednesday.

Topgay further said, "In comparison with In-

dia, Bhutan has few years' history of democracy. We have to learn a lot from the largest democratic country with diversity like India."

Speaking about Electronic Voting Machines (EVMS), Topgay mentioned that Bhutan also uses similar technology and informed about the signing of an MoU between the Election

Commission of India (ECI) and Bhutanese Election Management Bodies to facilitate collaboration.

He emphasised the importance of randomisation in the electoral process in India and acknowledged the use of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT), noting its role

in boosting the confidence of Indian voters.

The Chief Commissioner expressed interest in exploring the use of VVPAT machines in Bhutan to empower voters to verify their votes.

He was impressed by the innovative decor observed at different polling stations, such as the unique

pink and green themes and model polling stations, recognising their potential to enhance voter turnout.

Congratulating the Election Commission of India, Topgay lauded the endeavour of entire election team for achieving a milestone of 75 per cent with peaceful and smooth process.

Rather than offering sug-

gestions, Topgay expressed eagerness to learn and commended the peaceful conduct of the election.

He congratulated the Goa poll authorities especially the Chief Electoral Officer and his team and all those involved in ensuring the success of the election for achieving a milestone of 75 per cent.

Free eye check-up camp held in Panjim

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Indian Red Cross Society Goa State Branch organised a free eye check-up camp to mark the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day at Panjim on Wednesday.

The camp was held in collaboration with the Ophthalmic Department of Goa Medical College, Bambolim.

During the inaugural session, Indian Red Cross Society Goa Branch chairman Gaurish Dhond said that IRC Society has been rendering yeoman services to the mankind. Indian Red Cross is working across the World towards helping humanity. It has significantly contributed in the field of medical aid and health care services to the needy people in the State.

Vice-chairman Mangurish Pai Raikar informed about various activities and services being conducted and extended by the IRC Society for the people in need.

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SOUND RELIEF FOR WEDDING PLANNERS, EVENT MANAGEMENT COMPANIES IN THE OFFING

Welcoming the government's move, Cancio Mascarenhas, owner of another open-air venue, 'The Village', said, "This relaxation may not directly benefit venue owners like me; but it holds significant value to those who book the venue for events, particularly wedding receptions. By extending sound permissions, the government is primarily offering relief and flexibility to event organisers and attendees, allowing them to celebrate and enjoy special occasions without unnecessary constraints."

"Bands typically play only for two hours and must wind up by 10 pm, leading to financial losses to the organisers," Mascarenhas said.

When contacted, South Goa Additional Collector Srinet Kothwale stated that the district administration has not received any formal communication regarding the extension of sound permissions for events, including wedding receptions, beyond the permissible time limit.

AT PRESENT, GOA'S LS VOTER TURNOUT STANDS AT 76.06%

The Congress and Bhujan Samaj Party had filed complaints against South Goa BJP candidate for campaigning inside a polling booth on polling day.

"We received 19 complaints on the polling day and we have asked for a factual report from the field in every case," informed Verma, assuring of proper action in time.

Since the Model Code of Conduct came into force, 190 public complaints were received by CEO Goa. Of the 38 Model Code of Conduct violation complaints, six have been disposed and two are in process, he added.

During the mock poll, 53 Electronic Voting Machines (EVMS) malfunctioned, while 49 EVMS malfunctioned during actual polling time. At Rs 17.82 crore, enforcement agencies seizures 55% higher than 2019 polls

The enforcement agencies seized cash, gold, liquor, drugs, worth Rs 17.82 crore in the State since the Model Code of Conduct came into force on March 16. The seizure was 40 per cent higher than the 2022 Goa Assembly elections and 55 per cent more than the seizure during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, informed Verma.

LS POLLS MOST PEACEFUL IN COUNTRY: DGP

Director General of Police (DGP) Jaspal Singh, IPS, on Wednesday said that the Lok Sabha elections in Goa were the most peaceful in the country and there was no PCR call of any incident from anywhere.

"Goa Police thanks and congratulates all the Goans for ensuring the most peaceful elections in the country. True to the reputation of peaceful and tranquil society, the polling was absolutely peaceful. There was no PCR call of any incident from anywhere. Dev bhare karoon," Singh posted on X (formerly Twitter).

HIGH COURT REPRIEVE FOR SIOLIM PASTOR, WIFE

A battery of lawyers headed by Senior Advocate Subodh Kantak, besides Adv Kapil Kerkar, appeared for the couple.

The counsel for petitioners later told reporters that as many as nine FIRs were registered against Dominic and six against Joan and on this basis, the externment proceedings had been initiated.

Adv Kerkar said, "The division bench has now given the order in our favour saying that there was no live link and all the FIRs, which were considered, were stale. They were registered long back and there was no live link between the FIRs and the need for the externment process."

ASTRAZENECA STARTS GLOBAL WITHDRAWAL OF COVID VACCINE

It said it will similarly work with regulatory authorities worldwide to initiate marketing authorisation withdrawals for Vaxzevria as demand has been overtaken by the evolving nature of coronaviruses.

"AstraZeneca has therefore taken the decision to initiate withdrawal of the marketing authorisations for Vaxzevria within Europe. We will now work with regulators and our partners to align on a clear path forward to conclude this chapter and significant contribution to the Covid-19 pandemic," it said.

"We will partner with regulatory authorities globally to initiate marketing authorisation withdrawals for Vaxzevria, where no future

commercial demand for the vaccine is expected," it was quoted by 'The Daily Telegraph' as saying.

Earlier, according to global media reports, AstraZeneca had admitted that its Covid-19 vaccines could in very rare cases have the potential to cause a rare side effect called - Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS).

In India, over 220 crore dosages of Covid-19 vaccines have been administered and a majority of those were Covishield.

"As multiple variant Covid-19 vaccines have since been developed, there is a surplus of available updated vaccines. This has led to a decline in demand for Vaxzevria, which is no longer being manufactured or supplied," it said.

The company further said, "We will now work with regulators and our partners to align on a clear path forward to conclude this chapter and significant contribution to the Covid-19 pandemic."

AstraZeneca added that the company was 'incredibly proud' of the role Vaxzevria played in ending the global pandemic.

"According to independent estimates, over 6.5 million lives were saved in the first year of use alone and over three billion doses were supplied globally. Our efforts have been recognised by governments around the world and are widely regarded as being a critical component of ending the global pandemic," the company said.

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Polling over, it's crucial to get monsoon-ready

After the announcement of the poll dates on March 16, by the Election Commission of India (ECI), all the administrative and governance came to a near standstill due to the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC). But now with the polling for both the Lok Sabha seats in Goa completed, the attention can be refocused on the administration and governance of the State. The first and foremost priority of the State government should be to undertake on a war footing the pre-monsoon works that have been delayed due to the MCC.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast the arrival of pre-monsoon showers in the coming week, while monsoon sets in from the first week of June. The IMD chief on April 15, announced that India is likely to experience above-normal cumulative rainfall this year. While on the other hand, climate scientists have opined that the number of rainy days is declining while heavy rain events are increasing leading to frequent droughts and floods.

Goa experienced a delayed monsoon last year, however, sudden heavy showers in July not only covered up the deficit for June but also wreaked havoc with flooding and landslides at various places across the State. The first two days of July received heavy to very heavy rain which led to flooding in several parts along with incidence of waterlogging, trees falling and power outages. The State recorded nearly 60 mm of rainfall within 24 hours, with the hinterland areas recording the maximum downpour. While the emergency services were on their toes to attend to distress calls, the State machinery was in for a rude shock and exposed their shortcomings in carrying out the pre-monsoon works.

The pre-monsoon works by and large are the most essential and prominent works undertaken by the local self-governing bodies - the panchayats and the municipalities. Those panch members and councilors who took their duties seriously and carried out the pre-monsoon work with responsibility have ensured that between June and November, their wards did not suffer even during a heavy downpour. A common complaint every year is the shortfall of labour to carry out the works in time; so given that a major part of the time has already lapsed, the panchayats and municipalities have less than three weeks to ensure that they are monsoon-ready.

Apart from the panchayats and municipalities, the State government has a huge role to play. The forecast of climate change scientists that sudden and very heavy rainfall will be experienced within short spans, the State machinery should be prepared to handle any eventuality. Emergency shelters should be identified and notified to the citizens. Also a safety audit of not just public properties but also the concerns of citizens should be addressed during this pre-monsoon work. The Electricity Department should ensure all the maintenance works are carried out in time to avoid any major damage to transformers or electricity lines during the monsoon. Trees that pose a danger to electricity poles and overhead cables should be pruned and if needed cut down to avoid any untoward incidents that occur during cyclonic winds. The power department has become the center of attention for failing to provide safety equipment to its staff during the monsoon. If not done yet, the Electricity Department has just three weeks to ensure the safety of its linemen who will be putting their lives at risk in service of the State.

June is also the month for the reopening of schools. The government provides textbooks and raincoats to primary school students, however, it has been noticed and even discussed in the Legislative Assembly that the textbooks and the raincoats arrive almost after the middle of the monsoon, and by then the students have almost attended three months of schooling and the monsoon begins to recede.

During the monsoon, the focal point has always been the capital city of Panjim which has never failed to be inundated during a spell of heavy showers. The Imagine Smart City Panaji Development Corporation Limited (ISCPDL) has assured the High Court that all the works of the Smart City will be completed by the end of May. As can be observed, a lot of works are still in the pipeline and the city seems falling short of time to complete the works within the stipulated time. Drainages are being constructed, sewerage lines are being laid out, roads are still being dug and therefore the question remains whether the city will be ready for the monsoon this year. The sudden unseasonal showers in April exposed the unpreparedness of the city due to the ongoing work. The city's residents as well as those who visit Panjim have suffered for more than half a decade in the name of making the capital a Smart City.

There is no doubt that some of the politicians will still be busy in the Lok Sabha elections outside the State campaigning for their parties, but governance needs to take precedence and works that have a lasting effect on the daily life of the citizens need the focal attention of the public representatives as well as the bureaucracy before they all once again focus on the big counting day of June 4.

Twitter World

Robert F Kennedy Jr @RobertKennedyJr

The situation in Ukraine is on the brink of calamitous escalation. Do the military imperialists in Washington

and their lackeys in Europe have any idea the danger they are courting? They are conducting foreign policy as if it were a game of "chicken".

comment



JOSE MARIA MIRANDA

An atmosphere of suspicion and distrust surrounds this election

Elections in India have always been the greatest democratic exercise in the world. With 969 million voters, who represent 10% of world's population and four times the number of eligible voters in the world's next largest democracy, the USA, and 18 million youth exercising the franchise for the first time, India is surely proud of having upheld democratic traditions of conducting free and fair elections even in the remotest corner of the country.

Notwithstanding muscle and money power used at election time, India continued to be a vibrant democracy, though booth capturing would be an unpleasant occurrence often, where the controlling authorities wouldn't dare interfere. I understand that this is no longer happening, with the introduction of EVMs

The elections are no longer as they were in the past. They are now held under a cloud of suspicion and distrust. People doubt the EVMs, the VVPATs, the ink, etc.

In 2014 people gave BJP, a thumping majority, despite the secular forces' apprehensions of the saffron brigade. Voters were also disillusioned and frustrated with a fatigued Congress & UPA, who were also perceived as highly corrupt. The India Against Corruption movement helped in the humiliating defeat of Congress. People were lured by Modi's

succeeded, but this also galvanized the Opposition into coming together, despite ideological differences, focused solely on ousting the BJP.

Using their brute majority in Parliament and suspending Opposition members, the Govt passed controversial laws without discussions. Among many questions one needs to ask, one wonders why the Government changed the law to accommodate as Chairman of National Human Rights Commission, Arun Kumar Mishra, who had praised Modi, when he was a SC Judge - why Modi felt uncomfortable with CJI being part of Committee for appointing the Election Commission of India, and changed the selection law - why he took Ordinance routes to extend terms of CBI & ED Chiefs - why ED raids and arrests only Opposition leaders and spares those on ruling side or those who quickly shift under threats - how even some Court cases against Opposition leaders, come up on the eve of elections, whereas those against Goa Ministers and many others drag for years.

These are only few samples of Modi's disdain for democracy, impartiality and transparency and his desperation in winning these elections to further tighten his grip on his detractors. No matter how unbiased one tries to be, there are no plausible explanations to these and many other questions, which could fill volumes.

The persistent efforts at having "double engine sarkars" in every State, the poaching of MLAs and overthrowing of State Governments to achieve this end, by lure of money and/or development or keeping swords on their heads, only reinforced the view that the BJP is attempting one Party rule and elimination of Opposition with arrests and harassment of its leaders. The crave for 400 par, confirmed by some BJP stalwarts, as being an effort at changing the Constitution, has further strengthened people's resolve to dethrone the BJP

Intellectuals, writers, Judges, lawyers and other professionals have been extremely vocal against Government attempts at misusing independent agencies and laws which aim at instilling fear in people, stifling dissent and winning elections by hook or by crook.

Noted writer and Coordinator, Citizens Commission on Elections, M G Devasahayam, claims that, in the past, he "celebrated India's electoral process in the face of

usual Western suspicions and Eurocentric standards" and "fiercely defended the Election Commission of India against attacks of vested interests".

He now says that "for the first time in its history, India's elections are under international scrutiny and laments "that things have come to such a sorry pass is a travesty for India's electoral democracy".

Popular political commentator, Yogendra Yadav forecasts that "2024 is going to be the least free and fair national election in Independent India" He feels that it may "eventually turn out to be a seriously compromised election or a complete farce. Going by recent developments it seems fairly certain that this election would slide below the minimum threshold of a credible election".

In Goa, we have already sealed the fate of the candidates. The choice of Capt Viriato Fernandes, as INDIA bloc's candidate for South Goa, could not have been better and more appropriate. Leaving aside his qualifications, as a Mechanical Engineer and retired decorated Naval Officer, Captain's active involvement and explanations on issues concerning Goa, voiced at protests and agitations, earned him the esteem of the people, who made him a preferred candidate over other contestants.

However, Viriato's greatest asset is that he carries no baggage with him, unlike most of the candidates that parties generally put up for Parliament and Assembly. It has been extremely rare for the Congress to present such a clean and meritorious candidate, with high degree of competence and integrity. We hope he wins, for if he doesn't, the loss will be ours and not his.

On the other hand, BJP's South Goa candidate belongs to the elite class and seems to have little knowledge about Goa's problems. She gave herself away when she candidly remarked that she would follow the dictates of the CM.

This was disappointing, for she should know what people's grievances are, so as to present them to the Centre. Sadly, for her, the CM himself is responsible for following the directives of the Centre, much to the disgust of the people, solely to retain his chair.

Let us keep our fingers crossed and await the results, which will show whether we voted for democracy and unity or for dictatorship and divisiveness.

(The author is a retired banker)

people's edit

EMBRACING RESPONSIBILITY: THE PATH TO TRUE FREEDOM

JOHN MALVINO ALFONSO

He held a clerk position at the company, disregarding ethics and honesty in his conduct. His comings and goings were at his own whim, earning admiration from his colleagues. Despite repeated warnings from past managers about punctuality, he remained indifferent, asserting, "I crave freedom."

Managerial changes had no effect on him until a newly appointed manager asserted authority, finally bringing him in line. Now, he murmurs about the absence of freedom and raises questions about its nature.

The longing for freedom echoes within many of us, resonating with the desire for liberation. But what does it truly mean to be free or independent? An independent individual isn't shackled by the expectations or demands of others, avoiding the stifling constraints that hinder personal growth. It's a disservice to ourselves to conform to external pressures, jeopardizing our holistic development. So why should we conform? Why should we tailor our lives to fit the moulds others impose upon us, becoming mere puppets in their hands? These questions inspire introspection.

