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More skeletons set to tumble out of Tiracol Coastal Security PS closet

Anti-Corruption Bureau verifying facts about GPay transactions and trying to find out how station diary was manipulated; summons more police personnel for probe; cops fumble to explain on GPay transactions

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PANJIM: The GPay saga seems to still haunt the Tiracol Coastal Security Police Station with their counterparts at the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths summoning more police personnel for inquiry, which had taken a back seat due to the Lok Sabha elections.

GPAY SAGA

Speaking on the condition of anonymity, a senior ACB officer said that they have summoned a head constable from Tiracol, who has been sitting pretty at the plum seat of his posting for the last nine years.

"The department normally transfers police personnel after every three years, and this head constable has been posted here for the past nine years with higher officials turning blind eye to his posting," said the senior officer.

"He has been operating four bank accounts and has

always been the 'apple of the eye' of all senior officials posted Tiracol Coastal Security Police Station and we have found that there were various GPay transactions in his account done by staff and others and we are trying to verify why the transactions were done," said the officer.

The cop allegedly involved in the transactions, defended himself by saying that it was 'confre' money. When confronted that it was an 'unauthorised and illegal community bank', the constable then said that he had taken loans from his colleagues via GPay transactions.

When asked to show the payments that he had made over all these years for the loans he availed, he was tongue-tied and had no answers. Sources say that some of the small fry, who are allegedly involved, want to turn state approvers for the fear of being arrested.

"We are trying to verify if duty postings were also given to 'blue-eyed boys' for pecuniary gains," said the ACB official and added

LONG TENURE RAISES SUSPICIONS

▶▶ A head constable, posted at the police station for nine years despite the department's policy of rotating personnel every three years, has come under probe for allegedly operating four bank accounts and engaging in suspicious GPay transactions

'SMALL FRY' WILLING TO TURN STATE APPROVERS

▶▶ The constable claimed the money was from colleagues as loans, but could not provide evidence of loan repayments. Sources say that some of the small fry, who are allegedly involved, want to turn state approvers for the fear of being arrested

DUTY POSTINGS FOR FINANCIAL GAIN?

▶▶ The ACB is investigating allegations that duty postings were given to favoured individuals for financial gain and that the station diary was manipulated to register a false complaint against the complainant

ed that they had summoned four other constables for inquiry.

The cop even went on to add that the police station was run like a panchayat and those from the locality were given prime postings and flexed their muscles even over assistant sub-inspectors at the station.

The ACB is also trying to verify as to how the station

diary was manipulated and a false complaint was registered against the complainant to harass him.

"We have got all corroborative evidence and we will definitely bring the case to its logical conclusion," the official said and added that if need be there may be more arrests in the case.

He said, "We are also scanning the role of an-

other senior police officer whose name also features prominently in the complaint filed by Pruthvi HN, an adventure sports operator from Arambol."

"We are establishing the records which are already there at the police station and we are yet to record the statements of the staff there. Every day new things come to light as to what had happened at the police station and we are corroborating that with the CCTV footage to see whether the PI was present at the police station when the station diary was manipulated as the dates just don't match," the official said

and added that they want to chargesheet the case and bring it to its logical conclusion to ensure that such incidents don't mar the image of the State and police force in future.

Sources revealed that more complaints alleging harassment have been filed against the Tiracol Police by various water sports operators. Many of these cases were swept

under the carpet by the former bosses and are likely to be revisited by the ACB

When O Herald questioned DySP Rajan Nigale about the developments in the case, he said, "Investigations are still on and whenever we were summoning Tiracol Police personnel for investigations, they claimed that they were busy with election duties."

It may be recalled that former PI Vidyesh Pilgaonkar of the Tiracol Coastal Security Police Station and two other cops namely police head constables Sanjay Talkar and Udairaj Kalangutkar were earlier arrested and released on bail.

A thorough investigation by PI Melito Fernandes under the supervision of a no nonsense SP Nelson Albuquerque and a tough Sessions Court order denying bail to constables with Judge Sherin Paul directing the police to probe into the matter as it involved top officials have set the ball rolling with three arrests and many more under the police radar.

PM on 'one nation, one leader'

mission: Kejriwal Alleges that Modi wants to 'finish off' all other leaders

PTI, NEW DELHI: A day after his release on interim bail, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Saturday launched a blistering attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging he was on a 'one nation, one leader' mission to impose 'dictatorship' by putting all opposition leaders behind bars and "politically finishing off" those in the BJP.

Addressing a gathering at the AAP headquarters here, the party supremo said Modi is asking for votes for Union Home Minister Amit Shah, claiming the latter will be his successor after he 'retires' on turning 75.

Later in the day, Kejriwal held his first roadshow for Lok Sabha election campaign along with his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann in the South Delhi constituency. He also held his second roadshow in East Delhi's Krishna Nagar.

Standing through the sunroof of a car in Mehrauli, he asserted the BJP will not form the government on June 4 and said if the INDIA bloc comes to power, the direction and fate of the country will change.

Full statehood will also be provided to Delhi, he promised.

Excitement was palpable at Kejriwal's first roadshow. AAP supporters and workers danced to 'dhol' beats with pakhadi music and bhanga performances setting the stage to welcome the chief minister in Mehrauli.

"In the last 20 hours after release from jail, I talked to poll experts and people, and got to know the BJP is not going to form the government," Kejriwal told AAP workers and supporters at the party headquarters.

Ahead of restarting his election campaign, Kejriwal along with wife Sunita and Mann offered prayers at the Hanuman temple in central Delhi's Connaught Place.

"These people (BJP leaders) ask INDIA bloc about their (PM) face. I am asking the BJP who will be their PM. Modi ji is turning 75 on September 17 next year. He had made the rule that people aged 75 would be retired. They retired LK Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Sumitra Mahajan," Kejriwal said at the AAP headquarters.

"Modi will retire next year. He is seeking votes for making Amit Shah the prime minister. Will Shah fulfil Modiji's guarantee?" he asked.

Captured 5 villages in northeast Ukraine: Russia

AP, VOVCHANSK: Moscow's forces captured five villages in a renewed ground assault in north-eastern Ukraine, the Russian Defence Ministry said Saturday, and Associated Press journalists in the city of Vovchansk described multiple buildings destroyed after Russian airstrikes and barrages of Grad rockets.

Ukrainian officials didn't confirm whether Russian had taken the villages, which lie in a contested 'gray zone' on the border of Ukraine's Kharkiv region and Russia.

Ukrainian journalists reported that the villages of Borysiivka, Ohirtseve, Pylna and Strilecha were taken by Russian troops on Friday. Russia said the village of Pletenivka was also taken. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said fighting was still going on in Strilecha and Pletenivka. Pg 13 >>

'Showers of blessing' across Goa bring respite to people from the blistering heat

IMD issues yellow alert till Monday

Team Herald

PANJIM: The unseasonal rains and thundershowers across several parts of the State on Saturday brought respite to the people from scorching heat, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) at Altinho-Panjim, issuing yellow alert till Monday.

This is the second time within a month, the State experienced rains, the earlier being on April 20, when heavy showers accompanied by thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds caused

At 6 pm, clouds are present over the taluka of Pernem, Sattari, Bicholim, Dharbandora and Sanguem. More talukas are likely to get affected since the clouds are generally moving towards South-West direction

—India Meteorological Department

damage at various places including the capital city of Panjim, where shoddy Smart City works got exposed. On Saturday, people pre-

ferred to stay indoors even as incidents of uprooting of trees were reported.

A car and a two-wheeler were damaged after a tree crashed on them at Korgao, Pernem, while the Verna fire personnel had to rush to Cuelim-Cansaulim, to clear the road, which got blocked in a tree uprooting incident.

"At 6 pm, clouds are present over the taluka of Pernem, Sattari, Bicholim, Dharbandora and Sanguem," the IMD said.

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DAZZLING DISPLAY



Two tugboats set off fireworks during the tugboat ballet at the 835th Hamburg Port Birthday on the river Elbe in the harbour of Hamburg, Germany, on Saturday

Scammers expose several Goa govt websites

Team Herald

PANJIM: Scammers have compromised several Goa government websites, including the SCERT's Goa Teacher's Eligibility Test (GTET), the Infotech Corporation of Goa's recruitment application, and the laptop scheme websites, by planting online Indian Premier League (IPL) betting advertisements and redirection links.

These advertisements were capable of redirecting visitors to online betting platforms.

The international news agency TehCrunch discovered that government websites in Karnataka, Kerala, and Telangana were also affected. Pg 5 >>

Regular water supply remains a 'piped' dream for Utorda residents

Locals of Francisco Costa ward continue to grapple with irregular water supply despite GHRC asking PWD to replace corroded pipelines; in a memorandum to PWD, plead for action to address low water pressure issue

Team Herald

MARGAO: The residents of Francisco Costa ward in Utorda are still grappling with irregular water supply despite Goa Human Rights Commission (GHRC) asking the Public Works Department (PWD) to expedite the replacement of old, corroded GI or galvanised iron pipelines with UPVC or unplasticised polyvinyl chloride ones in the severely-affected localities on an urgent basis.

HAR GHAR NAL BUT NO JAL

The locals complained that the irregular water supply issue has plagued the community, despite official directives to address the same. Emphasising the need for effective governance and accountability, the residents said that the

DESPITE COMPLAINTS, NO RESPITE

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▶▶ Emphasised the need for effective governance and accountability

▶▶ Claim that numerous complaints were made to the JE & AE of the area via telephone in the past

▶▶ Complain that no steps have been taken to address their grievances

Since April 29, the water situation has worsened significantly in Utorda. Our water issue was taken up suo motu by the Goa Human Rights Commission, to solve the issue. And it was also prominently highlighted by O Herald. In this regard, the Commission had passed an order to ensure regular water supply to the area which the department has not complied with till date

—Sharlet Fernandes, Majorda-Utorda-Calata panch

ongoing struggle for consistent access to water highlights the intersection of basic human rights and public service delivery.

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Solar storm puts on brilliant light show across the globe

Causes minor disruptions to electric power grid, communications & satellite positioning systems

AP, WASHINGTON: A powerful solar storm put on an amazing skyward light show across the globe overnight but has caused what appeared to be only minor disruptions to the electric power grid, communications and satellite positioning systems.

The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said extreme geomagnetic storm conditions continued Saturday, and there were preliminary reports of power grid irregularities, degradation of high-frequency communications and global positioning systems.