As we delve into these inquiries, we must redefine the essence of independence and freedom. Merely asserting, "I'll do as I please, free from others' influence," doesn't capture the essence of true emancipation.

Neither does being treated according to our desires equate to freedom. True freedom lies in honouring our commitments and responsibilities, staying true to our values despite external pressures. It's about remaining steadfast in our convictions, fulfilling our duties with integrity. That, indeed, is the essence of genuine liberation.

"The college you've entered feels like a prison," remarked a student to a recently enrolled College Lecturer. Similarly, a newlywed lamented, "My mother-in-law is unbearable, and my husband is clueless; I feel trapped in this marriage." These narratives warrant scrutiny.

Let's start with the student's sentiment. Feeling constrained within the college environment, the student yearns for personalized treatment. However, the essence of being a student inherently involves discipline and adherence to institutional norms. If every student acted solely on their whims, the educational institution would devolve into chaos, resembling a marketplace rather than a place of learning.

Now, consider the plight of the married woman. Seeking relief from the challenges of married life is understandable, but true relief isn't found by maintaining the same behaviours from one life stage to another. If familial dynamics obstruct marital harmony, seeking resolution is reasonable. In essence, seeking relief isn't inherently wise; rather, it's about navigating challenges in a manner that aligns with one's chosen path.

Reflecting on these scenarios, it's evident that understanding the true meaning of freedom is crucial. If our chosen life path poses obstacles to our aspirations, we must reassess. True freedom isn't about disregarding rules but rather embracing them in alignment with our chosen roles. If adherence to these rules becomes burdensome and hinders our growth, it's prudent to reassess our approach rather than persisting to the detriment of ourselves and those around us.

In essence, freedom empowers us to live authentically within the framework of our chosen endeavours. Cultivating a nuanced understanding of our roles and responsibilities fosters a life of genuine liberty. Let's embark on a journey of deeper exploration into this perspective, fostering a richer understanding of our roles and responsibilities as we strive for authentic freedom.

Using their brute majority in Parliament and suspending Opposition members, the Govt passed controversial laws without discussions



attractive promises, like reduction in prices of essential commodities, petrol, diesel and gas, return of black money, which never got fulfilled.

Behind the veneer of progress, which is visible, especially in infrastructure, it is evident that, in the last ten years, Modi brought disrepute to the country with his repressive measures, dictatorial ways and communal rhetoric, which have attracted world attention and put people on guard against a possible undeclared Emergency.

The Government did not hesitate to muzzle and partly destroy the Opposition, so as to regain power. It partly

Political parties exude confidence

With the electoral process in the State for the two Lok Sabha having been completed, the die has been cast. The results will be known only on June 4. However the confidence exuded by the various candidates (with the exception of independent candidates) and political parties of winning the elections by a huge margin, which could even be more than one lakh votes, is something to be noted.

Supporters of a particular party reportedly burst crackers in Mapusa in anticipation of a victory. If only politicians who are elected show the same level of confidence in delivering the goods and keeping the promises made in the days leading to the polls.

Interestingly confidence means feeling sure of oneself and one's abilities which need not be in an arrogant way, but in a realistic, secure way. Confidence isn't about feeling superior to others. It's a quiet inner knowledge of one's capability. Self-esteem, which is strongly linked to confidence, shows how people perceive their own value.

After elections citizens reciprocally need to have confidence in those they have elected. Political trust, generally defined as

citizens' confidence in political institutions, is an important indicator of political legitimacy. A large voter turnout in a constituency is looked upon as a wave towards a particular party. Incidentally Vasco has the least voting percentage of 67.1 followed by Panjim of 67.26. What inference should one draw from this?

Adelmo Fernandes, Vasco

Inferior quality of work at govt quarters

The low and inferior quality of works in Government Quarters allotted to the employees need to be cross checked and verified by the higher authority. In most of the cases where the residential pool allotted to the employees are surrounded with many issues like sub-standardized works, pathetic condition and other things. Though HRA and License fee are deducted from the allottees. Staff quarters must generally be well maintained and one wonders whether the higher officials have checked the situations and conditions of Govt Qtrs like Pato, Bhatlem, etc. Due to poor and inferior quality of works by the contrac-

tors, the government incurs substantial revenue losses.

The decade gone by has witnessed sustained growth in economic prosperity on account of increase in income after the implementation of 7th Pay Commission. The government should make officials of Public Works Department (PWD) accountable for poor quality of works and maintenance of government accommodations and buildings and the same must be recovered from the concerned official's salary.

The issues such as poor quality works and workmanship, inspections and liabilities of senior officers, engineers, fixing of responsibilities etc, is completely missing in action.

K G Vilop, Chorao

Gold rush is a clever scam

Like every year, people in large numbers will be flocking the jewellery marts on the Akshya Thirithiya day on May 10 with a superstitious notion that buying gold on this auspicious day will bring them unending prosperity. But, this is the biggest market-

ing gimmick ever and a perfect example of how these jewellery shops woo the customers and take advantage of their sentiments and indoctrinate them towards buying the yellow metal on this day.

This gold rush is nothing more than a clever scam concocted by corporations to drive big sales on this day. Let's not, therefore, fall prey to the deceptive selling of these big jewellery merchandisers and earn big bucks from our collective ignorance.

As Swami Vivekananda once said: "To believe blindly is to degenerate the human soul. Be an atheist if you want, but do not believe in anything unquestioningly."

Ranganathan Sivakumar, Chennai

Juvenile crimes on the rise

Technological advancement should be put to prudent use to tackle the ever increasing juvenile crimes across the globe. Additionally, one cannot emphasise enough on international cooperation to combat transnational juvenile crimes. Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, in the

course of his address at a symposium in Nepal, highlighted the three causes of juvenile delinquency: economic disparity, poverty and domestic violence.

Lack of parental guidance and peer pressure are documented offshoots for juveniles to go astray. The all-important family buffer system has, with the father-mother duo coaxing and cajoling potential delinquents to walk along the right path, unfortunately become diluted thanks to domestic instabilities.

Deprivation of a proper childhood, and the consequent physical and mental abuse, are known factors that lead to juvenile crimes worldwide, India not excluded. Child marriages and child labour are causes and consequences of juvenile crimes.

A fragile criminal justice system, and unplugged loopholes in justice dispensation, has emboldened youngsters to run amok.

Besides, today's education has miserably failed to tune young mindsets with sanity and decency. Many teachers are hardly the inspirations young minds hope to emulate. As Justice Chandrachud told the galaxy of legal luminaries at Kathamndu, a "holistic" approach based on deprivation and poverty is needed to curb juvenile delinquency.

Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

PM Modi's chair shaking, he has started attacking his own friends: Congress

PTI, NEW DELHI: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's chair is "shaking" after three phases of the Lok Sabha polls as he has started attacking his own "friends" and this shows the "real trend" of the result.

His remarks came after the prime minister during an election rally in Telangana said the Congress should explain to people why it has stopped raising the "Ambani-Adani" issue as its "Shehzada" used to do for the past five years and asked if it has struck a "deal".

"The times are changing. Friends are no longer friends...! After the completion of three phases of elections, today the prime minister has started attacking his own friends. It is becoming clear that

ENTIRE BJP ENGAGED IN SPREADING LIES AGAINST RAHUL: PRIYANKA GANDHI

PTI, RAEBARELI (UP): Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday charged that the entire BJP machinery is engaged in spreading lies against Rahul Gandhi. Slamming the BJP, she also said that it talks about religion, caste and temple-mosque but not about real issues concerning the people. Campaigning for her brother Rahul Gandhi from the family bastion, she said the people of Rae Bareilly understand leaders well. She said the BJP wanted to change the Constitution but when it realised they would have to suffer losses in the election, the prime minister said they had no such plans. Earlier in a post on X, she said her party's 100-year-old relationship with the people of Rae Bareilly has entered a new era and the people of the constituency are once again ready for its leadership.

Modiji's chair is shaking. This is the real trend of the results," Kharge said in a post in Hindi on X.

At a poll rally in Telangana's Vemulavada, Modi said, "Ever since elections have been announced, these people (Congress) have stopped abusing Am-

bani-Adani. I want to ask from Telangana soil, let the Shehzada announce, how much has been lifted from Ambani-Adani. Has tempo loads of notes (currency) reached the Congress? What deal has been arrived at, that abusing Ambani-Adani has

CHEATED ANDHRA FOR 10 YEARS, INELIGIBLE TO ENTER STATE: Y S SHARMILA

PTI, KADAPA (ANDHRA PRADESH): Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee president Y S Sharmila on Wednesday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is "ineligible" to enter the state as he has allegedly "cheated" it for the past 10 years. Sharmila alleged that Modi is "shedding crocodile tears" for Andhra Pradesh because of the simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly polls. "You are ineligible to enter the state. First seek the forgiveness of Andhra Pradesh people. For 10 years you have cheated the state and now you are shedding crocodile tears," she said, addressing a press conference in Kadapa. Displaying a radio, the APCC chief said she is sending it as a gift to the PM to listen to the 'Mann ki Baat' of the Telugu people from the state. Referring to the recent regular visits of the PM, Sharmila claimed that he is coming because of the polls but not for developing the state.

stopped overnight."

"Certainly something is fishy. For five years, (they) abused Adani-Ambani and it stopped overnight. It means you have received some tempo loads of 'chori ka maal' (loot). You have to answer the

nation," the prime minister further said.

After PM's attack, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the tide of this election has turned so "violently" that the "Pappa" of "Hum Do Hamare Do"

is turning on his own children.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given that we are investigating the title of the property located at Betalbatim, Salcete, Goa, described in the Schedule below, of Mr. ADITYA FELIX ZACARIAS ANTÃO and his wife KARLA MARIA CARVALHO, residing at House No. 2701, Vidyanager, Margao, Goa - 403601.

The larger property originally belonged to one Eugenio Simiao Antao. On his death, the same was listed in the Inventory Proceeding in 1952 and was allotted to his son ANTERO ANTÃO.

The said Antero Antao, a bachelor, executed a Gift deed dated 20/1/1986 wherein the said property was gifted to Aditya Felix Zacarias Antao.

The said Aditya Felix Zacarias Antao then partitioned the property and a separate sub division number was obtained. The said Aditya Felix Zacarias Antao proposes to sell a portion of the same to my clients.

Any person's having or claiming to have any and whatever right, title, interest, possession, easement, tenancy claim or any other claims whatsoever to the said property or any objection to the proposed sale, shall make it known to the undersigned at the address given below, within 15 days from the publication of this notice with supporting documents, failing which any such claim of such party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal and practical purposes and shall not be entertained and thereafter and my client shall be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the said property.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT Plot admeasuring 560 square meters located in the larger property known as "NIATIALEM", presently bearing survey no. 74/1-E (part), situated at Betalbatim, Taluka of Salcete, Goa, and the said plot is bounded as under:

East : by proposed 6 meters wide road in Survey no.74/1-E
West : by remaining portion of Survey no.74/1-E
North : by 6 meters wide Tarred Road
South : by remaining portion of Survey no.74/1-E

Mapusa, 08/05/2024
Sd/-
(ANTONIO FILIPE CORDEIRO)
Advocate
Travessa Pinto Cordeiro, Mapusa, Bardez, Goa - 403 507

Ref: Vasco/Modern watch/01/13/4/2024-25. DATE: 04-05-2024
Demand Notice issued u/s. 13(4) of SARFAESI, 2002
Reg. AD/ Under Certificate of Posting/ Hand Delivery

To, M/S MODERN WATCHES & ELECTRONICS, 15/22/B(15), stall No. 20, Municipal Market, Behind Old Vegetable Market, Vasco - Da-Gama, South Goa, Goa - 403802.

1. Mr. KADERSAB C HANCHNAL (Proprieter), Flat No. 5, 1st Floor, Lobo Edifice Building, Pixem Dongri, Vasco-Da-Gama, South Goa, Goa - 403802. 2. Mr. IMAM JAFAR KHADARSAB (Gurantor), S/O Kadarsab Hanchinal, Flat No. 5, City Electronics, Lobo Edifice Building, 1st Floor, Vasco Da Gama, South Goa - 403802.

Sir/Madam, Sub: NOTICE TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE ASSETS-in connection with the credit facilities being enjoyed by accounts- CASH CREDIT-112613100000113 and UGCEL -112630100015878 with our MARMUGAO Vasco Da-Gama Branch - Classified as NPA on 29.01/2024.

Please refer to our demand notice dated 05-01-2024 issued U/S 13(2) as per the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 calling upon you to discharge in full a sum of Rs. 8,56,589.99 (Rupees Eight Lac Fifty six Thousand five hundred Eighty Nine and Ninty Nine Paise only) is outstanding in your account.

In spite of the notice issued by us, you have failed to discharge your liability even after the expiry of 60 days notice period, hence the bank has no other way but to take further action by way of enforcement of securities by taking possession and selling the securities for realizing the bank dues as contemplated under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

We do hereby call upon you to handover/surrender possession of the below mentioned secured assets to the officials and representatives of the bank on the date, place and time mentioned herein and we require you to cooperate in taking over of the possession of the secured assets and in drawing inventory by the bank.

We do hereby inform you that officials and representatives of the Bank shall take or cause for taking possession of the secured assets wherever it may be situated / stored, on the date and time mentioned below : I. Date: 04-05-2024. II. Time: 11.00 A.M. Onwards II. Place: at the place of secured assets.

(Description of the secured assets): All the part and parcel of the immovable property bearing flat No. 5, 1st Floor, "Lobo Edifice Apartment", admeasuring an area of 74.00 Sq. Mts. Plinth Area of the Flat, situated on the First Floor of the building, constructed on the chalta no. 10 & 75 of PTS No. 88, situated at Vasco City, Behind Fish Market, Vasco-Da-Gama, Taluka Marmugao, South Goa, Goa, Pin-403802.

Yours Faithfully, Sd/- Authorised officer

Ref: OR/H/03A/2024-25. DATE: 04/05/2024
Regd AD/ Under Certificate of Posting/ Hand Delivery

To, Mr. PRALAD SHAMSUNDAR BANDODKAR & Mrs. SHANTI PRALAD BANDODKAR, H.NO. 109, Cuxem, Corjuem Bradez- 403508 GOA Sir/Madam, Sub: NOTICE TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE ASSETS UNDER SECTION 13(4) OF THE Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002-in connection with the credit facilities being enjoyed by accounts-ac no 560631000282384, with branch Velsao Classified as NPA as on 29/01/2024.

Please refer to our demand notice dated 05/02/2024 issued under S.13(4) as per the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 calling upon you to discharge in full a sum of Rs.2,59,737.90 (Rupees two Lakhs fifty nine thousand seven hundred thirty seven rupees and paise ninety Only) is outstanding in your account.

In spite of the notice issued by us, you have failed to discharge your liability even after the expiry of 60 days notice period, hence the bank has no other way but to take further action by way of enforcement of securities by taking possession and selling the securities for realizing the bank dues as contemplated under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

We do hereby call upon you to handover/surrender possession of the below mentioned secured assets to the officials and representatives of the bank on the date, place and time mentioned herein and we require you to cooperate in taking over of the possession of the secured assets and in drawing inventory by the bank.