But the Federal Emergency Management Agency said that as of early Saturday morning, no FEMA region had reported any significant impact from the storms.

NOAA predicted that



Northern lights appear in the night sky above the Brocken early Saturday, in Schierke, Germany

strong flares will continue through at least Sunday, and a spokeswoman said in an email that the agency's Space Weather Prediction Centre had prepared well for the storm.

On Saturday morning, SpaceX's Starlink satellite internet service said

on its website that service had been degraded and its team was investigating. CEO Elon Musk wrote on X overnight that its satellites were "under a lot of pressure, but holding up so far."

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Villagers vow to protest against alleged illegal hill cutting in Mandrem

All set to corner panchayat members, sarpanch on Monday; say monstrous mega projects are detrimental to culture and village bio-diversity; accuse govt officials of dancing to the tunes of 'outsiders' for pecuniary benefits

Team Herald

PERNEM: The residents of Mandrem are up in arms against an alleged illegal hill cutting and a mega project coming up at Junaswada, Mandrem.

Social activist and villager Sanjay Barde warned that the locals would protest against the alleged illegality at the Mandrem Village Panchayat and demanded that the government stop the ongoing work immediately.

Mandrem residents have decided to corner the

“The hill is rich in biodiversity and such illegal activity will not only destroy the flora and fauna but also our culture. We will be forced to adopt the northern culture as outsiders will rule over our future generations

– Sanjay Barde, social activist and villager

panchayat members and sarpanch on Monday and charged that they would in no way tolerate the destruction of the village bio diversity. According to the villagers, the entire pristine hill in the vicinity is being destroyed.

“The hill is rich in biodiversity and such illegal ac-

tivity will not only destroy the flora and fauna but also our culture. We will be forced to adopt the northern culture as outsiders will rule over our future generations,” added Sanjay Barde.

The villagers have accused the government officials of being hand-in-glove



with the outsiders only for pecuniary benefits. “Keep something for villagers, don't sell Goa to outsiders,”

said a concerned villager. The residents have warned the government to take immediate action to

address their concerns, or else they would be forced to hold a protest against these alleged illegalities.

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shorttakes

1 CONTAINER TRUCK CARRYING SIX CARS TURNS TURTLE NEAR KARMAL GHAT

MARGAO: Although a container truck carrying six cars turned turtle near Karmal Ghat, Canacona late Friday night, fortunately nobody was injured in this accident. All the six cars in the truck that had arrived from Karnataka were damaged in the accident, disclosed sources in police. The truck apparently turned turtle when the driver went on the side of the narrow road to allow a speeding car overtake. Even as police have not registered any accident case, some opined that the narrow road has become accident prone especially for heavy vehicles, in that area. Incidentally, this is the third such incident of a heavy vehicle going off the road in that area.

2 VASCO RESIDENT INVOLVED IN FATAL ACCIDENT BOOKED BY COPS

MARGAO: Maina-Curtorim police on Saturday registered an offence of rash and negligent driving against Inus Ibrahim Hangi, 25 from Mangor Hill, Vasco in connection with Jesus Cardozo's death in an accident. Jesus aged 31, who was returning home to Padribhat, Sao Jose de Areal from working at Verna, died in an accident at Nuvem late Friday evening after his two wheeler was hit by a car. Inus drove his red Maruti Suzuki Eeco car in a rash and negligent manner endangering human life, according to the police. Following a complaint by Sagor Pandurang Mandrekar on behalf of the State, PSI Praful Giri has registered an offence against Inus under Sections 279 and 304-A of Indian Penal Code who was arrested was released on bail after obtaining surety.

3 RICKSHAW GETS STUCK AT RLY CROSSING, TRAIN OPERATIONS AFFECTED

MARGAO: Train operations were temporarily suspended after a rickshaw hit an iron bar at the Comba railway crossing when the railway gate was sought to be shut to allow a train to pass. Police sources disclosed that the rickshaw driver hit the iron bar as he was trying to cross the tracks before the gate was closed as is done to allow safe passage of trains. As the rickshaw was stuck on the tracks, trains had to be halted for some time and were permitted to proceed after the rickshaw was hauled away.

4 DRIVER RAMS VEHICLE INTO POLE AT TONCA; DAMAGES 3 OTHER VEHICLES



PANJIM: In a self-accident at Tonca, Panjim, on Saturday afternoon, an overspeeding car crashed into an electricity pole, on the newly laid Smart City road. The accused driver was sent for medical examination by the police. Eyewitnesses reported that the car, which had full black tinted glasses, was driven by an allegedly intoxicated driver. The impact of the crash resulted in the damage to the electricity pole and three other vehicles which were parked nearby. Luckily no casualties were reported in this high speed crash. Panjim Police are investigating the matter.

5 CALANGUTE POLICE ARREST TWO UGANDAN WOMEN FOR OVERSTAYING

CALANGUTE: Calangute police on Saturday arrested two foreign women for illegally staying in the country without any valid travel documents. Kyakuwade Margret, 39 and Nakachwe Moureen, 33, both from Uganda, and residents of Baga, Calangute, were found without a valid passport or visa during a drive by Calangute police against foreign nationals staying illegally in the State. Both have been lodged in judicial custody, Calangute PI Paresh Naik said, adding the FRRO has been informed of the arrests.

RAZED TO RUBBLE

SAGUN GAWADE



The operator of an earthmoving machinery demolishes the remaining portion of the open-air amphitheatre at Kala Academy, Campal-Panjim, on Saturday. It is pertinent to note that the stage roof of the amphitheatre at Kala Academy collapsed in July last year. Serious questions were raised over the quality of work being put into renovating the renowned arts institution

GOACAN concerned about threat to road safety due to lack of mandatory signage on NH 66

Team Herald

PANJIM: GOACAN (Goa Civic and Consumer Action Network) expressed concern about the threat to road safety due to the lack of mandatory signage at the work of “Dismantling of the Pipe Culvert and construction of Box Culvert on NH-66 at Mercedes” being undertaken by M/s Bavikara Construction Pvt Ltd, under the supervision of the Executive Engineer WD-VII (NH), PWD, Panjim.

In letters to the North Goa Collector, SP (Traffic), Director of Transport and PWD Principal Chief Engineer, the GOACAN coordinator Roland Martins stated that “after receiving complaints from riders

and drivers that there was poor signage displayed at the work site, we visited the work site on April 15, 2024 and were shocked to see poor signage displayed at the site. Most important was the fact that there was not a single board giving details of the Agency executing the work, the time period, the PWD division concerned, the cost of the project and contact emergency numbers.”

Despite alerting the executive engineer, WD-VII (NH), PWD Panaji on April 15 itself and his assurance that necessary action would be taken, there was nothing done, Martins stated.

The GOACAN letter further states, “As you will note riders and drivers who are travelling at a

speed of 90-km per hour have to suddenly drop their speed to 20-km or to 10-km as there are no sign boards warning them in advance that there is a diversion ahead and they need to reduce the speed of the vehicle. At the present time, when we are seeing people die on the roads in Goa almost one every 24 hours, it is shocking to see such negligence by the Contractor and a failure on the part of the concerned Junior Engineer / Assistant Engineer of the PWD to visit the site and do the needful.”

The GOACAN has decided to raise this matter at the forthcoming meeting of the North Goa District Road Safety Committee and the State Road Safety Council.

Lairai Zatra – A centuries-old tradition of devotion and fire-walking starts at Arpora today

HERALD PICS



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CALANGUTE: The annual Lairai Zatra is set to commence on Sunday, May 12, in Xim Vaddo, Arpora, where a large number of devotees gather to fast and participate in the event's unique fire-walking ritual at the temple. This event has been celebrated for decades, drawing the enthusiastic response from the people.

The festival's committee receives support from the community through the donation of different food eateries, which are cooked for the six-day-long event. A day prior to the zatra, a Mahaprasad is held at the temple, where the entire village and devotees from neighbouring villages take part.

One of the senior-most devotees who walk in the fire during the zatra, popularly known as *dhond*, said that when the event first started, there were 19 *dhonds*, and now the number has increased to around 40-45. The youngest *dhond* is 10 years old, and the oldest is around 75. The *dhonds* added that they have not faced any difficulties during the festival over the years.

Pramod Hadfadkar, a villager, expressed his enthusiasm for the festival, stating that they have been celebrating it for many years and have received a good response from the people. The committee's support, including the donation of different food eateries, has been crucial for the event's success.



Tragedy lurks at Khandepar as land filling risks commuters' safety

Residents say rainfall during rains, roads will turn muddy and slippery; vehicles will skid and result in mishaps

Team Herald

PONDA: The ongoing road construction project in Khandepar has raised concerns among the local residents, who fear that the unfinished work could turn fatal for commuters, especially during the upcoming monsoon.

According to a resident, just 12 days ago, heavy rainfall caused the mud from the under-construction areas to wash off onto the road, forming large cracks. The major work on the project of constructing the bridge remains incomplete as the start and end points of the bridge are still incomplete. Locals are worried that the situation could worsen once the monsoon arrives.

“Once the monsoon starts, the



dug-up area will be filled with water, posing a huge risk for motorists and other commuters,” the resident said, urging the authorities to complete the work before the rainy season begins.

Last week, residents requested the authorities to remove the mud dumped in the middle of the

road. With the upcoming school reopening and the monsoon season, there are concerns that the heavy rains could wash the mud onto the road, causing further inconvenience to commuters.

“I don't have any complaints about the work, but I request the authorities to look into the matter and clear the land to avoid further inconvenience to commuters,” the resident added.

The unfinished road construction project and the resulting hazards have raised concern among the local community. Residents of Khandepar are asking for immediate action to ensure the safety of all who use the road. Residents hope that the authorities will consider their concerns and complete the necessary work before the onset of the monsoon.



IS TOURISM WHICH IS THE MAINSTAY OF GOAN ECONOMY, ON A DECLINE?

“We have to improve tourism inflow as much as possible. We have to increase the number of domestic and foreign tourists coming to Goa. But if we see the Tourism Minister, he goes on junkets and tours. Is there any benefit or implementation? There is need to review and amend the tourism policy. The stakeholders such as hoteliers, shack operators, taxi operators have to be consulted to amend the policy. If we don't take care of tourism, our economy will be in a bad shape in the future. Even after having two airports, tourism has declined. Why do tourists prefer Maldives and Thailand? Government will have to keep an eye on the crime rate. The issues of the water sports operators, taxi operators, hoteliers issues, sound pollution issue has to be sorted. Goa has to be party destination. Goa should host big events which will benefit organisers and locals.