We do hereby inform you that officials and representatives of the Bank shall take or cause for taking possession of the secured assets wherever it may be situated / stored, on the date and time mentioned below. I. Date: 04.05.2024. II. Time: 11.00 a.m. onwards III. Place: at the place of secured assets

(The entire Flat under no FF-1, admeasuring super-built-up area of 52.00 sq mts, situated on the 1st floor in the building known as "Samarth Residency" under construction in part of plot /property plot "A" admeasuring 398.00 sq meters, Plot B admeasuring 423.70 Sq meters and internal access admeasuring 66.00sq meters together forming plot no 3 admeasuring 887.70 Sq meters approx. 888.00 sq meters at loco and as per survey records, presently forming an independent and separate unit in itself, surveyed under survey No 9/1-A of Davorim village but erstwhile forming part of the property known as RUMBADA MOLLALA alias KUTUBONA alias AFORMENTO RUMBADLOMA situated at village Davorim Taluka AND Sub - District of Salcete, District of south Goa, State of Goa, neither described in the Land registration office of Salcete nor enrolled in the Taluka revenue office, surveyed under survey no 9/1 Davorim Village and the said plot no 3 is bounded as under:- On the East: by 3.00 meters wide road and beyond which lies plot No 6. On the West: by the property of Santan Godinho, On the North: by property of XecAbdulMutalif. On the South: by plot no 2.

The said flat is bounded on the east by setback area of the property, on the west by staircase and Flat No FF-2, on the North by Setback Area of the property and on the South by Setback area of the property)
Yours faithfully, AUTHORISED OFFICER

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHARMILA SHASHIKANT SHIRODKAR Resident of H No 120/9, Shetye Vaddo, Opposite Football ground, Duler, Mapusa, Bardez-Goa has changed my name from MOHININ NAGVENCAR to SHARMILA SHASHIKANT SHIRODKAR.

Hereinafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known by new name of as SHARMILA SHASHIKANT SHIRODKAR.

CORRECTION IN NAME

I, Valentina Da Costa, R/o. H. No. 12, Bamborda, VTC, Verna, Salcete Goa 403722, would like to change my name, my parents name on my Indian passport bearing No. H8324456, My name from Valentina Costa E Da Silva to Valentina Da Costa, Fathers Name from Mariano Costa to Mariano Hipolito Da Costa and Mothers Name from Miguelina Costa to Miguelina Raquela Pereira as per my birth Certificate.

Hereinafter in all my dealings, and documents, I will be known by the name "Valentina Da Costa", my Father as "Mariano Hipolito Da Costa" my Mother as "Miguelina Raquela Pereira".

Sd/-
Valentina Da Costa

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR LEASING OF OFFICE PREMISES

Indian Bank, a Public Sector Bank invites tenders under 2 bid system (Technical & Financial Bid) from owners of office premises willing to offer on lease basis (Readily built / Premises Under construction) in St Inez, Panaji, Dist- North Goa, measuring in the range of 1100 sq.ft to 1400 sq.ft. carpet area preferably in Ground Floor with parking facility for a lease period of 15 years for setting up their Branch / Office.

The tender forms can be obtained from the following address from 09.05.2024 to 24.05.2024 on payment of Rs.250 (non refundable) by way of DD / IOI favouring INDIAN BANK. Last date for submission of bids is 24.05.2024.

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2nd Floor, Hermes Waves Central Avenue Rd Lane No 3, Kalyani Nagar, Pune- 411006
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Fax: 020-26656660

Date: 09/05/2024 Zonal Manager Indian Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public at large that our Client desires to purchase Plot No.28, admeasuring 312 sq. mtrs, surveyed under Chalta No.21, P. T. Sheet No.135 of Panaji City, forming part of a larger property known as "PALMGROVE TONCA BHAT", situated at St. Inez, within the limits of Corporation of City of Panaji, Goa, from Mrs. Gulab Priolkar, Mrs. Leena Rasik Pai Khot, Mr. Rasik Pai Khot, Mrs. Sweta Amit Naik, Mr. Amit Laxmikant Naik, Mr. Sulaksha Santosh Shenvi Priolkar, Mrs. Tanvi Sulaksha Shenvi Priolkar, Mr. Prakash Givottam Kamat Shankhalkar, Mrs. Saraswathi Prakash Shankhalkar, Mrs. Anita Anil Borkar, Mr. Anil Borkar, Mr. Vallabh Givottam Kamat Shankhalkar, Mrs. Anuradha Vallabh Shankhalkar, Mr. Gurus Das Givottam Kamat Shankhalkar, Mrs. Beena Gurus Das Shankhalkar and Ms. Sunita J. K. Shankhalkar, which Plot is more particularly described in Schedule hereunder written and is hereinafter referred to as the 'Said Plot'.

Any Person's, Banks, Financial Institutions or entity having any right, claim, title or interest in/over the said Plot, or any part thereof by way of tenancy, mundkarship, inheritance, gift, lease, mortgage or any other legally enforceable claim or right or any other document of whatsoever nature, may lodge their claims and objections to the proposed sale of the said plot to our client, through us at the below mentioned address with documentary proof in support of such claims and objections within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which, it shall be presumed that there are no claims or objections from any one to the proposed sale and our client shall thereafter be free to complete the sale without any further reference to any third parties.

SCHEDULE

(Description of the Said Plot)
ALL THAT Plot No. 28 admeasuring 312 sq. mts, presently surveyed under Chalta No.21 of P. T. Sheet No.135 of Panaji City, forming part of property known as "PALMGROVE TONCA BHAT" admeasuring 23,127 sq. mts, situated at St. Inez, within the limits of Panaji Municipal Council now Corporation of City of Panaji, Taluka and Sub District of Tiswadi, District of North Goa, Surveyed under Chalta No.5 of PT Sheet No.135 of Panaji City, which said Plot No.28 is bounded as under:

ON THE EAST: By Plot No.20 of said Sub-Division; ON THE WEST: By Plot No.36 of said Sub-Division; ON THE NORTH: By 6 metres wide road of the said Sub-Division; ON THE SOUTH: By Plot No.29 of the said Sub-Division;
Dated: 08/05/2024

Sd/-
S. N. JOSHI & ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES T-14/13, 3rd Floor, 'Jairam Complex', Nevqi- Nagar, Malta, Panaji, Goa. email: advsnjoshi@gmail.com

RBI allows Bank of Baroda to onboard customers through BoB World app

AGENCIES, NEW DELHI: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised its decision to impose restriction on BOB World, allowing it to onboard customers through the app, Bank of Baroda informed stock exchanges on May 8.

The lifting of restriction applies to PSU lender with immediate effect, the bank said.

Back in October 2023, the banking regulator had directed our BoB to suspend further onboarding of customers onto 'Bob World' mobile application, citing 'certain material supervisory concerns' observed in the processes.

Following the RBI direction, the Bank of Baroda had clarified that it has carried out corrective measures to address the con-

cerns highlighted by RBI, and is taking further steps to plug any remaining gaps. The bank has subsequently taken action on the field as well as corporate level, including the resignation of Chief Digital Officer (CDO) Akhil Handa.

In July 2023, media reports had claimed that Bob World was involved in tampering with customer accounts. The reports alleged that the lender linked contact details of different people to increase the number of mobile application registrations.

Bank of Baroda launched its digital banking application 'Bob World' in September 2021. It provides a virtual banking experience and has all its digital banking services under one roof, for its customers.

Karnataka govt rejects CBI probe; Revanna to remain in custody

PTI, BENGALURU: Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara on Wednesday ruled out a CBI probe into the sexual abuse case against the JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna, who is the NDA candidate from Hassan.

This was after JD(S) second-in-command H D Kumaraswamy mounted an attack on the government expressing doubts over the manner the investigation was carried out. Alliance partners JD(S) and BJP demanded that the case, which is being investigated by the state government-constituted SIT, be handed over to the CBI.

Kumaraswamy intensified his attack on the government even as his elder brother and Holenarasipura MLA H D Revanna, who is facing charges of kid-

naping a woman, was remanded to judicial custody till May 14 by a Magisterial court here on Wednesday. Revanna, son of former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, was produced before the court after the completion of four days' police custody.

Also, his bail petition before a sessions court has been posted for Thursday. Revanna was arrested in the alleged case of kidnap-

ping a woman, based on a complaint by her son, who alleged that the MLA's son and MP Prajwal Revanna had sexually assaulted her. The woman was subsequently rescued, according to police.

The alleged sexual abuse of several women by Prajwal has raised a political storm with the ruling Congress and BJP-JD(S) engaged in a slugfest.

Alleged explicit videos involving Prajwal started making the rounds ahead of the first phase of Lok Sabha elections in Karnataka on April 26.

Prajwal reportedly left the country on April 27, a day after the polls. He has skipped summons issued by the SIT to appear before it. A blue corner notice has been issued by the Interpol to bring him back.

SC to pass order on interim bail to Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal on May 10

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court will deliver its order on granting interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in a money laundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam on May 10.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who headed the bench which heard Kejriwal's petition against his arrest in the case, said, "We will pronounce the interim order (on interim bail) on Friday. The main matter related to the challenge to arrest will also be taken on the same day."

Justice Khanna, who was sitting in a different combination with Justices MM Sundresh and Bela M Trivedi, made the remark after Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, who was appearing for the Centre in a mat-

AAP LEADER MANISH SISODIA'S JUDICIAL CUSTODY EXTENDED

PTI, NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Wednesday extended till May 21 the judicial custody of AAP leader Manish Sisodia in a money laundering case related to the alleged excise scam. Special Judge Kaveri Baweja extended Sisodia's custody after he was produced before the court through video conference on the expiry of his judicial custody granted earlier. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) had on March 9 last year arrested the former deputy chief minister of Delhi in the liquor policy case. Sisodia was arrested by the CBI earlier in its ongoing investigation of a case related to the alleged irregularities in the framing and implementation of the excise policy of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCTD).

ter related to Goods and Services Tax, sought clarification on the listing of Kejriwal's plea.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader was arrested on March 21 and is currently lodged in Tihar Jail under judicial custody.

On May 7, the bench,

also comprising Justice Dipankar Datta, had reserved its verdict on interim bail to Kejriwal.

The two-judge bench had risen without pronouncing order on granting Kejriwal interim bail to enable him to campaign in the Lok Sabha elections.

PTI, IMPHAL: A 33-year-old cadre of the banned National Revolutionary Front of Manipur was arrested from Imphal, police said on Wednesday.

Heisnam James Singh, an active member of the proscribed outfit, was involved in extortion and apprehended from the vicinity of the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences here on Tuesday, a police statement said.

A two-wheeler was seized from his possession, it said.

Search operations and area domination by security forces continued in the fringe and vulnerable areas of hill and valley districts in ethnic strife-torn Manipur, police said.

More than 219 people were killed and thousands

displaced from homes after ethnic clashes broke out on May 3 last year in Manipur, when a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of Manipur's population and live mostly in the Imphal Valley. Tribals - Nagas and Kukis - constitute little over 40 per cent and reside in the hill districts.

The day-long hearing. The bench said several petitioners have alleged that the authorities exercised threat and coercion during search and seizure operations.

It said, "We know what is on paper and what happens in reality when a person is subjected to search and seizure. If there is denial of payment, you can provisionally attach the properties but you have to give some time to consult, think and clear the liability. You can't put him under threat and coercion of arrest."

Don't use threats, coercion during search & seizure for recovering GST: SC tells Centre

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed the Centre to not use "threat and coercion" during search and seizure operations against traders for recovery of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and instead persuade them to clear the dues voluntarily.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna, MM Sundresh and Bela M Trivedi, which is examining various provisions of the GST Act, said there is no provision under the law which empowers the authorities to exert force for payment of



outstanding dues. "There is no power under the Act to compel any person to pay the tax liability during the search and seizures. Ask your department that the payment should be voluntar-

ily and there should not be use of any force. You have to give three-four days' time to the alleged offender to consult, think and clear the liability. It should be voluntary and there should not be use

of any threat or coercion," the bench told Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the Centre. Raju did not discount the possibility of use of force in the past but said mostly the payment during search and seizure is voluntary.

"Yes, there is possibility of both ways but mostly the payment is done voluntarily or after a few days as the alleged offender wanted to consult his advocate for payment of liability. Yes, there may have been some instances in the past but that is not the norm," he said during



Prez Joe Biden speaks at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's Annual Days of Remembrance ceremony at the US Capitol, in Washington



Rescue workers search the site of a building collapse in George, South Africa, on Wednesday,



Scottish National Party MSP Angus Robertson arrives at Bute House in Edinburgh to attend a Cabinet meeting, on Wednesday



A woman casts her ballot at a polling station in Skopje during North Macedonia's presidential (second round) and parliamentary elections, on Wednesday

Blasts, gunfire escalate near Rafah crossing

Israel now controls all Gaza's border crossings for the first time since it withdrew troops; UN says Gaza is already in a state of full-blown famine

AP, JERUSALEM: Gaza's vital Rafah crossing remained closed Wednesday after Israeli forces seized it the day before. Associated Press journalists heard sporadic explosions and gunfire in the area overnight, including two large blasts early Wednesday. Rafah has been a vital conduit for humanitarian aid since the start of the war and is the only place where people can enter and exit. Israel now controls all of Gaza's border crossings for the first time since it withdrew troops and settlers from the territory nearly two decades ago. Gaza's Health Ministry says at least 46 patients and wounded people who had been scheduled to leave Tuesday for medical treatment have been left stranded.



Smoke rises following an Israeli airstrike on buildings near the separating wall between Egypt and Rafah, southern Gaza Strip

The Israeli military said Wednesday it has reopened the Kerem Shalom crossing into Gaza, a key terminal for the entry of humanitarian aid that was closed over the weekend after a Hamas rocket attack killed four Israeli soldiers nearby. But the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees said no aid has yet entered and there is no one to receive it on the Palestinian side. The UN says northern Gaza is already in a state of "full-blown famine." The war in Gaza has driven around 80% of the territory's population of 2.3 million from their homes and caused vast destruction to apartments, hospitals, mosques and schools across several cities. The death toll in Gaza has soared to more than 34,500 people, according to local health officials. The war began Oct. 7 when

US PAUSES BOMB SHIPMENT TO ISRAEL; SIGNALS CONCERN OVER RAFAH INVASION

AP, WASHINGTON: The US paused a shipment of bombs to Israel last week over concerns that Israel was approaching a decision on launching a full-scale assault on the southern Gaza city of Rafah against the wishes of the US, a senior administration official said on Tuesday. The shipment was supposed to consist of 1,800 2,000-pound (900-kilogram) bombs and 1,700 500-pound (225-kilogram) bombs, according to the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive matter, with the focus of US concern being the larger explosives and how they could be used in a dense urban setting. More than 1 million civilians are sheltering in Rafah after evacuating other parts of Gaza amid Israel's war on Hamas, which came after the militant group's deadly attack on Israel on October 7.

Hamas attacked southern Israel, killing around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting about 250 others. Israel says militants still hold around 100 hostages and the remains of more than 30 others.

3 m people displaced in Myanmar: UN

AFP, YANGON: The number of displaced people in Myanmar has reached three million, the United Nations said, the vast majority forced to flee their homes by conflict unleashed by the military's 2021 coup. Around 2.7 million have fled since the putsch that toppled Aung San Suu Kyi's government after a short-lived experiment with democracy. The coup sparked renewed clashes with established ethnic armed groups and birthed dozens of new "People's Defence Forces" that the military has failed to crush. "Myanmar stands at the precipice in 2024 with a deepening humanitarian crisis," the UN's resident coordinator in the country said in a statement released on Monday. An estimated one-third of those displaced are children, according to the statement. Around half of the three million have been displaced since late last year, when an alliance of ethnic armed groups launched an offensive across northern Shan state, the statement said.