– Ashwinkumar Naik

It appears that the 2023-24 tourism season was not such a good for all stakeholders. In this edition of Street Voices, Herald TV spoke to people to know their opinion whether they think tourism which is the mainstay of Goan economy is on the decline?

“Goa tourism is based on its natural environment. People come to enjoy the natural beauty. Tourists come to Goa because it is like heaven. The government should have preserved this heaven. There are no changing rooms for women. There are no proper wash rooms. Basic facilities should have been provided by the tourism department. Both the State Government and the Tourism Department have failed. Foreign as well as domestic tourists come to enjoy the ecology of Goa but the government is cutting so many trees and destroying nature. If this happens, then tourists will stop coming to Goa. No tourist will come to see the concrete jungle

–Rajan Ghate

“There are many reasons for decline of tourism in Goa. Are we making Goa tourist friendly? There is no proper lighting on the beaches. The high masts are not working properly. The toilet facilities are so poor, especially for women tourists. So much money is being poured into tourism but you cannot provide toilets which may cost just Rs 2 to 3 lakh. The crime rate in Goa – the rapes and murders are taking place in Goa. Foreign tourists are being given advisories not to visit Goa. Ninety percent vendors on the beaches are non Goans. Then there is extortion. Domestic tourists don't eat at local eateries, they use their own transport. They cook by the roadside. They don't even use the Sulabh toilets by paying Rs 5. The domestic tourists are useless as far as Goan economy is concerned.

– Anthony D'Silva

“Tourism industry is one of the mainstay of the economy. Many Goans earned their daily bread and led a good life with the tourism industry flourishing. Today they are lost in their own place. The tourism industry has been taken over mostly by non Goans. Most of the restaurants, five star hotels and casinos are owned by non-Goans. That hospitable, loving Goan touch is not being felt by the tourists as Goans are no more seen there. The noise and garbage has made tourists run away from Goa. In the last two years, touts have multiplied like nobody's business. This is happening under the present Tourism Minister. He has brought it to such a level that very soon nobody will like to visit Goa. Goans no longer want to go to the beaches because they are full of beggars, hawkers and touts.

– Trajano D'Mello

Scammers plant online IPL betting advertisements on Goa govt websites

Advt's capable of redirecting visitors to online betting platforms; pressing need felt for fool-proof security mechanism for the government websites which host personal and sensitive data of citizens

Team Herald

PANJIM: Scammers have targeted the Goa government websites several times thereby highlighting the pressing need for a fool-proof security mechanism for the government websites, which host personal and sensitive data of citizens of the State.

Scammers compromised SCERT's Goa Teacher's Eligibility Test (GTET) website: <https://gtet.goa.gov.in/> and Infotech Corporation of Goa's recruitment application website <https://itgrecruitment.goa.gov.in/> and SC/ST free laptop scheme

It is learnt that the international news agency, TechCrunch, discovered that besides the Goa government websites, the government websites of Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Bihar and Mizoram had also been hacked and were redirected to online betting platforms

website <https://merit.goa.gov.in/> and planted online betting advertisements and redirection links on these websites.

The scammers were found planting online Indian Premier League (IPL) betting advertisements on the government websites. All these advertisements were capable of redirecting visitors to online betting platforms.

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However, it was not clear how these scammers planted their advertisements on Government of India pages and for how long the links

were redirected to the online IPL betting platforms.

The links were indexed by search engines, including Google, making the ads easy to find online. The redirections have been disabled after an international news agency -TechCrunch reported the matter to Indian - Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). However, the indexing by search engines continues to point to the goa.gov.in websites.

In June last year, the scammers had published advertisements, which were available online, for hacking services on the USA government websites.

Awaken India Movement urges govt to compensate victims of Covishield vaccine

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Awaken India Movement (AIM) has raised its concerns over Covishield vaccine side effects and demands compensation and liability to victims and families.

In light of recent developments where AstraZeneca accepted Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS) as a side effect in UK Courts, the AIM stated that it has been collecting details of Covid vaccine deaths covered by media/social media in India and sharing with various high authorities of the country, since 2021, when the vaccination began.

The government had failed to respond to its repeated requests to investigate deaths and debilitation from adverse effects of vaccination. As per the AIM efforts, the current tally stands at 19,273 deaths in the adult population and 186 deaths in children. This figure could actually be much more, the AIM said.

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The government had completely ignored the rising number of cases of tragic deaths post Covid vaccination all the while and continues to promote Covid vaccines as "safe and effective", without scientific investigation and invoking epidemiology.

The AIM has urged the Government of India to compensate all the victims of the Covishield vaccine including the family members, through a mechanism that involves vaccine manufacturers as well and to establish Fast Track Courts and Vaccine Courts to provide swift justice to the vaccine injured and their families.

The AIM has also demanded the implementation of active surveillance and monitoring mechanisms to ensure vaccine adverse events are identified as early as possible and to create early treatment protocols and to widely publicise them so that lives can be saved.

It has further urged the government to review the science behind all Covid vaccines and audit their commercialisation.

Maina-Curtorim police detain man under preventive custody

Team Herald

MARGAO: Maina-Curtorim police on Saturday placed Sooraj Naik Pawar under preventive custody as he had reportedly threatened one person at Arlem.

Meanwhile, Anthony Barbosa complained to Maina-Curtorim police against Pawar for defamation and spreading false information on social media.

Barbosa in his complaint accused Pawar of defaming him and BJP candidate Pallavi Dempo by circulating photographs and text messages stating that hundreds of empty envelopes with his and Dempo's photographs were found in Raia. He asserted that he had not prepared any such envelopes nor were they prepared at the instructions of Dempo or any other BJP worker.

BOLT FROM THE BLUE

SAGUN GAWADE



A lightning strike lit up the cloudy skies over the Atal Setu, Panjim. Motorists and pedestrians were caught unawares as pre-monsoon showers lashed most parts of Goa. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) Goa had predicted thunderstorms accompanied with lightning and winds gusting to 30-40 kmph at isolated places across Goa on May 12 and 13 and issued a 'Yellow Alert' for the two days

BITS Pilani Goa Campus participates in ChemExpo 2024

Team Herald

VASCO: BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus participated in the prestigious ChemExpo 2024 held on April 24-25, 2024, at NESCO, Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai.

BITS Pilani exhibited at the exclusive Technology Showcase Pavilion alongside IIT Bombay, ICT Mumbai, GreenChemistree Foundation and six CSIR labs.

Altogether 525 exhibitors exhibited themselves for over 25,000 visitors. Dr Saurabh Patankar, Department of Chemical Engineering represented BITS Pilani at the ChemExpo.

ChemExpo India 2024 is a comprehensive showcase of Indian capabilities in the broad chemical industry. Exhibitors came from the Bulk, Fine and Speciality Chemical Industries.

New appointments of priests of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman for the Pastoral Year 2024

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Archdiocese of Goa and Daman has announced the following appointments of its Clergy to various Ministries in the Archdiocese. These appointments are to take effect from the beginning of the Pastoral Year 2024. In a circular sent by Fr Barry Cardozo, Director, Diocesan Centre for Social Communications Media, the following appointments have been effected:

Patrick Joseph Socorro Furtado, SAC (Sarzora); Joe Fernandes, SFX (Diu); Vittorio Fernandes, SFX (Dapadda) and Herald Mathias, SFX (Silvassa).

Appointed Parochial Administrators of the following Parishes: Frs. Ramdas Gavitt, SFX (Silvassa) and Aleixinho Rodrigues, SDB (Vaidongor).

Appointed Chaplains of the following Chaplaincies: Frs. Eremito Monte Rebelo (Guirdolim, Chandor); Valeriano Norbert Andrade (Carvota, Loutulim); Francisco Xavier Fernandes (Porvorim, Socorro); Agnelo Antonio Sertorio Jacinto dos Soares Moniz e Rodrigues (Mazilvaddo, Benaulim); Edwin Pereira (Pulvaddo, Benaulim); Jovial Fernandes (Ilha de Rachol, Rachol); Mansueto Fernandes (Murida, Cuncolim) and Ivo Fernandes, SFX (Uguem, Sanguem).

Appointed Assistants to the Parish Priests of the following Parishes: Frs. Benson Po, SDB and Aleixinho Rodrigues, SDB (Tuem); Joesely Rocha (Aquem-Alto); Myron Noronha (Assolna); Newton Paul Fernandes (Chisda); Selwino Socorro Pereira (Panjim); Leslie Gomes (Piedade); Mario Carvalho (Siolim); Francisco Xavier Barreto (Vasco da Gama); Valerian Fernandes, SVD (Marcela); Reuel Clyde Fernandes (Goa Velha); Christ Rayan D'Souza (Canacona); Peter Tyson Gonçalves (Sto. Estêvão); Dezil Fernandes (Loutulim);

Clifford Fernandes (Holy Trinity, Benaulim); Warren Britto Pereira (Velim); Boris Dias (Alto-Porvorim); Venancio Fernandes (Nuvem); Anthony Melvin Gomes (Holy Spirit, Margão); Clive Agnelo Dias (Navelim); Joao Gonsalves (Seraulim); Joel Rodrigues (Santa Inês); Jackie Afonso Albuquerque (Bambolim); Wilson Godad, SFX (Cananginim and Cabo de Rama); Noel Menezes, SFX (Anjuna); Selvin Cruz, SFX (Moti Daman); Ramdas Gavitt, SFX, (Silvassa) and Lelwin Pereira, SFX (Sanguem).

Appointed Priests-on-the-Staff in the following Parishes: Frs. Sebastião João Nazareth (Oxel); Dominic Alvares SFX (Penha de França); Caetano Asterio Cipriano Castolino (Pomburpa) and Jithesh Leonard D'Souza, SAC (Masat, Silvassa).

Appointed to other Ministries in the Archdiocese: Frs. André Sebastião Antonio Simão Godinho (Vice Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman); Candido Fernandes (Director of Pastoral Institute, Old Goa); Snyter Selwyn Pereira (Prefect of Discipline of the Patriarchal Seminary of Rachol); George Dias (Professor of the Patriarchal Seminary of Rachol); Reagan Fernandes (Director, Vocation Commission for the Diocesan Clergy and Prefect of Discipline of the Minor Seminary of Our Lady, Saligão-Pilerne); Aniceto Paulo Eremita Coutinho

(Asst. Director, 'Hospicio do Clero', Margão) and Leslie Noronha (Asst. Director of the St Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Old Goa).