US urges Islamabad to ensure safety of Imran Khan in Jail

PTI, ISLAMABAD: The US has emphasised the importance of ensuring the safety and security of all prisoners in Pakistan, including jailed former prime minister Imran Khan. State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller in a press briefing on Tuesday, acknowledging a meeting between US Ambassador Donald Blome and leaders of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), including Opposition leader Omar Ayub Khan, said the US envoy discussed with the leader of the Opposition and other senior members of the PTI party a broader range of issues important to the bilateral relationship, including continuing US economic support to Islamabad. About discussions with PTI on "fabricated" charges against 71-year-old Khan, Miller reiterated the US stance on political neutrality, Dawn News reported. "Our position is the same as we have stated previously, which is we take no position on elections in Pakistan," he said. Miller emphasised the importance of upholding basic human rights while



maintaining impartiality towards political parties. Miller also addressed the issue of US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's reported warning to Pakistan about the safety of the imprisoned former premier and affirmed the United States' commitment to human rights. Miller said Senator Schumer might have coordinated with the State Department while telling the Pakistani ambassador that Khan's safety was a high priority in Washington but he was unaware of such conversation. "But obviously, we want to see the safety and security of every prisoner in Pakistan or anywhere else in the world," he said. "It's something that every person, every detainee, every prisoner is entitled to basic human rights and protection under the law."

Arrests made as police clear Pro-Palestinian tent camp at US univ

AP, CHICAGO: Police began to clear a Pro-Palestinian tent encampment at George Washington University in Washington, DC, early Wednesday, hours after dozens of protesters left the site and marched to President Ellen Granberg's home.



Police cleared a pro-Palestinian tent encampment at George Washington University and arrested demonstrators

CAMPUS PROTESTS
"Officers gave their third and final warning to demonstrators to move at about 3.30 am, saying all who remained in U-Yard and the stretch of H Street in front of the plaza would be arrested," according to GW Hatchet, the university's independent student-run newspaper. University officials had warned in statements of possible suspensions for students engaging in protest activities on University Yard.

"While the university is committed to protecting students' rights to free expression, the encampment had evolved into an unlawful activity, with participants in direct violation of multiple university policies and city regulations," the university said in a statement. Local media had reported that some protesters were pepper sprayed as police stopped them from entering the encampment and nearly 30 people had been arrested, according to community organizers. This comes as Mayor Muriel Bowser and MPD Chief Pamela Smith are set to testify about the District's handling of the protest at a House Committee.

Bomb attack kills 3 cops in Afghanistan

AFP, FAIZABAD: Three policemen were killed and five were wounded on Wednesday when a sticky bomb was detonated next to a security convoy tasked with clearing illegal poppy crops in northeastern Afghanistan, the interior ministry said. The improvised explosive device (IED) was attached to a motorcycle which targeted a convoy of police vehicles in Faizabad, the capital of mountainous Badakhshan province, around 11 am (0630 GMT). "The bomb exploded while the convoy of police forces was on its way to destroy poppy cultivation," Taliban Interior Ministry spokesman Abdul Mateen Qani posted on X, formerly Twitter.

TORCH BEARER



Belem, the three-masted sailing ship which is carrying the Olympic flame, sails ahead of a welcoming ceremony in Marseille, southern France, on Wednesday. The torch was lit in Greece last month before it was officially handed to France. The Paris 2024 Olympic Games will run from July 26 to August 11

India steps up fight against terrorism; contribute \$500,000 to UN Trust Fund

PTI, UNITED NATIONS: India has contributed USD 500,000 to the UN Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund, underscoring its unwavering commitment to support multilateral efforts in the global fight against the scourge of terrorism. India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj on Tuesday handed over to Under Secretary General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Vladimir Voronkov the country's voluntary financial contribution of half a million dollars towards the UN Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund (CTTF). "India places great significance on the mandate and the work undertaken by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism in building the capacity of member states to effectively deal with the threat of terrorism. The latest contribution reaffirms India's unwavering commitment to supporting multilateral efforts led by the United Nations in the global fight against the scourge of terrorism," a statement by the Permanent Mission of India to the UN said.

The contribution is a testament to India's commitment to international cooperation on countering terrorism and continued implementation of the announcement made by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to contribute to the trust fund during the special meeting of the counter-terrorism committee held in New Delhi in October 2022 under India's presidency of the body. The statement said India's contribution would support UNOCT's global programmes - mainly Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT) and Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CTTP). "They are aimed at building capacities of the member states of eastern and southern Africa to combat the critical issues of financing of terrorism and prevent the movement and travel of terrorists," it said. Addressing the issue of the growing threat of terrorism in Africa has been one of the counter-terrorism priorities of India for the past few years. Since 2018, India has also been actively supporting programmes combating this threat.

Amidst escalating tensions, Britain expels Russian defence attaché

AP, LONDON: Britain is expelling Russia's defense attaché after accusing him of being an undeclared military intelligence officer, one of several measures it is taking against Moscow for malicious activities, the government said Wednesday. Home Secretary James Cleverly said the measures were aimed at what he called the "reckless and dangerous activities of the Russian government across Europe." The government said the Russian Federal Security Service had targeted members of Parliament in recent years by hacking and had leaked UK-US trade documents.

It said the Russian government planned to sabotage military aid for Ukraine in Germany and Poland and carried out espionage in Bulgaria and Italy, along with cyber and disinformation activities and air space violations. "In the coming days we should expect accusations of Russophobia, conspiracy theories and hysteria from the Russian government," Cleverly said in Parliament. "This is not new and the British people and the British government will not fall for it, and will not be taken for fools by Putin's bots, trolls and lackeys." The UK will also rescind

RUSSIA LAUNCHES WIDE ATTACK ON UKRAINIAN ENERGY FACILITIES

AP, KYIV: Russia launched aerial attacks on energy facilities throughout Ukraine early Wednesday, targeting seven regions with more than 50 missiles as well as drones, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said. The attacks also damaged the railway station and tracks in the city of Kherson, across the Dnieper River from Russian-held territory, and injured two people in Brnovy, adjacent to the capital Kyiv, officials said. Russia consistently targets Ukraine's energy infrastructure. There was a major aerial attack on energy facilities on April 27 and another a week earlier. The diplomatic status of several Russian-owned properties because they are believed to have been used for intelligence purposes, and impose new restrictions on Russian diplomatic visas and visits, he said. The Russian ambassador to the UK will be notified of the measures and told that Russia's actions will not be tolerated, the Ministry of Defense said.

TikTok challenges US law with lawsuit aimed at preventing ban

AP, NEW YORK: TikTok and its Chinese parent company ByteDance are suing the US federal government to challenge a law that would force the sale of ByteDance's stake or face a ban, saying that the law is unconstitutional. The lawsuit filed on Tuesday may be setting up what could be a protracted legal fight over its future in the United States. The popular social video company alleged the law, which President Joe Biden signed as part of a larger \$95 billion foreign aid package, is so "obviously unconstitutional" that the sponsors of The Protecting Americans From Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act are trying

to portray the law not as a ban, but as a regulation of TikTok's ownership. The fight over TikTok takes place as US-China relations have shifted to that of intense strategic rivalry, especially in areas such as advanced technologies and data security, seen as essential to each country's economic prowess and national security. US lawmakers from both parties, as well as administration and law enforcement officials, have expressed concerns that Chinese authorities could force ByteDance to hand over US user data or sway public opinion by manipulating the algorithm that populates users' feeds.

India, Singapore strengthen ties through joint naval drill

PTI, SINGAPORE: The Indian Navy is looking forward to further enhancing its operability with the Singapore Navy and understanding of each other's operational philosophy by holding joint maritime exercises, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet Read Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar has said. Addressing a reception for 150 guests from Singapore's defence sector, heads

of diplomatic missions and Indian diaspora on board INS Shakti at the Changi Naval Base on Tuesday, he said the navies of the two countries are planning to hold the 31st edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) which will be held at Visakhapatnam in the fourth quarter of this year. "We will be undertaking the 31 Edition of SIMBEX (and) we have done the

planning at the working level for the event to be held in the fourth quarter of this year at Visakhapatnam," Dhankhar who is leading the Indian Naval Ships Delhi, INS Shakti, and Kiltan to Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines. "We look forward to further enhancing our operability and understanding of each other's operational philosophy and also increas-

ing the competency of our bilateral exercise in keeping with the times that we are witnessing," said Dhankhar who in the past had been associated with a two-year training programme for the Singapore Navy. "Our current deployment here and beyond is to visit friendly partner navies and share our experiences and knowledge that would enable us to be better in-

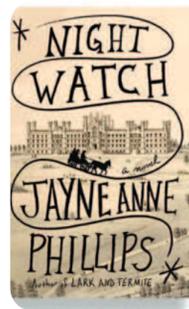
formed in line with security and growth of all - as per India's Sagar Doctrine," said Dhankhar. The fleet arrived in Singapore on Monday and will sail to Malaysia on Thursday and then onwards through the Philippines. The Indian High Commissioner to Singapore, Dr Shilpak Ambule, elaborated on the Indian Navy's engagement in the region, par-

ticularly in Singapore, saying it has seen an outward trajectory which without doubt has gained from its well-founded construct and has kept evolving with passing times. "The growing intensity of engagement is in confirmation with the changing paradigm and in maritime challenges...as well as increasing the depth of our bilateral partnership with Singapore.

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THE WINNING BOOKS OF PULITZER PRIZES 2024



MACKLEMORE RELEASES PRO-PALESTINE TRACK 'HIND'S HALL'

Learning foreign languages can benefit oneself in the future

Goa has long recognized the importance of foreign languages. With Portuguese and French languages already being an integral part of the education system, Goans possess a valuable head start in navigating the multilingual world. Learning other languages can equip oneself with better opportunities and lead to self-enhancement

Annalie Rodrigues

Foreign languages have been a part of the Goan education system for quite some time. Languages such as French and Portuguese are provided as options in schools for students to study from a young age. Besides this, one can also make an attempt to go one step further and learn some more foreign languages. Several online platforms provide such courses that can be availed of free of charge. In today's day and age, where we have an abundance of resources at our fingertips, it is relatively easy to use these to our advantage. Along with this, there are also several organisations and tutors in Goa that teach foreign languages. Being able to communicate across languages is a valuable asset that can break boundaries and open the doors to a myriad of opportunities in the personal and professional spheres. Studying any new language can prove to be an asset as it improves communication skills and

enhances interpersonal and intercultural relations by breaking the language barrier. Learning foreign languages has several immediate and long-term benefits including opening up several job prospects- one can become a translator, professor, screenwriter, customer care executive, or any such profession that requires foreign languages or the use of bilingualism. Learning foreign languages has several immediate and long-term benefits as it opens up several job prospects- one can become a translator in embassies or government jobs, professor, screenwriter in the entertainment industry, customer care executive at hotels and travel and tourism companies to communicate efficiently with foreign customers, or any such profession that requires foreign languages or the use of bilingualism. Learning a language like German can ensure free education if one opts to study in Germany in the future and travelling abroad also becomes easier as

locals are friendlier to people who speak and understand their language, which leads to more efficient communication. A longer attention span, improved memory and cognitive flexibility are some of the demonstrated cognitive benefits of learning global languages. One can also try to break cultural barriers by learning new languages as it helps in understanding and appreciating other cultures as well. This leads people to be more open minded and non-judgemental about other cultures and languages. Nalini Elvino de Sousa, Manager at Communicare Trust says, "As a Portuguese teacher at Communicare Trust since 2005, I have found that consistency in learning a new language is the most crucial aspect. It is not enough to attend a language course. One has to remember that language is for life and needs to be practiced, or we will eventually forget how to use it." Leah Costa, a 16 year old student who took up the initiative on her own to learn

German through Duolingo, says, "I would like to pursue my further education somewhere abroad, so I began learning German to expand my choices. I am finding it very easy to learn the languages, as Duolingo simplifies the teaching material a lot. Watching German videos of stories for children with English subtitles has also helped me to pick up the language faster and has helped with learning the accent." Sychelle Pinto, a college student learning Korean, says, "I was inspired to learn the Korean culture and language that I saw in K-dramas and K-pop. I initially began learning through Duolingo but later switched to using online resources that were shared on X (formerly Twitter) communities and immersed myself in Korean media as I found it beneficial in learning how natives actually speak. I also try to say the words out loud to get a hang of the pronunciations. For those learning a new



language, I would recommend keeping a notebook to jot down new words and go through them regularly. I believe that consistency is key when it comes to learning anything new and with so many open sources at our disposal, it is relatively easy to learn new languages on our own, although we should ensure to use multiple resources to cross-check what we learn." Anthea Dias, a student learning German from Indo-German Educational and Cultural Society in Goa, says, "I began learning German almost two years ago through online sessions. As I could potentially build my career abroad, I decided to learn German so that I will be able to communicate at least in places like Austria and Germany. I also go through websites like Deutsche Welle, which provide

exercises and tutorials for free, in order to practice whatever I learn through my online classes. I feel it is important to try to speak basic sentences in the language you are learning, as this has helped me improve my basics. I also believe that it is never too late to start a new language and would like to encourage everyone to try to do so." It is therefore apparent that students are slowly understanding the importance of learning foreign languages and are taking up opportunities to do so. Goa's emphasis on foreign language study indicates a progressive outlook on both professional and personal development. As the world continues to shrink through technology and travel, the ability to communicate across languages remains a powerful tool for connection and opportunity.

An Angel from Goa - Professor Dr Elvira Dias

From 1970 to 1990, Professor Dr Elvira Dias worked as Consultant and Teaching Faculty in Obstetrics & Gynecology in various levels of Professorship at the Goa Medical College for twenty years until she attained retirement age. On her one month death anniversary, her student DR NADIA RANGEL PINTO remembers late 'Madam Dias' for her intellectual integrity and universal compassion

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Her colleagues called Professor Dr Elvira Dias 'An Angel from Goa', in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Ob-Gyn) Department at the Rodolf Virchow Krankenhaus (Hospital) in Berlin, West Germany, where she worked in the early 1960s. A medical professor with a beautiful combination of intellect and heart. Privileged to have the opportunity till her ninth decade, to us, she was lovingly called Madam Dias. Elvira de Souza was born in Nairobi, Africa and was the eldest of five siblings. She studied Medicine in Bombay (now Mumbai) at the Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital qualifying for the MBBS Degree, followed by her post graduation at LT Medical College and Sion Hospital where she qualified for the MD Degree in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Young Elvira, immigrated to West Germany and married her college sweetheart neurosurgeon Dr Manuel Dias there on August 15, 1962. Dr Manuel Dias worked at the Rodolf Virchow Krankenhaus and Dr Elvira (now Dias) also began working there almost immediately. Their sons, Victor and Luis, were born in Germany. They returned to Goa in the early 1970s and Goa was honoured to have its angel back. Truly she was, for over half a century since. She spent decades after that, working as Consultant and Teaching Faculty in Obstetrics and Gynecology in various levels of Professorship at the Goa Medical College. Whatever hierarchy in position she occupied, she worked with the same whole heartedness, dedication and simplicity. The Ob-Gyn department was initially at Ribandar Hospital. With faculty like Madam Dias, our classes and clinical postings at Goa Medical College were memorable. Besides her academic and clinical work, surgeries included, Madam Elvira Dias conducted so many deliveries



Some doctors, now consultants at the Goa Medical College, were babies delivered by her gifted hands. Her motherly touch in all she did, added to the comfort of all she met. Her joy in the achievements of her children and grandchildren helped her age more gracefully I gathered, each time we talked. I remind my children that God sent an angel Madam Dias at their births too. Hers was the first face they saw in the warm homely atmosphere of Dr Raikar's nursing home where she practiced post retirement. Grateful to her loving daughter-in-law Chryselle for preserving my antenatal card. I will treasure Madam Dias' handwritten clinical notes. She once narrated an incident when she was a consultant in Ob-Gyn at Goa Medical College Panjim and Ribandar hospitals. During on call duty, the hospital jeep would be sent to pick up the consultant whose opinion was sought. The jeep had a characteristic sound and could be identified from afar. One night much before the break of dawn when all was silent, Madam Dias heard the jeep. But she was not on call that night. Rushing to her first floor balcony, she heard her name 'Elvira' called out a couple of times (in the era of no mobile phones), till she realized the jeep had indeed come to

her home. As she looked out again, there, was the Head of Department of Pediatrics with the hospital driver. The Professor of Pediatrics, Dr Mazumdar had just attended an emergency call at the Panjim GMC hospital and needed to save a baby. The baby desperately needed blood. That blood group was in short supply at the hospital. He remembered Madam Dias had been a donor before and personally requested her help. She readily went to the hospital in the wee hours of the morning, not as a consultant but as a Good Samaritan angel. She was not on call, it was not even for a family member, but every life mattered. The baby's life was saved that night after her donated blood was transfused. This was an amazing example of senior consultants, heading departments, empathy to the core. A message to that child, "Baby of that day, wherever you are, you are surely around 50 years now. You may never know who saved your life but I hope you will believe that angels exist." On October 19 this year, her 92nd birthday, she will be dearly missed, but heaven must surely be happier. We are assured "There is no death, The star goes down to rise upon some fairer shore. Bright in heaven's jeweled crown to shine forever more." Dear Madam, you will always be remembered as an angel who walked this earth. Thank you is my best prayer. (Dr Nadia Rangel Pinto served as faculty of Preventive Medicine at Goa Medical College for over 20 years.)