Relieved of their present Ministries in the Archdiocese: Frs. Joseph Rodrigues, SFX (PP of Silvassa); Richard Correia, SDB, (PP of Tuem and P. Admin of Vaidongor); Victor Conceição Rodrigues (PP of Grace, Chorão); Royal Crasta, SAC (Chaplain of Masat, Silvassa); Greg Abel Fernandes, SFX (Chaplain of Uguem, Sanguem); Constancio Mendes, SFX (Asst. to PP of Cananginim and Asst. to P. Admin. of Cabo de Rama); Andrew D'Costa, SFX (PP of Diu); Dominic Gonsalves, SFX (Asst. to PP of Moti Daman); Anthony A. Cardozo, SFX (PP of Dapadda); Ramdas Gavitt, SFX (P. Admin. of Silvassa); Suman Indwar, SFX (Asst. to PP of Sanguem); Simião Purificação Fernandes (Director of Pastoral Institute, Old-Goa); Alf Alex D'Cruz (Asst. to PP of Alto-Porvorim); Elvis Godinho (Asst. to PP of Navelim) and Aaron Joseph Magalhães (Asst. to Director of St. Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Old-Goa).

Cong files complaint against Social Welfare Minister for violating code of conduct on polling day

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Congress party filed a complaint against Social Welfare Minister Subash Phal Desai for moving around from polling booth to booth influencing the voters of Sanguem constituency on the polling day on May 7.

In his complaint, the Goa Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) vice president Sunil Kawthankar has stated that the Minister was seen moving around from booth to booth in Sanguem Assembly constituency influencing voters and skipping queues and even entering polling stations.

This happened in full view of the polling officers, a video of which had been posted on his Facebook page. The Minister also urged the voters to vote for BJP candidate in this particular post, which Kawthankar said, was a clear violation of the model code of conduct in force.

Reacting to the Minister's statement that he had visited the polling booth after machines at EVMs at four different booths had development problems, Kawthankar said, "Is he (Phal Desai) a technician appointed by Election Commission; what right he has to enter the polling booth other than where he is going to cast his vote. In his post the Minister never said he had gone to rectify the EVM's fault - Sunil Kawthankar, GPCC Vice President

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Kawthankar has urged the Election Commission to initiate strict action against him for trying to influence and coerce the voters.

Govt HSS, Khandola, to get new premises in two years

Team Herald

PONDA: Government Higher Secondary School, Khandola, will have a new building in two years as the present premises are in dilapidated condition.

The decision was taken by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant who visited the old higher secondary building along with Art and Culture Minister Govind Gaude, after parents and students complained about leakages from roof during monsoon which caused hardship to students.

Parents had also complained about the slow ongoing repair work of the higher secondary building. Arts, Commerce, Science and vocational education is provided at this HSS premises.

Later speaking to media, Sawant said that the government will provide a new building along with a playground. The ongoing repair work on part of the Higher Secondary School (HSS) building was also inspected. Chief Minister directed the contractor to complete the repair work within next two months and thereafter start renovation work on another building. He also directed to upgrade the library and laboratory of the HSS. The Higher Secondary building would be renovated in two phases. The total cost of renovation work in two phases amounts to Rs 2 crore.

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Silver ornaments valued at Rs 4.9 lakh stolen from Vithal temple at Sanguem

Team Herald

SANGUEM: Some unknown persons broke into Vithal temple at Sanguem and decamped with silver ornaments weighing around 8 kgs approximately valued at Rs 4.90 lakh.

CCTV footage of the temple premises show two persons entering the temple at around 1:30 am and searching for valuables.

They then entered the sacred sanctorum where Lord Vithal's idol is placed and stole the silver ornaments draped on the idol.

Dattaprasad Sanguekar living near the temple tried to nab the thieves as he came out of the house hearing some noise, but could not succeed due to the prevailing darkness.

He then informed the temple committee members who in turn contacted Sanguem police who are now investigating the matter.

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Road works cause of concern before monsoon

Dark clouds hovering over the west coast of India and the pre-monsoon showers in the State announce the arrival of the monsoon in Goa shortly. The onset of the monsoon is just three weeks away, which means that the State machinery has just three weeks to prepare for the season and complete all pre-monsoon works. Amongst other concerns, a major problem for Goans has been the spike in road accidents during the monsoon. Bad road engineering has led to fatal accidents in the State and a queue of blackspots awaits the government's urgent attention to be rectified.

What adds to the woes of the people of Goa is the unscrupulous/extensive digging of roads across the length and breadth of the State. For the last couple of years, either on account of laying sewerage lines, underground cabling, gas pipelines, laying of water pipelines, or laying of cables for broadband connectivity, there has been continuous digging and re-digging of the roads in the State. When the local authorities are questioned, the municipalities and panchayats point fingers at the district administration for granting permission to carry out the work. However, the local governing bodies are equally responsible, as they issue the permissions to carry out the digging within their jurisdiction and are also paid the requisite fees for the same.

As reported by O Heraldo, the residents of Bandora in Ponda taluka have voiced concerns over extensive road digging before the monsoon for sewerage and underground power cabling projects, citing significant dust pollution and exacerbated road conditions. The locals pointed out that the recent unseasonal rainfall last month choked the cross drainage and further underscored the challenges posed by the ongoing road excavation and the threats it poses if the works are not completed before the end of this month.

On the other hand, incomplete pre-monsoon works have become a cause of worry for the residents of Salcete as the drains and storm water channels are still choked. They have called upon the district disaster management authority to conduct a comprehensive survey of low-lying areas that experienced waterlogging during the previous years.

In the port town of Vasco, a councillor from the ruling panel accused the municipality chairperson of laxity in executing the pre-monsoon works and has raised concerns about flooding during the upcoming monsoon season. Mormugao in the past has witnessed flooding in the low-lying areas, as well as landslides in the hilly region of the port town.

The situation in other towns and villages is no different, with Panjim being the most prone to flooding and disaster during the monsoon. The capital city, which is in the quest to become Smart City, is yet to complete its work even as the special purpose vehicle, Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited (IPSCDL), has committed to complete the works by May 31. Panjim city which attracts tourists from across the globe is in a mess with literally the whole city being dug up, in addition to missing traffic signages. The situation is similar across the State wherever such digging works are being undertaken. In absence of signages and traffic wardens, Panjim has already claimed two lives within months, and if the pre-monsoon works are not carried out in time then the capital city is heading for a disaster.

The State should not forget the Raia crusader, 72-year-old Pedro Antonio Gauncar, who died after falling into a clogged and overflowing stormwater drain along the highway between Pepsi Junction and Our Lady of Livramento Church in Arlem on July 5, 2022. The septuagenarian lost his life as the Raia Village Panchayat did not pay heed to his letter explaining the dangers of the open stormwater drain and demanding desilting before the arrival of the monsoon.

The most important event of elections, polling, has been completed and the authorities ought move beyond, and within the remaining period plan and execute works before the advent of the monsoon.

The courts have also held that effective access to justice as part of the Basic structure of the Constitution. There are many cases wherein the judiciary using the basic structure doctrine effectively warded off, the repeated assaults on the Constitution, to undermine, the value and vision of the Constitution



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REPOSITIONING THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

Talking about Constitution, using provisions of the Constitution, are all fashionable during election season, even by those who otherwise discard and make statements and act counter to the Constitution.

The Constitution of India was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November, 1949 and came into force on 26th January, 1950. It took precisely 2 years, 11 months, 17 days to create the Constitution of India. The Constitution-makers had gone through the constitutions of about 60 countries, and the Draft Constitution was considered for 114 days.

Jawaharlal Nehru stated at the first session, "The first task of this Assembly is to free India through a new constitution, to feed the starving people, and to clothe the naked masses, and to give every Indian the fullest opportunity to develop himself according to his capacity."

The Constitution of India, begins with the words 'We, the people of India' and there after the term 'The people' is repeated 140 times in the Constitution, a most repeated term in the Constitution.

Perhaps the members of the drafting committee, were conscious, that India gained its freedom, not because of some tall leader, (though there were many), but because of the people of India, who untiringly supported, promoted and encouraged and fuelled the struggle for freedom in every way possible and this freedom was not attained because of any single leader, or caste, or community or region or even an ideology, but was a collective endeavour of all Indians and therefore, the Constitution, they were drafting should be capable of fulfilling the aspirations of every Indian and wipe away the tears of anxiety, tension and deprivation of each and every Indian, without any sort of discrimination whatsoever, therefore "WE THE PEOPLE OF INDIA"... became the spirit and life of the Constitution of India and therefore the central theme of the Constitution of India is 'THE PEOPLE'.

The People is the spirit (the atman) of the Constitution of India. This aspirations of the people for a future democratic nation is fittingly described by Gurudev Rabindra Nath Tagore in his Gitanjali "Where the Mind is without Fear"

"Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high Where knowledge is free Where the world has not been broken up into fragments By narrow domestic walls Where words come out from the depth of truth Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit Where the mind is led forward



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by thee Into ever-widening thought and action

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake".

The People is the soul of the Constitution, of the many mentions of The People, the most notable are in the Preamble, which indeed is the ideological basis and is committed to Justice, Equality and Liberty for the people.

Then there is direct reference to The People in Art 38 assuring them of a just social order and to secure welfare of all the people and their economic interests. Art 46 guarantees education for all, and Art 47 an assured level of Nutrition.

Therefore the business of governance, both at the Union and the States have to be, first and foremost, has to be, to take care of these basic essentials needs of The People namely, health, education and economic wellbeing of all The People. This is the purpose of the Constitution of India.

All the self praises and applauds, without achieving these basic necessities for all THE PEOPLE is just hype and puff, and has no real intrinsic value to the Nation and its people.

This theme of caring for the people is further reinforced in the oath of Office of the President as well as the Vice President and of the Governor. It is part of their solemn promise to do all that is necessary for the wellbeing of the people and in

Structure of the Constitution in Kesavananda Bharati Case, ensuring that the Parliament cannot take away or abridge a Fundamental Right that forms a part of the 'basic structure' of the Constitution.

This doctrine of Basic structure does include certain basic precautions against abuse or over use of power by the legislature and the executive, that laws shall not alter, Supremacy of the Constitution nor its Secular Character, the coming into being of the Welfare State, assuring socio-economic justice and governance according to the Rule of law etc.

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Now five decades after, the Doctrine, the judiciary will require a much stronger tool or a Doctrine, to ward off further attacks on the Constitution by various vested interests. That effective method would be, by resuscitation of the spirit (atma) of the Constitution and insist on the People's welfare as the prime obligation of the elected members and the very purpose of their existence of such people's representatives. This may halt the enactment of laws, counter to the interests of the People and prevent conflicts and violence between the governing elite and the people. After all, is not, seven decades sufficient time to insist on positive actions, for the implementation of the Directive Principles of State Policy?

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The stunning meltdown by the BJP troll ecosystem on Kejriwal's bail and their subsequent attacks on the judiciary is only because an opposition leader got out of jail without joining the BJP

or stepping back from the fight. The instinct to viciously thwart every opposition party or opposition leader is a dangerous one for democracy. Remember, no one rules forever. Governments change. The precedents you set, however, remain.

Supriyo Sarkar @SarkarSupriyo

Now the lies are exposed! That the so called JNU videos which were the basis for calling an entire generation of scholars and students as 'Tukde Tukde Gang' were doctored by the HRD minister's office! What a shame!

Tip, gift, bribe: Ethical crossroads

Understanding business ethics is like cautiously manoeuvring a hazardous terrain. We hear phrases like "The cost of doing business" or "Our competitors are doing it" "Not a big deal" as justifications for corrupt payments. But where do we draw the line between what's acceptable and what's not?

Gift-giving, tipping, and bribery blur these lines even further. George Washington once said, "Few men have virtue, to withstand the highest bidder," highlighting how easily we can succumb to the allure of money or lavish gifts. But are all forms of giving, the same?

Let's break it down. A gift, like buying a novel for a client, is a token of goodwill, albeit with a business twist. Tipping, such as leaving money for a waiter, is a customary way to show appreciation. But when cash changes hands for favours, like getting a prime seat at a soccer stadium, it becomes a bribe. Intent is the key here.

In each scenario, something is given with the expectation of a future benefit or in return for a service. Is that extra tip truly gratitude, or a subtle way

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to ensure better service next time?

This ethical dance isn't new. It's as ancient as the first cave-dweller tipping their hat to a barista. As we delve deeper, we'll uncover the complexities of these transactions and the thin line between generosity and corruption.

Gift dilemma

When you give someone a gift, it's like saying, "Hey, I appreciate you!" or "Thanks for being awesome!"

It's a way to make friends and show you care. But sometimes, gifts can get a little too fancy. Instead of a simple present, you might end up with expensive stuff like fancy gadgets, branded perfumes, smartphones, jewellery, or liquor bottles. These flashy gifts can sometimes be used to get something in return, like a favour or a business deal, in the grand game of commerce.

In business world, giving gifts is akin to a celebration. People exchange gifts for birthdays, promotions, and joyous events. But there's a dilemma: when does it cross into unethical territory? Companies often offer gifts, such as extravagant trips to gain favour. But is it genuine generosity or

UPFRONT

Bribes come in all shapes and sizes. Some are huge sums of money exchanged for contracts, while others are small favours passed between individuals. But no matter the size, they're all wrong. And when someone demands a bribe, it's even worse—it's extortion. So, it's important to think twice about why we give gifts and whether they might be seen as bribes

a veiled attempt to sway decisions? Is that a nice gesture or a sneaky bribe? Imagine a pharmaceutical company whisking doctors away to a conference in Singapore - is this a gift or a bribe? Does the interpretation lie in the eye of the beholder? This distinction isn't always clear.

In India, companies are aware that giving gifts can get them into trouble. It might seem like a friendly act, but it could be seen as trying to influence someone unfairly. So, many companies have rules about what kinds of gifts you can give and how much they can cost. But even a small gift given with the in-

tentention of getting something back can be like a bribe. The US Judge John Noonan in his book "Bribes" mentions: "Greeks did not have a word for bribes because all gifts are bribes, given by way of reciprocity for favours past or to come".

But what about giving to charity? That's different because you're not expecting anything back, and they are meant for noble purposes. Charitable donations, where no reciprocity is expected can, at times, be both huge and secret.

Different cultures have different ideas about giving gifts. In some places, it's totally normal, but in oth-

ers, it's a big no-no. So, when does giving a gift cross the line? It's a question that's been puzzling smart people for a long time.

Motive matters

When we give gifts, it's important to think about why we're giving them. In India, giving gifts is not against the law, but why we give them matters a lot. A true gift is given freely, with no expectations in return.

Figuring out whether a gift is a kind gesture or a bribe can be tricky. For example, while giving a small gift during a festival might not raise too many eyebrows, a gift given at the time of a tender process may be seen as a bribe. The time matters. Gift should involve no obligations on the giver and the receiver.

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South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Secretary General Md Golam Sarwar (L) upon his arrival in New Delhi, on Saturday



Firefighters try to douse a fire that broke out in an ebike shop and godown, at Varachha Main Rd in Surat, Gujarat, on Saturday



Carcasses of sheep lie by the roadside after they were crushed to death by a speedy tempo, in Kulgam district, J&K



A man feeds milk to a monkey on a hot summer day, at Galta Ji Temple in Jaipur, on Saturday

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Bollywood actor Sonali Bendre during a special screening of the film 'Sarfarosh' to mark its 25 years, in Mumbai

YSRCP, TDP, Janasena 'B' team of BJP in Andhra Pradesh: Rahul

PTI, KADAPA (ANDHRA PRADESH): Hitting out at Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy and other opposition parties in the state, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said BJP stands for Babu (TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu), Jagan and Pawan (Janasena founder Pawan Kalyan).

Addressing a poll rally here, the Congress leader alleged the remote control of the three leaders is with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Invoking the name of former Chief Minister Y S Rajasekhara Reddy (YSR), Rahul Gandhi said the former's marathon political walkathon (padayatra) across Andhra Pradesh was the inspiration for his nationwide Bharat Jodo Yatra. "Today, Andhra Pradesh is run by the 'B' team of BJP. The BJP's 'B' team means B



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with party leader YS Sharmila during a public meeting for Lok Sabha elections, in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh, on Saturday

for Babu, J for Jagan and P for Pawan. Remote control of these three people is with Narendra Modi," Gandhi said, taking a dig at the three parties (TDP, YSRCP and Janasena).

He further said these leaders were under Modi's

control as the latter has ED, CBI and other enforcement agencies at his disposal.

The Gandhi scion said Rajasekhara Reddy was like a brother to his father Rajiv Gandhi and both leaders shared a personal relationship also.

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KHARGE SLAMS MODI FOR TRYING TO 'LURE' THACKERAY, PAWAR INTO NDA

PTI, PATNA: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday lambasted Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "luring" Maharashtra satraps Uddhav Thackeray and Sharad Pawar into the BJP-led NDA. Kharge, addressing a press conference here, also claimed that it will be "extremely difficult" for Modi to form the next government in the country. "In Nandurbar, Modi said Thackeray and Pawar should cross over and all their wishes will be fulfilled. He said it would be better than dying with the Congress. Does a prime minister speak such language?" Kharge said. "I, too, was in Telangana and adjoining Andhra Pradesh on the same day," stressed Kharge, who spoke in presence of senior party colleagues Meira Kumar and Mohan Prakash, besides Bihar allies Dipankar Bhattacharya of the CPI (ML) L and Manoj Jha (RJD).



bloc comes to power at the Centre after the Lok Sabha elections, he claimed it will accord a 10-year special category status to

Andhra Pradesh and fulfil other promises such as completing the Polavaram project, Kadapa steel plant and others.

Lightning kills three in Jharkhand

PTI, HAZARIBAG: Three people, including a seven-year-old boy, died in lightning strikes at three places in Hazaribag district on Saturday, police said.

The minor boy and a 30-year-old woman were killed in Barakagoan block of the district after a hailstorm accompanied by thunderbolts lashed the area in the afternoon, a police officer said.

The woman was going to a paddy field to work and the minor was on his way to a market to sell vegetables when they were struck by lightning.

Meanwhile, a man was killed after lightning struck him in a village Keraderi block.

The bodies were taken to Sheikh Bikhari Medical College and Hospital, Hazaribag, for post-mortem examination, the Sub Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) of Barkagoan, Kuldeep Kumar, said.

Storm-related incidents in Delhi kills three

PTI, NEW DELHI: Three people, including a 19-year-old woman, were killed and 23 injured in storm-related incidents in Delhi, as strong winds uprooted trees and electricity poles and led to portions of walls collapsing across the national capital.

Power supply was also disrupted in many areas as a dust storm swept the national capital late on Friday. In Shaheen Bagh, 19-year-old Shireen Ahmed was critically injured when a portion of a wall of an adjacent building collapsed on her. She was taken to a hospital where doctors declared her dead, a police officer said.

A case under sections 304A (causing death by negligence) and 288 (negligent conduct with respect to pulling down or repair-

ing buildings) of the Indian Penal Code was registered against the owner of the top floor of the adjacent building in this connection, the officer said.

In west Delhi's Vikaspuri, a man on a two-wheeler died after a tree branch fell on him near the Janakpuri flyover.

The police said the branch was removed with the help of cranes and the victim, Jaiprakash, was rushed to Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital where he was declared dead. A car was also damaged in the incident but its occupants were unhurt, an officer said.

In the third incident, a 46-year-old labourer was trapped under a tree that fell on him near IB Block at KN Katju Marg around 11 pm. Hariom was taken to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead.

SERVING WITH A SMILE



A fruit vendor waits for customers during a hot summer day, at the Kovalam beach, in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, on Saturday

Two killed, 11 injured in clash in MP village

BHOPAL: Two persons were killed and 11 injured when two groups clashed in a dispute over government land in Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal district on Saturday, police said. The incident occurred at Barsora village under Najirabad police station limits in the morning, an official said. A clash broke out between two groups of villagers who attacked each other with lathis, and two men identified as Jaswant Gurjar and Ranglal Gurjar were killed, he said. Eleven others sustained injuries, he said. The groups were fighting over the land on which the government had set up a silo. The land got vacant recently, and both groups were eyeing it, the official said. A probe is underway, and no one has been arrested so far, he said.