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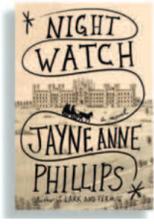


The Winning Books of Pulitzer Prizes 2024

Eighteen books were recognized as winners or finalists for the Pulitzer Prize in the categories of history, memoir, poetry, general nonfiction, fiction and biography, which had two winners.

FICTION

NIGHT WATCH, BY JAYNE ANNE PHILLIPS
A story about a mother and daughter set in the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in Weston, WVa, after the Civil War. 'Night Watch', which was also longlisted for the National Book Award, is about surviving war and its aftermath.



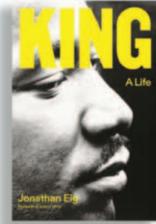
HISTORY

NO RIGHT TO AN HONEST LIVING, BY JACQUELINE JONES
Jones, a historian and a two-time finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, examines the hypocrisy of Boston before the Civil War. The city was known for its antislavery rhetoric and as the center of abolitionism, but Black residents

endured "casual cruelty" in the work force and were condemned to lives of poverty without the chance for equal employment.

BIOGRAPHY

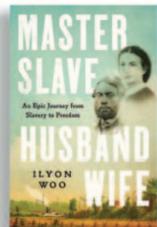
KING: A LIFE, BY JONATHAN EIG
This major study of the civil rights icon draws on a landslide of recently released White House telephone transcripts, FBI documents, letters, oral histories and other material. Eig shows a



masterly command of his research, showing King in intimate moments, and arguing that his nonviolence has been mistaken for passivity.

MASTER SLAVE HUSBAND WIFE: AN EPIC JOURNEY FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM, BY ILYON WOO
In 1848, William and Ellen Craft, an enslaved

couple, disguised themselves as a sick, wealthy white man traveling with his male slave and headed north. Woo tells the story of their stunning, perilous journey in novelistic detail, tracing their path through the United States and eventual passage to England, where they wrote a popular book about their escape.



MEMOIR OR AUTOBIOGRAPHY
LILIANA'S INVINCIBLE SUMMER: A SISTER'S SEARCH FOR JUSTICE, BY CRISTINA RIVERA GARZA
In 1990, Rivera Garza's 20-year-old sister was killed, and the case is a jumping-off point for this searching, personal examination of femicide in Mexico. Rivera Garza draws her sister, then complicates that drawing and then complicates the complication, creating layer upon layer of nuance.

GENERAL NONFICTION
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ABED SALAMA:

ANATOMY OF A JERUSALEM TRAGEDY, BY NATHAN THRALL

This book tells the story of a deadly bus crash outside Jerusalem through the eyes of a Palestinian father whose 5-year-old died in the accident. The father's agony is compounded by the physical and legal restrictions that shape the lives of Palestinians in East Jerusalem. Thrall also examines the political, bureaucratic and personal decisions that contributed to the crash, and vignettes of individual guilt come up against stark political realities.

POETRY

TRIPAS: POEMS, BY BRANDON SOM
In this collection, Som celebrates his multicultural heritage and family memories, writing about his grandmother, who was Chicana and worked nights on an assembly line at a Motorola factory, and his Chinese American father and grandparents, who ran a corner store.

Macklemore releases pro-Palestine track 'Hind's Hall'

Macklemore has stunned fans by releasing a blistering new protest track in support of Palestine, with musician Tom Morello branding it "the most Rage Against the Machine song since Rage Against the Machine".

Titled 'Hind's Hall', the surprise release from the US rapper is inspired by the ongoing student protests taking place around the world, and pays tribute to Hind Rajab. The six-year-old Palestinian child was killed by an Israeli strike two months ago in Gaza while she was waiting for aid, trapped in a car and surrounded by the bodies of her dead relatives.

The song samples 'Ana La Habibi' by Fairuz, the popular Lebanese singer known for her vocal support of Palestine. In 'Hind's Hall', Macklemore, real name Benjamin Haggerty, covers everything from American politics, capitalist greed, social media censorship and white supremacy in less than three minutes.

The 40-year-old Grammy winner also takes a swipe at the music industry for prioritising what he appears to deem petty issues, such as the ongoing beef between hip-hop titans Kendrick Lamar and Drake, over Israel's war on Gaza.



Macklemore also challenges the notion that support of Palestine is anti-Semitic. In the post shared from his social media accounts, Macklemore intersperses clips of pro-Palestine protests with the devastation in Gaza, along with images of conglomerates such as McDonald's and Starbucks, and scenes from the ongoing conflict. Macklemore announced that all proceeds from streams of the track will be donated to UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees.

Shaq's ex-wife points to why her marriage fell apart, in new book

Basketball Hall of Famer Shaquille O'Neal has been open and honest about his failed marriage with Shaunie Nelson, now Henderson, in recent years. In her book, 'Undeclared: Changing the Rules and Winning on My Own Terms', she shared her side of the story on why her marriage to the Los Angeles Lakers legend fell apart.

"I enjoyed those sweet early years being a mother and raising my children; my days were always busy with kids and family, and every now and then I got to travel or enjoy a little of the NBA high life. But invisibly, my marriage was beginning to crumble," she wrote.

"As I've written, it wasn't obvious early on. You know how when you first get sick, and the symptoms are so mild that you're not even sure you are sick? That's how things were in the early years. I was busy and happy and didn't notice what was going on. But as the disease progressed, the symptoms became harder and harder to ignore."

She pointed to O'Neal "going missing" at times during their marriage. "Our chef did all the grocery shopping. His managers paid all the bills. I took care of the kids. So where was he going in the morning, during the day, and at night? No one works out that often," she wrote.

"When we moved to Miami, I even heard a rumour that he had a condo in Miami Beach. I started to get suspicious, but he always had an answer, and I could never prove anything. Eventually, I was forced to admit that my family life wasn't as blissful or perfect as I wanted to believe." The two officially divorced in 2011.

Last year, O'Neal opened up about how he "messed it up" with Henderson and Arnetta Yardborough. O'Neal said, "My first one was my baby mother, Arnetta, and then I met Shaunie. Shaunie was also a perfect woman, and I messed it up. We were young and always just doing dumb stuff. But, the good thing about our relationship is that they forgave me, and we have a good relationship now. But when you ask me about the perfect woman — I had two perfect women and I messed it up, just by, you know, being dumb."



Robert Downey Jr to Make Broadway Debut in Ayad Akhtar's play



successful film actor, overcoming significant challenges (he had a long battle with substance abuse and served time in prison on drug charges). He has built a career that has been lucrative (he starred as 'Iron Man' in multiple Marvel movies) and acclaimed (he won the Oscar for best supporting actor for a widely praised performance as Lewis Strauss, a government official, in 'Oppenheimer').

Robert Downey Jr, who earlier this year won an Academy Award, will make his Broadway debut this fall in "McNeal," a new drama by the Pulitzer-winning playwright Ayad Akhtar.

The play is about a gifted novelist with a difficult family life and a potentially problematic interest in artificial intelligence. Downey will play the writer.

The production is being staged by Lincoln Center Theater, one of four nonprofits with Broadway houses, at its Vivian Beaumont Theater. Previews are to begin September 5, and the opening is scheduled for September 30.

'McNeal' will be directed by Bartlett Sher, a resident director at Lincoln Center Theater and a Tony winner for 'South Pacific'.

Downey, 59, has been a prolific and enormously

limited — his one Off Broadway credit, "American Passion," opened and closed on the same date in 1983 — and he said in a statement, "It's been 40 years since I was last on 'the boards,' but hopefully I'll knock the dust off quick."

Akhtar is a playwright and a novelist with an appetite for complex and thorny subjects whose previous plays have explored finance and Islam. He has had a long relationship with Lincoln Center Theater, which first produced his Pulitzer-winning play, "Disgraced," on its Off Broadway stage, and also presented his plays "The Who & The What" Off Off Broadway and "Junk" on Broadway.

Akhtar is also working on a musical. He is one of the book writers for a stage adaptation of the film "La La Land" that is now in development.

19th-century book stolen from Brazilian museum in 2008 is located in London and repatriated

A 19th-century naturalist book missing for 16 years, ever since it was stolen from a museum in northern Brazil, has been found in London and was repatriated in May.

The 1823 tome, Simiarum et vespertilionum brasiliensium species novae (New Species of Brazilian Monkeys and Bats) by the German zoologist Johann Baptist von Spix, had been taken from the Emilio Goeldi Museum in Belém in 2008. Three museum employees were charged with embezzlement in 2011 as a result of an ongoing international investigation.

The Emilio Goeldi Museum, founded in 1866 and named after the Swiss naturalist who would later



serve as its director, is both a natural-history museum and research centre focussing on the Brazilian Amazon. Other books stolen from the museum

have also been recovered in the past few months. These include the 1835 Reise in Chile, Peru und auf dem Amazonenstrom (A Journey in Chile,

Peru and on the Amazon River) by the German botanist Eduard Friedrich Poeppig, discovered in Argentina in December; and the 1658 De Indiae utriusque re naturali et medica (On the Natural and Medical History of the Indies) by the Dutch naturalist Willem Piso, found in London in March.

A spokesperson for Brazil's Federal Police said in a statement: "The repatriation of these works is a milestone for Brazil, as it demonstrates a renewed commitment to the preservation of cultural heritage and sets an essential precedent for the recovery of historical monuments."

In 1817, together with fellow German botanist Carl Friedrich Philipp von Martius, Spix travelled from Rio

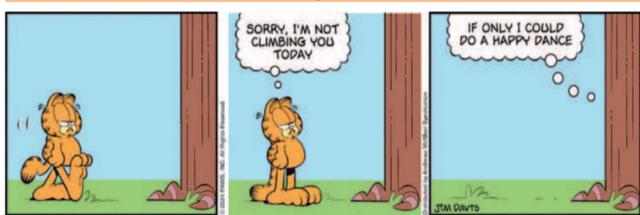
de Janeiro to the Colombian border on a three-year, 10,000km mission to catalogue Amazonian wildlife and Indigenous languages. When the pair returned to Germany in 1820, they brought with them thousands of plants and animals that would make up the bulk of the collection of the new Bavarian State Collection of Zoology in Munich.

Spix's 1823 book is one of several published on the trip's findings. A number of reptiles, birds and bats are named after Spix — perhaps most notably, the bright-blue Spix's macaw, a species that was extinct in the wild until a laborious reintroduction programme brought it back to the Amazon in 2022.

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law; 26- Eyeglasses, for short; 27- Spartan serf; 28- Liqueur flavoring; 30- Forest makeup; 32- Crop up; 33- Aired again; 34- The end of ____; 37- Scornful look; 40- Books of maps; 42- Gives a right to; 45- Venetian blind part; 47- Grounded fleet; 50- Regions; 54- Mottled mount; 56- Author of fables; 57- Ages; 58- Construction beam; 59- Denier's words; 60- Light gas; 62- Ten C-notes; 63- Equinox mo.; 64- Sunrise direction; 67- Barely make, with "out";

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Instructions for Sudoku

9 x 9 letter. To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes

solution 4526

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UK PM Sunak hit by defection of MP amid charge of 'incompetence'

PTI, LONDON: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Wednesday suffered a humiliating defection from his party benches as a Conservative MP defected to join the Opposition Labour ranks, saying the Tories "have become a byword for incompetence and division".

Natalie Elphicke, MP for Dover, in a resignation statement just moments before the weekly Prime Minister's Questions (PMQs), accused Sunak of "broken promises" and abandoning key pledges.

The 43-year-old British Indian leader went on to face off with Labour Leader Keir Starmer, who made the most of the shock move which marks the second defection from the Tories to Labour in two weeks and comes on the back of bruising local election results for the governing party.

"When I was elected in 2019, the Conservative Party occupied the centre ground of British politics. The party was about building the future and making the most of the opportunities that lay ahead for our country," Elphicke, a staunch



critic of the Labour Party until only a few days ago, said in her resignation letter.

"Since then, many things have changed. The elected prime minister was ousted in a coup led by the unelected Rishi Sunak. Under Rishi Sunak, the Conservatives have become a byword for incompetence and division. The centre ground has been abandoned and key pledges of the 2019 manifesto have been ditched," she said.

She added that the Labour Party under Starmer has "changed out of all recognition"

and its policies "can be trusted". "We need to move on from the broken promises of Rishi Sunak's tired and chaotic government," she declared.

The dramatic moment of her crossing the floor of the House was followed by Starmer asking Sunak: "What is the point of this failed government staggering on" when the Tory MP on the front line of the small boats migration crisis on the coastline of Dover has openly attacked Sunak's handling of a priority issue like illegal migration.

"If he thinks his own MPs join-

ing the Labour Party are wrong if he thinks anyone believes any of the nonsense that he spouts, why doesn't he put it to the test and call a general election," questioned Starmer, in a series of stinging attacks during PMQs. Sunak chose to ignore the question, instead accusing his opponent of having "out of touch values" with the British people.

"He snipes from the sidelines, the Conservatives are building a better future," said Sunak.

At the end of April, Dan Poulter, a doctor and Central Suffolk and North Ipswich member of Parliament for the Tories, had announced he was switching his allegiance to Labour before standing down as a parliamentarian at the next general election because he can no longer defend the Tory government's track record on the National Health Service (NHS).

According to reports, Labour will retain its existing candidate in the newly carved Dover and Deal constituency at the next general election later this year and Elphicke will stand down, with her future plans unclear.

China, EU-candidate Serbia sign agreement to build a 'shared future'

AP, BELGRADE (SERBIA): China and European Union candidate Serbia signed an agreement on Wednesday to build a "shared future," making the Balkan country the first in Europe to agree on such a document with Beijing.