IPS officer Nongrang becomes Meghalaya's first woman police chief

SHILLONG: Senior IPS officer Idashisha Nongrang has been appointed as Meghalaya's first woman DGP, officials said on Saturday. Nongrang will replace LR Bishnoi who will retire on May 19, they said. The Meghalaya Security Commission, chaired by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, selected Nongrang out of the three officers approved by the UPSC last month for the role of police chief, a senior home department official informed PTI. The other two officers recommended by the UPSC were RP Meena and Deepak Kumar, after two others, GP Singh (1991 batch) and Harmeet Singh (1992 batch) declined the top job, officially intimating the commission of their unwillingness to take up the task.

Punjab Police busts interstate drugs smuggling gang, 7 held

CHANDIGARH: Seven drug suppliers, including their gang's mastermind, were arrested as the Punjab Police busted an interstate network of making illegal psychotropic substances and supply units in Himachal Pradesh, officials said on Saturday. During the entire operation spread across five states - Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra -- the police also seized Rs 70.42 lakh worth intoxicant tablets or capsules, 725.5 kg intoxicant tramadol powder and Rs 2.37 lakh in cash. Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said in a post on X. "In a big blow to pharma opioids, Special Task Force (STF) busts an interstate network of manufacturing illegal psychotropic substances and supply units running from a pharma factory in Baddi, Himachal Pradesh," the DGP said,

adding that seven drug smugglers/suppliers, including the mastermind, have been arrested. The development came after three-month-long investigations of backward and forward linkages carried out by the STF, Border Range, Amritsar into the arrest of two drug smugglers - Sukhwinder Singh alias Dhami of village Kot Muhammad Khan in Tarn Taran and Jaspreet Singh alias Jass of Govind Nagar in Amritsar, the officials said.

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J&K police release sketches of six Pakistani terrorists

PTI, JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday released the sketches of six terrorists, who infiltrated from Pakistan into Basantgarh area of Udhampur district and killed a village defence guard in a gunfight before fleeing deep into the forest, officials said.

Udhampur Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Joginder Singh announced the first breakthrough in the case with the arrest of an overground worker, who had provided logistic support to the terrorists.

Singh said the sketches of the six terrorists, two of whom are believed to be brothers, were prepared based on the inputs from various agencies, the public and questioning of the sus-

NAXALITES CHANGED OUT OF UNIFORM, MIXED AMONG VILLAGERS DURING ENCOUNTER IN BIJAPUR: POLICE

PTI, BIJAPUR: Some Naxalites changed into civilian clothes to pose as villagers and mislead the police after the first exchange of fire with the security personnel during Friday's encounter in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh, an official said. According to the police, 12 Naxalites were gunned down by security personnel in a 12-hour operation in the forest near Pidia village under the Gangloor police station limits on Friday. Their bodies were brought to Bijapur district headquarters on Saturday morning. "The identity of the deceased has been ascertained. They were carrying a cumulative reward of Rs 31 lakh on their heads," Bijapur Superintendent of Police Jitendra Kumar Yadav told reporters.

pected persons.

"We hope the people will come forward and help the security agencies to neutralize the terrorists. Anyone with credible infor-

mation leading to neutralization of each terrorist will be given a reward ranging from Rs five lakh to Rs 10 lakh," the officer told reporters in Udhampur.

Bangladeshi infiltrators posing risk to Jharkhand tribals: Assam CM

PTI, RANCHI: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday expressed his concerns about infiltration from Bangladesh, particularly highlighting its impact on the safety of women and daughters in Jharkhand.

Addressing a poll rally, Sarma said Bangladeshi infiltrators often acquire land by marrying tribal women and exert control over their rights.

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Sarma, who was scheduled to reach Tamar under Khunti assembly constituency to campaign for Union Minister and BJP candidate Arjun Munda, could not reach the venue due to bad weather and later addressed people via his mobile phone.

Criticising the JMM-led government, Sarma said, "The amount of cash being recovered in Jharkhand reflects how much corruption is here. When Rs 35 crore can be recovered from the domestic help of a personal secretary to a minister, it indicates the scale of corruption. I appeal to you to vote for the BJP to root out corruption from here," Biswa said.

Electoral bonds used as bribe by companies: Prashant Bhushan

PTI, KOLKATA: Lawyer Prashant Bhushan on Saturday labelled the electoral bonds as the biggest scam in the history of Indian democracy and alleged that they were used as bribes for contracts, shielding people from central probe agencies, manipulating policies, and influencing drug regulators. He said the Supreme Court will soon commence hearing on a petition filed before it seeking a probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) into alleged quid pro quo arrangements between corporates and political parties.

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the TMC and the Congress. However, those who were not ruling did not get any money, he said.

"I see that Rs 5,000-crore worth of electoral bonds were issued, resulting in the sanctioning of contracts worth Rs 5 lakh-crore. Additionally, bonds worth Rs 2,500 crore

were provided by companies that were subjected to raids by the CBI, ED, or the Income Tax department. Curiously, investigations into these companies abruptly ceased following the issuance of the bonds," he alleged.

Bhushan also alleged that "either this money (through electoral bonds) was taken as 'vasooli' (recovery or protection money) or 'haftas' (subscription) similar to the manner taken by goons."

He alleged that a telecom company paid electoral bonds of over Rs

100 crore to the BJP and the import policy was changed on their behalf.

Some pharma companies issued Rs 1,000-crore bonds to the BJP and some state governments since they were manufacturing some dangerous drugs. He said an independent and neutral SIT should be formed under the supervision of a retired Supreme Court judge.

Bhushan said the probe will reveal who were involved in the electoral bonds and how money could be retrieved from the political parties.

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Honouring the silent heroes

On this International Mother's Day, one embarks on a journey of gratitude and reflection, honouring the profound influence of maternal love and sacrifice. The world comes together to celebrate this day as it has evolved into a global celebration, embracing all who embody the nurturing spirit of motherhood. Amidst the celebrations, single mothers who are actually silent heroes also deserve to be specially acknowledged as they face their own unique set of challenges



"A mother's sacrifice is not just in what she gives up, but also in what she silently endures for her children"

Annalie Rodrigues

International Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May, which is today, May 12. This day acts as the ideal occasion to express love for mothers and interlink generations through bonds of affection. A renewed appreciation and respect for motherhood permeates the air as families from all walks of life come together to celebrate their pillars of strength today.

This day was originated by Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia as an ode to her mother, who organised women's groups to promote friendship and health. She held a memorial service at her late mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia, on May 12, 1907. It slowly began to gain traction and in the next five years, virtually every state was observing the day. Through the decades, this day has expanded to include all who play mothering roles, such as grandmothers and aunts. Unfortunately, what started off as a day of honour became associated with just giving fancy cards and elaborate gifts. So to protest against its commercialization, Jarvis spent the last years of her life trying to abolish the holiday she had originally brought into being.

As mothers are honoured and celebrated today for their immeasurable sacrifices and unwavering love, it is important to especially appreciate all the single mothers who take on double the responsibility, in order to ensure that their children are not missing out on anything.

A survey by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare revealed that about 15% of the children in Goa live with only one parent, which is usually the mother. Goa ranks fourth on the list which is headed by Bihar (26%). Amidst the struggles of financial stress, social isolation, guilt and the lack of support, single mothers continue in resilience to navigate the exigent waters of parenthood alone, their hearts brimming with love and determination.

Some ways in which single mothers can significantly reduce their struggles and unburden themselves,

are by involving their children in their conversations and decisions and spending mindful and quality time with them. They should also try to focus on self-care and 'me-time' whenever possible and seek help when they have too much on their plates. Having a creative outlet like journaling, painting or music can serve as forms of therapy in their normally stressful lives. Single

HOW TO HELP SINGLE MOTHERS

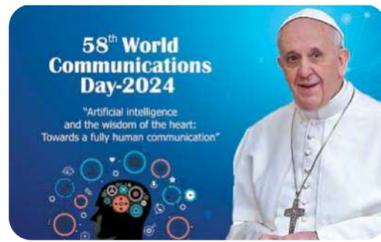
- ▶ Offer to babysit.
- ▶ Love them without judgement.
- ▶ Provide emotional support.
- ▶ Be kind and generous.
- ▶ Invite them over with their kids.

mothers should also take complete charge of their lives. This entails making decisions that align with their values and goals without seeking validation from others. Prioritizing their mental health is of utmost importance, as it allows them to navigate the challenges of single parenthood with resilience and clarity. By recognizing their own worth and advocating for their well-being, single mothers can cultivate a sense of empowerment and fulfilment in their lives.

Yet, the onus of uplifting single mothers rests also on everyone else, as it is the responsibility of each one to lend a helping hand, offer compassion and create a safe and nurturing community for all mothers to feel seen, heard and valued. Cecille Rodrigues, a single mother in Goa said, "I faced a lot of struggles as a single mother, as I had to quit my job to take care of my son and switch to part-time jobs to cope financially. I was often judged and nagged by others for choosing to be a single mother. My parents also had to move in with me to help out while I was working. What helped me overcome these challenges was the support of my parents and focusing my time and attention on dance and on working, so I had no time to dwell on my problems. I focused on loving myself and

choosing to take charge of my own life." When asked what advice she would like to give to other single mothers, she said, "My advice would be to look for additional sources of income and be willing to work three times harder to make ends meet. It is important to focus also on your own wellbeing and health and find a strong support system of friends or family. Avoid remaining in toxic relationships just for the sake of your child and do not get into unhealthy relationships just because you are feeling lonely and vulnerable. Society at large should encourage and support single mothers rather than judge them. The government should also build shelters for single mothers with low rent and start schemes for divorced mothers that are not working until they are able to find a steady source of income." Sheryl Vaz, whose husband passed away some years ago, said, "As a single mother, what I found most difficult was making decisions for me and my children. Initially, managing finances was also a challenge. I was able to cope with being a single mother by talking to people in similar situations and discussing my problems with family, friends and even my three children. To handle finances, I continued giving Zumba classes and making Irish cream liqueur to be sold. I also opened up a laundry, which could provide a steady source of income." Regarding advice that can be given to other single mothers, she said, "I feel we should avoid dwelling in self-pity and instead remind ourselves of how capable and strong we really are. There are opportunities available, but we should be willing to take them up, work hard to be independent and stand on our own two feet. When it comes to society, people should help out and support single mothers, but avoid judging or pitying them and looking at them as inferior."

On this International Mother's Day, as mothers are celebrated throughout the world, one should also pledge to honour and support single mothers, to uplift their spirits, and to create a world where every mother, irrespective of circumstance, is celebrated, cherished, and supported.



AI CANNOT REPLACE WISDOM OF HEART



SUCHITA NAIK: THE SPIRIT OF SALIGAO

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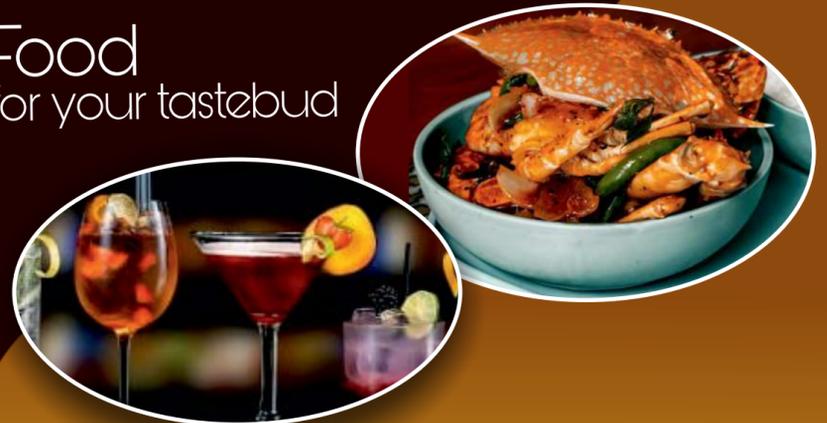
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A great evening brought to a halt by rains

The second day of the Cashew Fest was marked by a fashion show and performances by live bands, until the rains played spoilsport

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On the second day of the Cashew Fest at Campal-Panjim, a scintillating fashion show was presented that had the crowds rocking. The crowds were present in large numbers and the enthusiasm was palpable as the models presented creations by 10 Goan designers.

Ninoshka Alvarez Delaney, one of the designers said, "It is a cashew festival, something that is very unique to Goa, which

is well known for its feni. Mine is a very relaxed fashion show - a very susegad fashion show that embodies the Goan spirit. We have Sonia Shirsat who is the showstopper."

Earlier in the evening, the Anicca project showcased their interesting sounds that incorporated electronic music with elements of Indian classical music. Later, when the band True Blue commenced their set, a drizzle prompted the organisers to switch off the sound to prevent any electric mishap. The Akhil Sachdeva set

was disturbed by the rains.

On Sunday, the final day of the Cashew Fest, DJ Azim will be the opening act, followed by the Jukebox Trio and then Mark Revlon on the main stage, which will be interspersed with spot prizes and interactions with the audience by compères Alfwold Silveira and Jessica Sharma. The show will end with a performance by British singer Ash King. One only hopes the rains don't play spoilsport.

horoscope

ARIES: (Mar. 21–Apr. 19)

This week, you're moving at lightning speed. The week begins on Monday, May 13, with the sun conjoining Uranus in Taurus and your house of money. Money could fall into your lap unexpectedly. Aries, you might receive a gift of money, or you could find some money. A loan you've been wishing for comes through. Someone might write you a check. A big-ticket item could sell. Today, you could reap a windfall.

TAURUS: (Apr. 20–May 20)

This week, you have a clear direction. The week begins on Monday, May 13, with the sun conjoining Uranus in Taurus and your house of personal expression. Taurus, you are changing. You're growing intellectually and spiritually, and this is shifting how you present yourself in the world. And people are noticing. You're attracting attention from some new directions. You could meet new friends now. You're making some interesting connections.

GEMINI: (May 21–Jun. 21)

This week, opportunities abound. The week begins on Monday, May 13, with the sun conjoining Uranus in Taurus and your house of spiritual epiphanies. You could wake up from an amazing dream or have a vision of something for your future. Gemini, you might be dazzled by a new concept or find a podcast so inspiring that you listen to it over and over. Take the time to jot down your ideas today. They are gold.

CANCER: (Jun. 22–Jul. 22)

This week, you are receiving benefits. The week begins on Monday, May 13, with the sun conjoining Uranus in Taurus and your house of community. Today, you're in tune with your inner self, and that makes it easier to connect with like-minded people. This is a good day to seek out groups that support your efforts, whether those are in art, writing, or a specific type of video game that you like to play. Even connecting with one person could open up a world of connections for you in the future.

LEO: (Jul. 23–Aug. 22)

This week, you are receiving recognition from interesting sources. The week begins on Monday, May 13, with the sun conjoining Uranus in Taurus and your house of career. Unexpected changes might be happening in your company, revealing some opportunities for you. It's possible that your supervisor is moving on, leaving an open position. A new department could be formed and require leadership. Leo, you could receive an opportunity to interview for a new job.

VRGO: (Aug. 23–Sept. 22)

This week, you are obliterating blocks. The week begins on Monday, May 13, with the sun conjoining Uranus in Taurus and your house of rules and beliefs. Virgo, you might realize that a long-held belief just isn't true. And in an instant your life transforms, like the snap of a finger from the hand of a genie. Blocks and obstacles in your way disappear. You're giving yourself permission to succeed. And you might recognize that you can get any tools you need.

LIBRA: (Sept. 23–Oct. 23)

This week, you gain something of value. The week begins on Monday, May 13,



with the sun conjoining Uranus in Taurus and your house of resources and power. Open your arms to receive. Today, you could gain something of value. This might be a financial gain or a person with the knowledge you need who steps up to help you. Libra, start the day with a clear idea of what you want, but be ready to pivot if the Universe offers you something better (or different). Sometimes the unexpected gift turns out to be the perfect solution.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 24–Nov. 21)

This week, your determination brings you a win. The week begins on Monday, May 13, with the sun conjoining Uranus in Taurus and your house of relationships. Scorpio, you might meet an extremely interesting person today. You might feel drawn to this person and want to get to know them better. They might do something that's very unusual or have an eccentric way about them. This new connection could lead to a great friendship or something much, much more.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22–Dec. 21)

This week, your positive attitude brings success. The week begins on Monday, May 13, with the sun conjoining Uranus in Taurus and your house of habits and routines. Sagittarius, you might adopt a productivity hack that ends up saving you hours a day. You might do something as small as switching your phone to grayscale and find that you don't spend nearly as much time on it. Or you might switch your sleep schedule and wake up refreshed.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22–Jan. 19)

This week, you find your goal is closer than you think. The week begins on Monday, May 13, with the sun conjoining Uranus in Taurus and your house of fun and adventure. Capricorn, you might do something today you've never done before. And you might discover that you really enjoy it and you're naturally good at it. This activity could have something to do with creativity or the outdoors. And if you're looking for love, you could be struck by a thunderbolt today. Put yourself in an environment where you can meet new people.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20–Feb. 18)

This week, you are showing the world your potential. The week begins on Monday, May 13, with the sun conjoining Uranus in Taurus and your house of family. While you care about your family and respect them, you sometimes have to go in a different direction. Today, that direction is clearer than ever. Aquarius, this might not be what your parents wanted for you or what your siblings would recommend, but it's becoming clearer every day that you need to follow your own path.

PISCES: (Feb. 19–Mar. 20)

This week, your efforts are noticed. The week begins on Monday, May 13, with the sun conjoining Uranus in Taurus and your house of ideas. Pisces, you might have a brilliant idea and today you see how you might implement that idea, whether it's getting a patent or starting a crowdfunding account. And while you see the big picture now, it's a good idea to break this down into manageable steps that you can take to make this happen. Today, you could design the blueprints for the next chapter of your life.

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AI cannot replace Wisdom of Heart

Sr Molly Fernandes sfn

In the techno-savvy world, communication has reached its culmination to imoges, stickers, and messages. Today, communicating in person is at stake. Yes, if you do not belong or are a part of a group, you are ostracised! Sending messages on social media has become a trend. There were times when one would wait to receive a call on special occasions. Today, it is replaced by social media – with shortcut messages. The warmth and affection that flowed from the heart made the receiver feel loved and cared for.

This verse makes it pretty clear that our communication begins in the heart, Luke 6, 45: "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bring forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bring forth that which is evil: for the abundance of the heart his mouth speak"

This year the world celebrates Communication Day on 12 May and Pope Francis' message for the 58th World Communication Day is a profound reflection on the intersection of AI and human wisdom. He invites us to cultivate a wisdom of the heart that can guide the cultural transformation brought about by AI, ensuring that our communication remains fully human. By starting with the heart and seeking wisdom, we can navigate the complexities of this technological era and maintain our

humanity in the face of astonishing innovations.

The message on the theme "Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication," addresses the profound impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on society and communication. His message is a call to integrate the advancements of AI with the depth and wisdom of the human heart to foster communication that remains truly human.

The Holy Father begins by acknowledging the radical changes AI brings to information and communication, affecting not just professionals but everyone. He recognizes the excitement and disorientation that come with rapid technological innovations, which often leave most people struggling to understand their workings and potential. This technological surge prompts deeper reflections on the nature of humanity and our future in an AI-dominated age.

Pope Francis urges us to set aside catastrophic predictions about AI and instead focus on the human heart. He cites Romano Guardini, who a century ago, reflected on technology and humanity. Guardini encouraged embracing the new while being sensitive to its destructive and inhuman aspects. The Pope emphasizes that our reflections must start with the human heart, which in the Bible, is the seat of freedom, decision-making, integrity, and unity. It is where emotions, desires,

dreams, and most importantly, our encounter with God take place.

The wisdom of the heart, according to Pope Francis, is the virtue that allows us to integrate all aspects of life: our decisions and their consequences, our nobility and vulnerability, our past and future, and our individuality within the larger community. This wisdom is accessible to those who seek it and love it, and it actively seeks those who are worthy of it.

Pope Francis warns against the misleading use of the term "intelligence" in AI, as it cannot replace the wisdom that comes from the human heart. While AI can store data, only humans can make sense of it, turning information into wisdom. He stresses that everything becomes either an opportunity or a threat, depending on the inclination of the heart. The Pope acknowledges the usefulness of AI in specific fields but cautions against its perverse use, which can distort relationships and reality.

The Holy Father calls for the regulation of AI, noting that regulation alone is insufficient. He invites everyone to grow in humanity and as humanity, facing the challenge of becoming a complex, multiethnic, pluralistic, multireligious, and multicultural society. He encourages a qualitative leap in our growth as human beings, integrating AI into our lives in a way that serves the common good and respects our human dignity.