After meeting in Belgrade, Chinese leader Xi Jinping and Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic announced they would "deepen and elevate the comprehensive strategic partnership between China and Serbia," and "build a new era of a community with a shared future between China and Serbia."

Xi launched the term "community for shared future" over 10 years ago. While it may not denote a specific initiative, experts believe it has an underlying significance as another term for an alliance.

"Eight years ago, Serbia became China's first comprehensive strategic partner in the Central and Eastern European region, and today Serbia is the first European country to build a community of destiny with China, fully reflecting the strategic, special and high level of China-Serbia relations," Xi said during a press conference after signing the agreement.

Vucic said the two countries "are moving from strategic relations, through which we had managed to raise our bilateral ties, to the joint future of our two countries."

"That is the highest possible form of cooperation between two countries and I am proud that I was able to sign this today as the President of Serbia," he added.

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THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Everloving Memory of Our Beloved



ARCANGELA FERNANDES
[24.10.1935 - 15.05.2021]



NEVES PEREIRA
[05.08.1956 - 10.05.2021]

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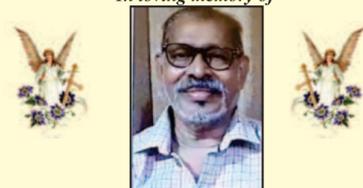
ALWAYS REMEMBERED NEVER FORGOTTEN

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the souls of Arcangela & Neves on Friday, 10th May 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Utorda, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by their sorrowful family: Diana, Sarah, Elizabeth, Rosy, Ryan, Beverly / Rajiv, Ruelle, Rianne, Piedade / Shabu, Velanie / Clint, Zoey, Ziva, Lourdes / Joviel, Claire

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

ONE YEAR REMEMBRANCE

In loving memory of



FRANCISCO XAVIER CARDOSO
Masconim, Balli-Cuncoim

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved FRANCISCO on 10th May 2024 at 7.30 a.m. at Our Lady of Health Church, Cuncoim, followed by prayers & blessing of the grave Offered by his sorrowful wife:

Relatives friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

Lord I Am Coming Home



Born: 14.12.1936 Died: 08.05.2024

MARIA ESPERDIANA NORONHA
VERLA-CANCA

Loving wife of late Francisco Borges Noronha. Beloved mother/mother-in-law of Angelo/Victoria, Jose/Lydia, Robert/Josephine, Leticia/Jude, Neville/Maria & Martha/Mark. Most affectionate grandmother of Brian, Lerisa, Ninoshka, Lenora, Melford, Jonathan, Nigel, Melanie, Myona, Jordan, Nathan, Mallaiika, Marleeva & Nolan.

Funeral Cortege will leave her residence at 3.45 pm on Thursday 9.05.24 (Today) at St. Anne's Church, Parra for Eucharistic Celebration at 4.00 p.m followed by burial.

Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

Forever in our hearts



FRANKIE MANUEL PIRES
NAVELIM

EX- SECRETARY-GOA PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE EX-PRESIDENT OF NAVELIM SPORTING CLUB

You did so many things for everyone Your heart was kind and true And when we needed someone we could always count on you.

Please join us for THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION OF THE THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY at OUR LADY OF ROSARY CHURCH Navelim on Friday 10th May 2024 at 7.15 am followed by prayers at the grave.

Forever loved and cherished by your family Relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation.

Guv to show CCTV footage to 100 people, except Mamata, police

PTI, KOLKATA: In the backdrop of a woman employee levelling molestation charge against West Bengal Governor Dr CV Ananda Bose, the Raj Bhavan here on Wednesday said it would show the related CCTV footage to 100 people, except "politician" Mamata Banerjee and "her police".

Following the allegation, the police had requested the Raj Bhavan to share the CCTV footage concerned. The Governor, however, directed his staff not to cooperate with the police in this regard.

"Governor Bose has launched a programme 'SACH KE SAAMNE' in the background of the mischievous and fabricated allegations by the police that Raj Bhavan is not sparing the CCTV footage of an incident which is under the illegal and unconstitutional investigation of the police,"

the Raj Bhavan said in a post on X handle.

It asked the people to send requests over email or phone to attend the programme at Raj Bhavan and the first 100 people would be allowed to see the footage inside the Governor's House on Thursday morning.

"Governor has decided that the CCTV footage can be seen by any citizen of West Bengal — except politician Mamata Banerjee and her police for the stand they had taken, which is in public domain," the post read.

A contractual woman employee of the Raj Bhavan on Friday lodged a written complaint with the Kolkata Police alleging molestation by the Governor in the Governor's House.

Bose had described the allegation as "absurd drama" and labelled Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's politics as "dirty".

J&K changed after abrogation of Article 370, destruction everywhere: Omar Abdullah

PTI, KUPWARA (J&K): National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said Jammu and Kashmir has changed post-2019 after the abrogation of Article 370 as there is "destruction" everywhere.

Speaking to reporters after addressing a public meeting in Kupwara in north Kashmir as part of his election campaign from the Baramulla parliamentary constituency, Abdullah said the areas which were made militancy-free have been witnessing resurgence of the gun. "There are areas which we had made militancy-free. But there is again an impact of the gun now, be it the target killings in Srinagar or the continuous attacks on the security forces in Rajouri-Poonch. "Similarly, there are

many areas which were totally militancy-free in my rule, but the militancy has restarted there now," the NC leader said, when asked about the BJP's claims of improvement and change in the situation in J-K.

He said, "Yes, J-K has changed. Destruction has increased," and claimed that there is no improvement in the situation anywhere. The former chief minister continued his election campaign in Kupwara on the third consecutive day and addressed workers' convention at Kalaroo.

He said the people have realised who all are helping the communal forces in Kashmir. "They have also come to know who is with the BJP and who all are contesting the elections with

their help. The people also know who all are spreading hatred against Muslims in the country and who all are defaming Muslims and spewing poison against them," he said, addressing the party workers.

In an apparent reference to the BJP's election symbol, Abdullah said the public has become well aware of those who are trying to plant the "lotus flower" through the back door in Kashmir.

Condolence
We deeply mourn the sad demise of
AMBROSIO DOMINGOS PEREIRA
EX - PANCH V.P. BENAULIM VADDIE, BENAULIM
and convey our deepest sympathies to his bereaved family.



May his soul rest in peace

Tribute of love from:
CHURCHILL ALEMÃO
Ex C M and Ex M P Lok Sabha, Goa
VALANKA ALEMÃO
CEO Churchill Bros F C Goa, AIFF Executive Member and Social worker.
SAVIO ALEMÃO
Social worker Benaulim Constituency.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Everloving Memory of
MARWIN RALPH D'SOUZA
FONDLEM, RIBANDAR / TALEIGAO
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.



There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved MARWIN on Friday, 10th May, 2024 at Nossa Senhora De Ajuda Church, Ribandar at 7.30 a.m., followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife Winifred Falcao (Electricity Dept., Taleigao), children Meshwin & Marissa and family.

Relatives and friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Condolence
AMBROSIO DOMINGOS PEREIRA
VADDIE, BENAULIM



A tribute of love from Brother/Brother-in-law: Rosario (Ringo) / Agnelina. Niece/Nephew: Hezia / Joel, Elaine / Sanzeel & Jollen.

DEATH REMEMBRANCE



Born: 07/02/1964 Died: 07/05/2024

JOAQUIM SEBASTIAO FERNANDES (SEBY)
(Baga, Arpora)
Fondly Remembered By:
ROYAL GOAN BEACH CLUB TAXI OWNERS AND TAXI DRIVERS
Baga Arpora

AI Express cancels over 100 flights on cabin crew woes, move impacts 15,000 passengers

PTI, NEW DELHI/KOCHIL: Air India Express cancelled more than 100 flights since Tuesday night as a section of cabin crew reported sick to protest against the alleged mismanagement at the Tata Group-owned airline, impacting around 15,000 passengers.

Faced with cabin crew shortage, the airline, which operates a significant number of flights to the Gulf, has decided to curtail flights till May 13. Air India Express is to operate around 360 flights daily to domestic and international destinations, sources said on Wednesday.

The civil aviation ministry on Wednesday sought a report from Air India Express on the flight cancellations and also asked the airline to resolve the issues promptly.

Apart from cancellations, scores of flights were delayed and the airline's passengers, mostly scheduled to travel to the Gulf nations, protested at airports in Kerala against flight cancellations as many of them were informed only after the security checks.

The cabin crew shortage has resulted in the cancellations of more than 100 flights since Tuesday night and around 15,000 passengers have been affected. More than 200 cabin crew have reported sick, the sources said.

Flight disruptions happened at various airports, including Kochi, Calicut, Delhi and Bengaluru. Domestic as well as international services, including to various Gulf countries, have also been hit. At Delhi airport alone, 14 flights

of the carrier were cancelled from 4 am to 4 pm on Wednesday, they added.

To tackle the situation, one of the sources said Air India Express will be tapping the synergies with other Tata Group airlines -- Air India and Vistara.

An Air India Express spokesperson said the air-

line is engaging with the cabin crew members to understand the reasons for reporting sick and also apologised for the flight disruptions.

Discontent has been brewing among a section of the cabin crew at the low-cost carrier for some time now, especially after the

start of the process to merge AIX Connect, formerly AirAsia India, with itself.

Late last month, a union representing a section of the Air India Express cabin crew alleged that the airline is being mismanaged and there is a lack of equality in the treatment of the staff.

RETURNED TO THE LORD
"O Lord, you have always been our home, Before you created the hills or brought the world into being, you were eternal God and will be God forever."



Born: 19th March 1956 Died: 8th May 2024

LENI FERNANDES
-: 3rd Ward, Colva :-

Beloved daughter / daughter-in-law of late Jeronimo Fernandes and late Ana Maria Fernandes, late Constancia M Fernandes and late Ana Joaquina Pereira. Loving wife of Heracleio Fernandes (Heraldo). Caring mother / mother-in-law of Shaina / Agnelo Vaz, Delicia / Orlando Cardozo, Dussell / Maira Pereira, Stacey / Simon Saldanha. Doting grandmother of Ansley, Alaina, Danalee, Daniel and Kiara. Funeral cortege will leave her residence at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 10th May 2024 (Tomorrow) to Our Lady of Merces Church, Colva, for Eucharistic celebration, followed by burial.

Relatives and friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation

Tearful Adieu Loving Sister
LENI FERNANDES
Fondly remembered by loving:
 Brother / Sister-in-law: **PETER / MINGELINE FERNANDES**
 Nephews: **MACGAVRAN and MEWAN**
 May Her Soul Rest In Peace.

LORD I AM COMING HOME
DENA DEVI MADHAV PRABHU
DONGORIM - MAJORDA
 Ex Lecturer of Multi Purpose Higher Secondary School Borda, Ex Lecturer of Mallikarjun Higher Secondary School Canacona
 Born: 20/12/1988 Died: 08/05/2024
 Beloved Wife of Pedro Sequeira, Daughter of Madhav & Sarojini Prabhu, Sister/Sister-in-law of Govind & Tania Prabhu, Daughter-in-law of Late Joaquim Santano Sequeira & Late Effinia Gomes, Sister-in-law of Theresa Sequeira.
 Funeral service will be held on 9th May 2024 (TODAY) at 3:45 p.m at Mother Of God Church Majorda, followed by burial.
 Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

DEATH
Domingo Fernandes
 (Ex- Driver P.W.D, Fatorda)
 Born: 15/07/1946 Died: 06/05/2024
 1st Pale, Dicarpace
 Beloved husband of Antonetta Fernandes, loving father/father-in-law of Cyril/Anita, Rosy/Manuel Carvalho & Ida Fernandes, affectionate grandfather of Myruss, Mark, Mefima Carvalho; Cliff & Clana Fernandes.
 Funeral cortege will leave his residence on 9th May 2024 (Today) at 4:30 pm to Our Lady of Fatima Church, Dicarpace, for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.
 Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation
 Rebelto Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992

MONTH'S MIND
 In cherished memory of
ABEL REBELO
 (BENALIM)
 There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Abel on Friday 10th May 2024 (Tomorrow) at 8:00 am at Holy Trinity Church, Benaulim, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave. Offered by his sorrowful wife Marta, children Mitsy/Eusebio, Malita/Alwin, Muriel/Clayton, Melisa/Johan, Alroy/Elrifa & grandchildren Alyssa, Aldrich, Janaiah, Callum & Micaliah.
 Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation
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THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In Loving Memory of
JOSE NELSON FERNANDES
 (Ex. Secretariat) - Pilerne
 A Eucharistic celebration for the soul of Jose Nelson will be held on Friday, 10th May 2024, at 7.00 a.m., at St. John the Baptist Church, Pilerne, followed by prayers at the grave. Offered by his sorrowful wife Lia, children Naloma/Dominic, Natasha/Savio, Nigel/Maria & grandchildren.
 Relatives, neighbours & friends, kindly accept this as the only Intimation

Month's Mind
 In loving memory of
RUTH ALBUQUERQUE
 Your life was a blessing
 Your memory a treasure
 You are loved beyond words
 And missed beyond measure.
 16th April 1933 - 10th April 2024.
 There will be Eucharistic celebration for the soul of Ruth Albuquerque at St. Michael's Church Anjuna at 7.30 am on 10/05/2024 followed by blessing of the grave.
 Offered by her relatives,
 Fr. Joe Pereira (Settler Founder Trustee, Kripa Foundation) and Kripa Family.
 Relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
LUISA MARIA FERNANDES
 (Ex-Civil cum Sub Registrar, Govt of Goa)
 Assolna / Taleigao
 A mom's hug lasts long after she let's go
 There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Luisa on Friday 10th May 2024 at 8:30am at St Agnes Church, St Inez, followed by prayers & blessing of the grave offered by her husband Augusto, children Herton/Leticia, Robinson/Indira, Ciana/Clito & grandchildren Lyevea & Lyzania; Dr Elzner & Elysia; Dr Cibeola & Christley.
 GOANITES 9822136397

MONTH'S MIND
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Dr. ELVIRA DIAS
 19.10.1932 - 10.04.2024
 There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Dr. ELVIRA DIAS on Friday, 10th May 2024 at 4:00 PM at Don Bosco Shrine Panjim, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave.
 (Due to road closure, please take the Gomantak Times road to Santa Inez cemetery)

LORD, I'M COMING HOME
Olivia Edita Trecilla Elizena D'Mello (Olive)
 Salgao, Goa
 Beloved wife of late Hector D'Mello (East Africa and Salgao)
 Loving Mother/Mother-in-law of late Deryck D'Mello, Maureen and Nevett D'Souza, Christine and Merlin Figueira
 Affectionate Grandmother of Marc D'Souza/Federica, Leanne/Vener Da Costa Frias, Dean and Neal Remedios
 Great-grandmother of Emily and Ethan Da Costa Frias
 The body will be brought directly to Mae de Deus Church, Salgao TOMORROW 10th May at 4pm for viewing.
 The Eucharistic Mass will be at 4.30pm followed by burial.
 Friends and Family please accept this as the only intimation
 No condolence visits please

THREE YEARS WITH THE LORD
SANTIAGO FERNANDES
 (PATXEA)
 Parvem-Agonda, Canacona
 Your legacy lives on through the memories we cherish and the values you instilled in us. We remember you with love and gratefulness.
 There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Santiago, on 10th May 2024 (Friday) at 8:00 am at St Anne's Church, Agonda followed by prayers and blessings at the Grave, offered by his sorrowful wife-Francisca F Fernandes, Children and Grand-children.
 Relatives, friends and neighbors kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Condolence
 In Loving Memory of our beloved
JOAO BARRETO
 (Igorjiwaddo, Sao Jose de Areal)
 Born : 10.05.1944 / Died : 07.05.2024
 You were our shining, guiding light, God recalled your soul so bright, Sad we are, but joyful too, to love and be loved by you.
 A tribute of love from your loving Brother / Sister in law Late Joaquim/Mariana Fernandes, Uncle of Zena, Cleston and Scarlet

3RD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 D.O.B : 21-04-1942 D.O.D : 10-05-2021
 In Fond & Everloving Memory of
LEONARD A. J. RODRIGUES
 (Baina, Vasco)
 Ex- MPT
 "O Lord, you have been our refuge from generation to generation". (Psalm 90.1)
 There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved LEONARD RODRIGUES on Friday, 10th May 2024 at 8:00 am at O. L. of Candelaria Church, Baina, followed by prayers at the grave.
 Offered by his sorrowful wife, children & family
 Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

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THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In cherished memory of
LUZIA LIDIA DE MELO e VAS
 AMBAJIM - FATORDA
 (Ex- Teacher Fr. Agnel Multipurpose H.S. School, Verna)
 There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Luzia Lidia De Melo e Vas on Friday, 10th May 2024 (Tomorrow) at 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church, Margao, followed by prayers & blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful husband Menon, daughter Nadia & family.
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation
 Rebelto Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In loving memory of
GALDINA ANGELINA SATURNINA COLACO
 (MURIDA - FATORDA)
 There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Saturnina on Friday, 10th May 2024 at 7:45 am at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Fatorda, followed by prayers & blessings of the grave, offered by her sorrowful family.
 Relatives, friends & neighbours, kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In everloving memory of
JOSE INACIO FERNANDES
 GORVOTTI NUVEM
 There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved JOSE INACIO on 10th May (Tomorrow) at Jesus-Maria-Jose Church, Nuvem at 7.30 am followed by prayers and blessings of the grave, offered by his Sorrowful wife Domiana, Sons Lazly / Salia, Dominic / Clara and Grandchildren Naomi, Delilah & Delisha.
 Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

SAD DEMISE
MARIA MELICIA FERNANDES
 (Miramar - Goa/Germany)
 Beloved daughter of late Joseph Fernandes / Irene Fernandes. Affectionate Brother / Sister-in-law of Dominic / Sintia. Grand Daughter of late Alfredo D'Souza / Rosy D'Souza. Niece of late Bento / Elsie, Thomas / Ieya, Antonio / Bianche. Loving cousins of Anderson / Eufemia, Alloyd, Savio / Alicia, Emily, Aaron / Kela and Amber.
 NO CONDOLENCE VISITS PLEASE

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In Everloving memory of
ALVITO ALMEIDA
 Canca - Parra / Cuncoilm Murida
 (Ex-Teacher St. Britto High School, Mapusa / St. Xavier's Higher Secondary, Mapusa)
 Born on: 03-04-1946 Died on: 10-05-2021
 "We think about you always we talk about you still. Though you may no longer be with us, in our hearts your love and guidance always will".
 Please join us for an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved ALVITO ALMEIDA at 8.00 am, on Friday, 10th May 2024 at St. Anne's Church Parra, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful family.
 Relatives, neighbours and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
 Colaco Ads, 9822143805

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In Everloving Memory of
LESTER (LAXMAN) GAUNKAR
 DICARPALIM - NAVELEM
 There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Lester at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Dicarpali on 10.05.2024 (Tomorrow) at 8.00am followed by prayers at the grave.
 Offered by his sorrowful wife Cynthia Andrade
 Son: Mubern Gaunkar
 RELATIVES & FRIENDS KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION

CONDOLENCE
PLANET HOLLYWOOD TAXI ASSOCIATION
 Deeply mourns the sad demise of
DENA DEVI MADHAV PRABHU
 (Wife of our member PEDRO SEQUEIRA)
 We convey our deep sympathies to the bereaved family.
MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In Loving Memory of
MARIA FILOMENA LOURDINA VAZ
 (Vasco)
 There will be Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of Maria at St. Andrew's Church, Vasco on 10-05-2024 at 8:15 AM followed by the blessing of the grave, offered by her son/daughter-in-law Brilon/Averlyn, grandson Aban.
 Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
 Vishwasurya 985049131

CONDOLENCE
 We deeply mourn the sad demise of
AMBROSIO DOMINGOS PEREIRA
 (Ex. Panch and Father of our Sarpanch Mr. Xavier Pereira)
 -:- Vaddie - Benaulim :-:-
 And convey our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family
 Fondly missed & remembered by:
Panch Members, Secretary and Staff of V. P. CANA BENAULIM
 'MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.'
 Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Service, Margao 9823022194

Fondly Remembered On Your 3RD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
Malini Philomena Souza Nazario Camara
 Born Feb. 14, 1954, Mombasa, Kenya
 Died May 9, 2021, Margao, Goa
 We thought of you with love today but that is nothing new We thought about you yesterday and days before that too, We think of you in silence, we often speak your name All we have are memories and your picture in a frame Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part God has you in His keeping we have you in our heart.
 Loving tribute from Husband Aires Camara & adorable daughter Sonia Camara.
 There will be a Memorial Eucharistic Celebration at Our Lady of Grace Church, Margao on 10th May 2024 at 8:30 am. followed by prayers & blessings at the grave.
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation
 Rebelto Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992

MONTH'S MIND
 In Everloving memory of
JORGE JOSE REGINALDO DE BARCA e FONSECA
 (TISK, PONDA)
 "The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come."
 There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Jorge on Friday, 10th May 2024 at 8.15 a.m. at St. Anne's Church, Ponda followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife, children and family.
 The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the Priests, Nuns, doctors and staff of Grace Cardiac, Margao, GMC, Dr. Gaunkar, relatives, friends, neighbours for their prayers, condolences, floral tributes and invaluable help rendered in our time of grief. We regret our inability to thank each one individually.
 Relatives & friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation.
 Sunshine Ads, Ponda 8380074704

Sesa FA down Cortalim Villagers; Sporting Clube drub Mumbai City

Team Herald
sports@herald-goa.com

MAPUSA: Sesa FA came strongly in the second session to register a 2-0 win over Cortalim Villagers SWSC in the Bhausaheb Bhandarkar Memorial Trophy, organised by GFA, held at Duler stadium, here, on Wednesday.

Sesa FA were indeed a better side in the first session with more attempts at the rival goal.

BHAUSAHEB BANDODKAR MEMORIAL TROPHY

Thokchom Singh strike was kept away for a corner by Cortalim's custodian Francis Vincent while his second attempt hit rival defender for a corner.

Earlier in the match, a deadly cross by Cortalim's Preston Fernandes saw Michael Dias a bit late to head the ball into the nets.

In the 44th minute, Sesa's Siddhant Shirodkar set up the ball to Khoiram Singh whose stiff grounder was blocked by keeper Francis Vincent.

However in the added time Cortalim Villagers received a jolt with the sending off their goalkeeper Francis Vincent for handling the ball outside the penalty box.



Cortalim Villagers custodian Francis Vincent collects the ball before Sesa's Omkar Shetgaonkar could head it into the net, at Duler stadium, on Wednesday

Cortalim Villagers coach Jude Barreto and skipper Clive Miranda were upset with referee Tejas Nagvenkar decision who had sent off the goalkeeper Francis Vincent at the advice from fourth match official Ritesh Parsekar, while his assistant line's men Yeshwant Gaonkar was silent.

On resumption of play, Sesa FA struck two quick goals in the 54th and 57th minute of play. A curling

corner by Thokchom Singh was brilliantly connected by unmarked Shridharnath Gawas while three minutes later Thokchom Singh who was instrumental in the first goal dribbled past his marker and drilled a stiff grounder to the far corner of the goal, 2-0.

Cortalim Villagers came strongly to wipe out the two goals deficit, but brilliant goal keeping by skipper Ronald Gaonkar saw him collect Vikram Venkatchalam placement and minutes later pushed the ball for a corner off K Dhanushraj strike from close.

Sesa's coach Charles Dias brought in Clencio Pinto and Joshua D'Silva whose two goal bound attempts were saved by Cortalim's substitute Savio Pereira.

Sesa's Thokchom Singh received the man-of-the-match award from Arvind Khutkar-Director of Sports & Youth Affairs.

In the next match, Sporting Clube de Goa had an easy outing as they drubbed Mumbai City FC by 4-0 margin.

It was almost one way traffic for Sporting colts. Earlier in the match two close efforts from Lyod Cardozo and Rohan Rodrigues were saved by Mumbai custodian Harsh Kadam.

Finally in the 10th minute a hot blooded shot by Lyod was blocked by custodian Harsh Kadam to find Rohan Rodrigues head the ball into the goal, 1-0.

After number of missed chances Flaming Oranje doubled their lead where Kunal Kundaikar moved upfront from the right flank and crossed the ball at the far end to Lyod Cardozo who connected the ball into the goal, 2-0.

Rohan Rodrigues strike was saved by rival custodian, while Alistair Anthony missed two open sitters before the breather.

On crossing ends Biswa Darjee scored the third goal for Sporting as he curled the ball to the far corner of Mumbai goal, 3-0.

In the added time Biswa Darjee hammered the final nail into Mumbai's coffin, 4-0.

Sporting's Lyod Cardozo received the man-of-the-match award from Uday Lingudkar-GFA's executive committee member.

St Anthony SC storm into final

INACIO NORONHA



Players of Guardian Angel SC, Curchorem and Canacona SCC fight for the ball at Vodlemoll-Kakoda

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RAIA: St Anthony SC, Marina-Siolim defeated United Club of Verna, 2-0 to move into the finals of 26th Holy Cross inter-village football tournament, held at Vodlemoll-Kakoda, on Wednesday.

Right from the start, both Siolim and Verna exhibited an aggressive style of play, favouring long shots in their pursuit of taking the lead. Marna launched impressive strikes from

afar, challenging Verna's goalkeeper who skillfully deflected their attempts. Verna, however, came close to breaking the deadlock

HOLY CROSS SOCCER

when Cyrus Noronha managed to net a goal, only for it to be disallowed due to an offside ruling, leaving the score tied at 0-0 at halftime.

Both the teams heightened their offensive tactics

in the second half, continuously pressuring each other's defences, but failed.

Siolim finally broke the deadlock through a brilliantly placed shot from Dalesh Pednekar. Energised by their first goal, Siolim continued to push forward, resulting in Mayuresh Naik finding the net with a precise strike from the lower corner.

Despite Verna's valiant attempts to stage a late comeback, Siolim's defense remained steadfast, securing their passage to the final.

Guardian Angel in final

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RAIA: Guardian Angel SC of Curchorem defeated Canacona SCC, 4-3, via the tie-breaker to enter into the final of the Coutinho Family Cup inter-village football tournament, played at Cuncolim School playground, on Wednesday. Ronaldo Oliveira opened the scoring for Canacona SC in the 7th minute while Mithun Fernandes equalised for Guardian Angel SC in the 16th minute.

In the ensuing tie-breaker - Airen Fernandes, Ivo Costa and Prince Costa scored for Guardian Angel SC while only Mehboob Hublikar and Alvito Miranda shoot at the target for Canacona SCC. Airen Fernandes of Guardian Angel SC was adjudged as man-of-the-match.

Shrikant Kate CA, MCC advance

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MARGAO: All Saints School, Bangalore, were defeated by Shrikant Kate CA, Pune, by a huge margin to stay in contention of the 2nd Exposure Trophy, organised by Margao Cricket Academy, while MCC struggled to beat Sportsweek CC by 3 wickets in an absorbing match, here, at SAG Fatorda grounds.

All Saints School, Bangalore: 40 all out in 16.3 overs (Rudraksh Jadhav 5 wickets for 4 runs). **Shrikant Kate CA:** 52 for 2 in 5 overs (Sharvil Shewale 22 not out) **Man-of-the-Match:** Rudraksh Jadhav

Sportsweek CC: 92 for 6 in 20 overs (Anay Lakhani 33, Dhruv Belekar 10, Vihaan Kolambkar 2



Vihaan Kolambkar receives the man-of-the-match award from coach Seeta



Rudraksh Jadhav receives the man-of-the-match award from Pune coach

for 14). **MCC:** 94 for 7 in 14.5 overs (Yash Naik 13, Pawan Redkar and Aarav Gawde 2 wickets, Anay Lakhani 1 wicket). A 66 extras

EXPOSURE TROPHY

by Sportsweek was the main cause of MCC winning an absorbing match **Man-of-the-Match:** Vihaan Kolambkar

Young Blood lift inter-Seraulim Under-16 Cup

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RAIA: Young Blood, Seraulim defeated Active Youth Soccobhatt Per-Seraulim, 4-2, via the tie-breaker to lift the Inter-Seraulim Under-16 Football Cup 2024, played at Panchayat ground, Seraulim.

Active Youth Soccobhatt took the lead in the 11th minute of the first half when Prason Mandal's powerful well placed shot from a 20 yard distance took the goalkeeper by surprise.

At half time Active Youth lead 1-0.

Young Blood entered the field with renewed ideas and scored at the very start of the second half when Elijah Gomes took a shot from the centre which was misjudged by both the defender as well as the goal keeper to give them the much required equaliser to make it 1-1.

Both teams tried hard



to find the winning goal and the ball was seen rolling from one end to the other. Since no more goals were scored after a fast pace attacking game the tie-breaker was imposed wherein Young Blood proved to be better shooters.

In the resultant tie-breaker, Elijah Gomes, Sakshan Shanke and Elijah Gomes

scored for Young Blood, Seraulim. Active Youth scored through Istiyat Mohamed and Manglash Banikappa shot was saved by the keeper.

The following prizes were awarded in the presence of guest Sister Ria, Braz Fernandes, Jose Martins, Jilu Domingos Fernandes, Ruban Da Costa, Pio Vales and Policarpo Cruz.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best player of the tournament: Prason Mandal (Active Youth, Soccobhatt)

Best goalkeeper of the tournament: Ansal Barreto (Young Blood, Seraulim)

Best striker of the tournament: Ishtiyat Mohd (Active Youth, Soccobhatt)

Best defender of the tournament: Elijah Gomes

First scorer of the finals: Prason Mandal

Best midfielder: Shakshan Shanker (Young Blood, Seraulim)

Best discipline team of the tournament: Cameroon Boys

Third place team: S Mini Mart, Seraulim

TODAY'S SPORTS

Bhausaheb Bhandodkar Memorial Trophy: FC Goa vs Dempo SC, at 4 pm; Panjim Footballers vs Kerala Blasters FC, at 7.30 pm. Both matches at Duler stadium

GFA U-19 League: Penha de France SC vs Sesa FA, at Sirsaim ground, at 4.15 pm

26th Holy Cross inter-village football tournament: Canacona Sports and Cultural Club vs Guirdolim Club, Assolda, at Vodlemoll-Kakoda ground, at 4.30 pm

Anjuna Gymkhana Cup 2024: Navelim Sporting Club vs Goa Velha SC, at Tembi ground, Anjuna, at 4.30 pm

Northamptonshire signs Siddharth

PTI, NORTHAMPTON: Indian pacer Siddharth Kaul was signed by English county side Northamptonshire on Wednesday. Kaul will feature in the fifth-ranked team's upcoming three County Championship Division 2 contests.

Calangute clinch veterans soccer at Santa Cruz

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PANJIM: Calangute Veterans edged out Fatorda Veterans, 1-0, to emerge champions at the all-Goa Veterans football tournament, organised by Mix Friends, at the Santa Cruz ground, on Sunday.

In a closely-contested match where both teams refused to give an inch, Calangute had the last laugh with Robert Fernandes scoring the only goal of the match.

The following individual prizes were awarded: First scorer of the final: Robert Fernandes (Calangute), best goalkeeper: Mario Aguiar (Calangute), best defender: Escobar (Calangute), best striker: Mithun (Fatorda).

Fr Richard Pinheiro, parish priest at Holy Cross church, St Cruz, was the chief guest for the final.



Parish priest Fr Richard Pinheiro presents the winners trophy to Calangute Veterans at Santa Cruz ground

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Head, Abhishek power Sunrisers to commanding 10-wicket win over LSG

PTI, HYDERABAD: The remorseless domination of Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma, who carved lightning fast fifties, helped Sunrisers Hyderabad mount the fastest chase of a 160-plus target en route their convincing 10-wicket win over Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL match here on Wednesday.

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Chasing a modest target of 166, Head (89 not out, 30 balls, 8x4, 8x6) and Sharma (75 not out, 28 balls, 8x4, 6x6) toyed with LSG bowlers, finding boundaries and sixes at will to canter home in just 9.4 overs.

The win propelled SRH to the third position in the standings with 14 points from 12 games, while LSG are struggling at the sixth spot with 12 points from the same number of matches.

The result also meant that five-time champions Mumbai Indians, currently ninth with eight points from 12 matches, are out of the play-off race.

The dance of destruction

MUMBAI INDIANS OUT OF PLAY-OFF RACE



Sunrisers Hyderabad's Travis Head (left) and Abhishek Sharma celebrate their win against Lucknow Super Giants at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium of Hyderabad

by Head and Sharma even left the legendary Sachin Tendulkar gushing.

The Head and Sharma show came after SRH bowlers started brilliantly be-

fore losing the plot a bit.

Ayush Badoni (55 not out off 30 balls) and Nicholas Pooran (48 not out off 25 balls) stitched crucial 95-runs off 55

balls for the unbeaten fifth-wicket stand to guide LSG to a competitive 165 for four on a sluggish pitch.

But Head and Sharma

took any hint of competition out of the match once they bludgeoned 107 runs in the Power Play.

It was an awesome hitting display from the Indo-Australian pair as they didn't spare a single LSG bowler, clobbering them to all parts of the ground.

LSG's decision to start with Krishnappa Gowtham

also backfired badly as both Head and Sharma, who are really good against spin, dismantled the off-spinner.

Such was the brutality of their assault that the likes of Yash Thakur, Ravi Bishnoi and Naveen-ul-Haq were taken to the cleaners, as sixes and fours rained at the Uppal stadium.

SCOREBOARD

Lucknow Super Giants: KL Rahul c Natarajan b Cummins 29, Quinton de Kock c Reddy b Bhuvneshwar 2, Marcus Stoinis c Singh b Bhuvneshwar 3, Krunal Pandya run out (Cummins) 24, Nicholas Pooran not out 48, Ayush Badoni not out 55. Extras: 4. Total: 165 for 4. **FOW:** 13-1, 21-2, 57-3, 66-4. **Bowling:** Bhuvneshwar Kumar 4-0-12-2, Pat Cummins 4-0-47-1, Shahbaz Ahmed 2-0-9-0, Vijayakanth Vijayakanth 4-0-27-0, Jaydev Unadkat 2-0-19-0, T Natarajan 4-0-50-0

Sunrisers Hyderabad: Abhishek Sharma not out 75, Travis Head not out 89. Extras: 3. Total: 167 for no loss. **Bowling:** Krishnappa Gowtham 2-0-29-0, Yash Thakur 2-4-0-47-0, Ravi Bishnoi 2-0-34-0, Naveen-ul-Haq 2-0-37-0, Ayush Badoni 1-0-19-0

Man-of-the-match: Travis Head

TODAY'S FIXTURE

Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Punjab Kings, at Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium, Dharamshala, at 7.30 pm

Find a structured way of T20 take over, says Lara; urges ICC to save Test cricket

PTI, NEW DELHI: Admitting that T20 leagues have devoured a lot of Test cricket's space, West Indian legend Brian Lara has appealed to the ICC to step in to give a structure to the unrelenting invasion of the franchise-based tournaments.

In the latest instance that fuelled questions over the relevance of Tests, South Africa recently sent an under-strength squad to New Zealand as their first-choice players were involved in the SA20 at home.

"I think ICC (should) put their head together and find a way where franchise cricket takes over, but in a much more structured way and not in terms of the free fall that is going on at the moment," Lara said in an interaction with PTI editors

'JAISWAL HAS GOT VERY GOOD CHANCE OF BREAKING HIS RECORDS'

PTI, NEW DELHI: Yashasvi Jaiswal's Test career is just nine games old but the great Brian Lara feels if there is anyone who can get close to his lofty feats, including the record 400 not out, it is the 22-year-old southpaw from India.

Lara's high praise for Jaiswal doesn't come out of the blue. The left two-handers share a special bond, having spent a lot of time over the past year following their "4 am conversation" during the IPL

at its headquarters which was facilitated by Star Sports where he is a commentator and expert for the ongoing IPL.

"I hope the astute thinkers could find a way to make sure that (Test) remains relevant. I like the Test Championship and I think it is important to

make sure that the game remains relevant."

So, is cricket now taking the football route where leagues take precedence over international assignments?

While Lara agreed in principle to the point, he found differences too in the two models.

"Well, yes (cricket fol-

lowing the football way). Let's just look at football. For instance, other than the big cups - European cups, World Cup, South American cups - they may have a few friendlies. So, Barcelona, Manchester United, Manchester City, they have their footballers generally for 11 months of the year.

"That seems to be working for football. It's taken off the burden as well for each country to be finding ways of making money by having football matches," Lara began.

But Lara said the wealth being accumulated among three big nations - India, Australia and England - presented a rather different scenario in cricket.

"The West Indies now is in a situation where our gate receipts can't make us survive. So, we are very thankful whenever India tours the West Indies. It's a lot of TV rights money passing around which is great.

"So, it's hard to see outside of the big three - Australia, England and India - how countries are going to survive when economically it's tough for them."

Sanju fined 30 % match fees

PTI, NEW DELHI: Rajasthan Royals captain Sanju Samson has been fined 30 per cent of his match fees for breaching the IPL Code of Conduct during his side's 20-run loss to Delhi Capitals at the Arun Jaitley Stadium here.

The offence committed by Samson, who made 86 during RR's unsuccessful run chase of 222 on Tuesday, was not specified but it could be for arguing with the umpires when he was given out after Shai Hope took a catch just near the boundary ropes in the 16th over.

The question was whether Hope's feet touched the boundary ropes while taking the catch.

Samson has proven his worth time and again: Hayden

PTI, NEW DELHI: Former Australian opener Mathew Hayden is mighty impressed with the IPL performance of **Sanju Samson** and has lauded the T20 World Cup-bound power-hitter for 'handling both spin and pace with finesse'.

Samson was in his elements on Tuesday when he nearly guided Rajasthan Royals to a win over Delhi Capitals with his 86-run knock here. The visitors eventually fell short by 20 runs. He is currently third on the top-scorers chart with 471 runs in 11 matches so far.

"Sanju Samson was batting like a dream, scoring 86 off 46 balls. He's proven his worth time and again... Throughout the tournament, he's been a master blaster, handling both spin and pace with finesse," Hayden



told Star Sports' 'Cricket Live'.

"He times his innings well. He's got the power. And the power is a big thing in T20 cricket. Yet, what stands out is his commitment to his team. He just needed a bit of luck, especially towards

the end of the match," he added.

Samson, who is the captain of Rajasthan Royals, has taken the second wicketkeeper's slot in the Indian team for the T20 World Cup starting June 1 in the Americas.

Former India cricketer Varun Aaron also praised his performance.

"I think Sanju Samson has been batting really well. Bowlers are keen on dismissing him, evident from their reluctance to bowl bouncers despite being allowed two per over in this IPL.

"Interestingly, the over he got out, Khaleel Ahmed bowled the first bouncer to him in the match. This seemed to disrupt his footwork, as the subsequently wide slow ball, which he typically dispatches for six over covers, resulted in his dismissal," he said.

Hummels stuns Mbappe and PSG to take Dortmund to final

AFP, PARIS: Mats Hummels headed in the only goal as Borussia Dortmund stunned Kylian Mbappe and Paris Saint-Germain in their Champions League semi-final second leg on Tuesday, winning 1-0 on aggregate and advancing 2-0 on aggregate to next month's final at Wembley.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Hummels struck five minutes into the second half at the Parc des Princes and PSG were unable to muster a response, the home side all out of luck as they hit the woodwork four times in total.

Dortmund, who sit fifth in the German Bundesliga, were never expected to go so far and will be underdogs in the June 1 showpiece regardless of



Dortmund's German defender Mats Hummels (2nd left) celebrates his goal with teammates against Paris Saint-Germain (PSG), at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris

whether they face their old rivals Bayern Munich or Real Ma-

drid, who meet on Wednesday. It will be their first final since

2013 when, remarkably, the match was also played at Wembley and Jurgen Klopp's Dortmund lost to Bayern.

Hummels played in that final and here, 11 years later, he was the hero as Dortmund built on the advantage given to them by Niclas Fullkrug's goal in the first leg.

The story of this semi-final, however, is as much about PSG's failure in another crunch knockout tie in the competition.

They have still never won the trophy despite all the money invested by their Qatari owners since the 2011 takeover, and there will be no dream send-off for Mbappe.

He will leave when his contract expires after this season and had been hoping to play his last game for the club in the June 1 final.

Instead PSG will be left to re-

RESULT

Semi-finals, second legs
Paris Saint-Germain 0 Borussia Dortmund 1 (Hummels 50)
Borussia Dortmund win 2-0 on aggregate

flect on how they failed to get their hands on the biggest trophy of all during Mbappe's seven years at his hometown team.

PSG's last two semi-final appearances both came during the pandemic, meaning this was the first time they had hosted a match at this stage of a European competition with fans in 29 years, since losing to AC Milan in 1995.

Luis Enrique's team had won 2-0 at home against Dortmund in the group stage and were safe in the knowledge that a repeat of that performance would be enough.

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Acid splashed on Malaysian soccer player; two others attacked in a week of rare violence

KUALA LUMPUR: A Malaysian international footballer has been splashed by acid and two other top players were attacked within a week of unknown assailants, in a rare outbreak of violence targeting athletes in the country. Police criminal investigation chief Mohamad Shuhaily Mohamad Zain said Wednesday that there were similarities in the three attacks and that the victims appeared to have been targeted. But investigators have not determined whether the cases were linked.

Faisal Halim, who plays as a winger for the national team and Malaysian club Selangor, was hospitalized with fourth-degree burns following an acid attack by two assailants at a shopping mall on Sunday. He was reported to be in critical but stable condition, with limited movement and speech.

Just three days earlier, another prominent national team player, Akhyar Rashid, was assaulted in a robbery outside his house in eastern Terengganu state after his return from training. He was hit with an iron rod, leaving him head and leg injuries. His attackers fled after taking money from him. Late Tuesday, former national team captain Saifur Rahman was tailed by two assailants on a motorbike after a training session in southern Johor state. They later threatened him with a hammer and smashed his car's rear window but he was not physically hurt.

Andy Murray to return from ankle injury at Geneva Open this month

GENEVA: Three-time Grand Slam champion Andy Murray is set to return from his ankle injury at the Geneva Open this month.

Tournament organizers announced Wednesday they had given the 36-year-old Murray a wild-card entry for the clay-court event that starts May 18.

Murray damaged ligaments in his left ankle during a match at the Miami Open last month. He opted against surgery. The former No. 1 has only played sparingly since having hip surgery in 2018 and has said he will probably retire after this summer. He is a two-time Wimbledon and Olympic champion and is hoping to compete for Britain again at the Paris Games.

The Geneva Open is a key warm-up event for the French Open, where Murray is a former finalist but has only played once since reaching the 2017 semifinals.

Former England spinner Panesar ends political stint in just one week

LONDON: Former England spinner Monty Panesar has ended his political stint in just one week as he announced that he is withdrawing as a parliamentary candidate for George Galloway's Workers Party of Great Britain.

The 42-year-old Panesar was unveiled by Galloway amid much fanfare in Westminster last week. The former left-arm spinner was due to contest the Ealing Southall seat in West London at the next general election. Panesar, however, decided to withdraw his candidacy after a series of challenging media interviews, in one of which he struggled to offer an opinion on the UK's continued membership of NATO.

AIFF executive committee approves federation's PoSH Policy

NEW DELHI: Rocked by allegations of physical assault against its executive member Deepak Sharma, the All India Football Federation on Wednesday approved and implemented the AIFF Prevention of Sexual Harassment (PoSH) Policy with immediate effect.

The decision was arrived at by the AIFF executive committee, following thorough deliberations and careful consideration, the federation said in a statement. The AIFF PoSH Policy, which is based on the PoSH Act 2013, is aimed at ensuring a safe and inclusive environment within the football community.

It has been crafted and vetted by the AIFF legal team. The decision comes weeks after allegations of physical abuse against Sharma. The executive committee member who is also the owner of Himachal Pradesh-based football club Khad FC was accused by two women footballers of physically assaulting them on the night of March 28 in a drunken state.

Neeraj to compete in India for first time in 3 years at Federation Cup

NEW DELHI: Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will compete at home for the first time in three years after confirming participation in the National Federation Cup to be held in Bhubaneswar from May 12 to 15.

The 26-year-old superstar is expected to travel to India from Doha after opening his season in the first leg of the prestigious Diamond League series on May 10.

"As per entries @Neeraj_chopra1 and Kishore Kumar Jena will compete in domestic competition starting May 12 in Bhubaneswar," the Athletics Federation of India tweeted. Chopra's coach Klaus Bartonietz also confirmed to PTI that his ward is taking part in the Bhubaneswar event.

India women eye clean-sweep in T20 series against Bangladesh

SYLHET (Bangladesh): The Indian women's cricket team would look to complete a 5-0 series whitewash when it faces a vanquished Bangladesh in the fifth and final T20 International of a weather-hit series here on Thursday at 3.30 pm (IST). The Indian bowlers have outperformed the batters, though two matches out of the four have been curtailed due to inclement weather. In the second match, India were to chase just 29 runs from 5.2 overs, and the batters got less overs to score.

Across four matches, India have only one fifty to show, by Shafali Verma (51) in the first match. Smriti Mandhana has a highest of 47 and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur has managed a best knock of 39 so far.

The performance does not reflect well on the team's batting core, considering that Bangladesh will host the women's T20 World Cup in October. Mandhana and Kaur would be looking to grab the opportunity on Thursday and score big.

Kaur, especially, would be looking to carry the momentum after her 39 off 26 in the last match on Monday, which was a 14-over-a-side affair. India won the match by 56 runs under Duckworth-Lewis method.

T20 World Cup: Paul Stirling to lead Ireland

IRELAND: Veteran opening batter Paul Stirling was on Wednesday named Ireland skipper in their 15-member squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup in West Indies and USA. Besides Stirling, the experienced faces in their squad are Andrew Balbirnie and George Dockrell as Ireland begin their campaign against India in their Group A fixture in New York on June 5. Pakistan, Canada and hosts USA are the three other teams of the group. Ireland's batting lineup features Harry Tector, Lorcan Tucker, Ross Adair, and Curtis Campher.