His message is a reminder that in the age of AI, it is not the technology itself

that defines us, but the human heart's wisdom that shapes our interactions and our future. It is a call to action for all of us to engage with technology mindfully, ensuring that it enhances rather than diminishes our human experience.

James 1:19 states, "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." By being patient and attentive listeners, we can better understand the needs and concerns of others and communicate with them more effectively. So, before humanity loses its bearing, let us seek the Wisdom that was present before all other things, Sir.1.4.

Goan Farmers market in Navelim

The Goan Farmers Market is a great opportunity to get some fresh local produce and other goodies. Drop in at the Goan Farmers market store in Navelim, to pick local fruits and veggies, homemade ghee, eggs, honey, coconut oil, vinegar, handcrafted soaps, plant saplings, homemade pickles, snacks, a live grill and more. Come by to support the local economy.

Venue: Goan Farmers market store, 1st Daddio, Navelim
Date: Sunday May 12, 2024
Time: 4pm to 8pm

Suchita Naik: The Spirit of Saligao

In observance of Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) Awareness Week from May 4th to 11th, and the poignant Wishbone Day on May 6th, let's honour Suchita Naik of Salmona Vaddo, Saligao. Her journey of resilience and fortitude, amplifies the struggles endured by those with OI, or brittle bone disease. Let us unite in support to foster empathy and awareness for individuals like Suchita.

Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) is not just about frequent fractures; it affects every aspect of life. From birth, individuals like Suchita navigate a reality where mundane tasks can lead to injury. Despite medical advancements, much remains unknown about OI. Yet, Suchita shines through, inspiring others with her strength and determination. Initiatives like "Inclusive Endeavour" by the State Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa, and few other CSO's and Museum of Goa highlight progress. Suchita's story compels us to think of the ongoing necessity for support and inclusivity for all, irrespective of abilities.

It is a genetic disorder characterised by weakened bone strength due to collagen production defects. It presents in various types, primarily stemming from mutations in genes like COL1A1 and COL1A2. Brittle Bone Disease can be inherited or result from spontaneous mutations, with symptoms ranging from weakened bones to dental issues. While incurable, the treatment focuses on reducing fractures through multidisciplinary care involving specialists like paediatricians, orthopaedic surgeons, and geneticists. Therapies, borrowed from osteoporosis treatments, aim to prevent fractures. This holistic approach shows the complexity of management of this disease and highlights the need for comprehensive care to enhance the quality of life for those living with this condition.

From infancy, individuals like Suchita Naik confronts a harsh reality where everyday tasks pose injury risks due to genetic bone density issues. The condition's impact spans beyond physical trauma, including bone deformities and systemic complications. Suchita's childhood was a battlefield against these constraints, yet she refused to let the disease define her. Her daily life living echoes the struggle of many with OI.

"A mother's strength surpasses the physical; it's the resilience of her spirit that prevails. My resolve is my child's anchor in the storm." - Suchita Naik's mother mentions.

Nurtured by her devoted family and the tight-



Suchita Naik, a resident of Saligao, approached life with a strong determination, defying every obstacle in her path. From carefully walking through the

Close Encounters of the Goan Kind

Saligao's narrow streets to pursuing education with resolve, she refused to succumb to limitations. Suchita's laughter and steadfast optimism have profoundly impacted all who've crossed paths with her, as a beacon of hope for those facing similar trials. Her resilience inspires and embodies the power of overcoming adversity with grace and tenacity. In a world often fraught with challenges, Suchita's story reminds us of the resilience, community support, and the human spirit's ability to triumph against all odds.

Each fracture, each setback, is a challenge posed by Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI). Despite medical advancements, OI remains puzzling, necessitating ongoing research for effective management. Yet, Suchita's determination and strength resonate as an inspiration. As we try to understand Brittle Bone Disease, Suchita's narrative propels us toward a future where barriers are removed, and opportunities are accessible to all, regardless of ability or disability. In the hearts of those who have witnessed her journey, Suchita isn't just a survivor; she's a warrior.

"Strength isn't just about physicality; it's about the

resilience of the human spirit, in the battle against adversity, my determination is my greatest asset" - Asserts Suchita Naik.

Suchita's journey highlights the role communities play in supporting individuals facing challenges. Collective efforts, compassion, and inclusivity can create a supportive environment where everyone thrives. Initiatives like accessible infrastructure, educational opportunities, and fostering an inclusive mindset are crucial. In Salmona Vaddo, Saligao, Suchita isn't just a resident; she's a cherished community member. The support she receives—from local panchayats to fundraisers organised by local organisations—for her medical expenses showcases the village's compassion and solidarity. It shows how communities can come together to uplift and empower individuals like Suchita, nurturing a culture of support and inclusivity.

If we can dig deep, community support for Suchita can transcend basic aid, leading to innovative solutions improving her quality of life and job opportunities. Local businesses might create roles accommodating her physical limitations, like customer service or administrative tasks. Inclusive employment will definitely help Suchita's financial independence and give her a sense of belonging.

Collaboration among community members, local authorities, and healthcare professionals is vital for advocating accessibility and inclusivity. Infrastructure enhancements, like wheelchair ramps and accessible restrooms, significantly benefit individuals like Suchita, improving mobility and overall well-being. By prioritising their needs, communities can create a truly inclusive environment. This collective effort ensures that everyone, regardless of ability, feels welcomed and supported, with a sense of belonging and empowerment for individuals like Suchita within the community.

Goa State Centre program in collaboration with Indian Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation and Office of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Goa aims to organise workshops and training sessions aimed at empowering individuals like Suchita with skills and knowledge in areas such as digital marketing, entrepreneurship, or personal branding. This could provide Suchita with valuable tools and resources to further her aspirations and achieve success in her endeavours.

Despite uncertainties, Suchita's spirit remains unbroken by challenges. Her story is a reminder that disability doesn't define capabilities or limit potential.

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MENACE OF ILLEGAL HOARDINGS

After the High Court of Bombay at Goa took suo motu cognisance of different illegal hoardings erected by the roadside at various places across the State due to the hindrance these were causing to the traffic and often accidents, the authorities woke up and took measures to remove them and avoid visual clutter.

VITHALDAS HEGDE and **MARCOS GONSALVES** delve into the menace of illegal hoardings and their impact on commuters' safety due to distraction

In June 2007, the High Court admitted suo motu petition regarding illegal hoardings and till date 51 hearings have been held. The Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP), 13 municipal councils and all 191 village panchayats besides, PWD, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Department of Transport have been made respondents in the case.

Senior Advocate S D Lotlikar, who has been appointed amicus curie had told the court that despite taking several measures and orders passed by the Court, the ghost of illegal hoardings continues to haunt the cities, national highways and other important places of public interest. He stated that even after illegal hoardings were removed they were again put up with scant respect to the authorities.

In December last year, the High Court directed 20 owners of the land wherein hoardings were existing in No Development Zone (NDZ) as well as the companies using them, to immediately stop displaying the advertisements by covering them with cloth.

The Court had also directed the Electricity department to disconnect the electricity connections of these 20 hoardings. The proliferation of these authorised and objectionable hoardings was creating public nuisance affecting the rights of citizens as guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution.

Commuters and citizens had criticised the government for the delay in finalising the policy, which they felt was delayed due to the code of conduct in force for the Lok Sabha elections.

The proliferation of illegal roadside hoardings and posters in major cities and highways across the state is a pressing issue. Not only do these unauthorised structures fail to generate revenue for the panchayats or municipalities, but they also pose significant safety hazards. Positioned in precarious locations,

SITE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR LONGITUDINAL PLACEMENT		
Sl. No.	Road width of Main Road (in metres)	Minimum clear distance (in metres) from edge of the road
a.	Road width less than 20 metre undivided or divided	15 metres carriageway
b.	Road width more than 20 but less than 30 metres	30 metres undivided or divided carriageway
c.	Road width more than 30 but less than 60 metres	40 metres undivided or divided carriageway
d.	Road width more than 60 metres undivided or divided carriageway	50 metres

these hoardings serve as distractions to drivers, increasing the risk of accidents on the roads.

In the past the Goa bench of the Bombay High Court has previously issued a directive to the Directorate of Panchayats, seeking an explanation regarding banned hoardings by tobacco manufacturing company along both sides of the Mandovi River.

The CCP assured the bench that steps would be taken to remove the illegal hoardings within its jurisdiction.

The Mapusa Municipal Council was instructed to submit an action taken report regarding the 44 illegal hoardings that were previously erected in the Mapusa municipal area. This indicated that the issue of illegal hoardings persists in many places.

The persistence of illegal hoardings raises the question of how they continue to stand despite regulations. Hoardings are not supposed to be erected within a jurisdiction without the permission of the relevant municipal councils or village panchayats. However, the fact that they

are still being erected suggests a failure in enforcement or regulatory oversight.

It has been noted that whenever any prominent leader arrives in the State, it is the government that is engaged in putting up posters and hoardings to welcome them. And hence the issue pertaining to permission needed to be taken is being sidelined. There have been instances in Panjim or Margao, when hoardings and posters have been put up without the formal permission of the CCP.

Last year the government constituted a 14-member special committee under the chairmanship of Secretary (Revenue), to formulate a policy for regulation and determination of issuance of permission and monitoring of hoardings.

Accordingly, the special committee formulated the Goa State Outdoor Advertisement Policy, 2023. The Policy aims to establish proper monitoring mechanism and penalise the violators, which are contrary to provisions of the Policy. The Policy also aims at preparation of online Hoarding Software which will allocate unique identification number to all the hoardings which will indicate ward, location, road, zone, latitude-longitude, date of expiry of permission/renewal and also shall depict the soft image of the hoarding displayed.

The empanelled Agency shall have to post all the newly changed hoardings picture in soft copy format in this software. There will be facility of online application, approval and payment of charge through this software.

Since outdoor advertisements fetch revenue to the State, and that all hoardings are not hazardous, and do not pose potential dangers to drivers, the outdoor advertising policy has given careful and high consideration to issues of road safety, and to ensure that there are no too much "visual clutter" at/or near



QUOTEROOM

“The district authority is waiting for the government notification on the draft policy that has been prepared by the government. In the past, the district authority had issued orders for the removal of the illegal hoardings erected on the roadside, and necessary directions were issued to the council and panchayat bodies. The issue is being handled at the government level and policy has been drafted

— Srinet Kothwale, South Goa Additional Collector

“Roadside hoardings have become major problems to the commuters and hence the policy drafted by the government needs to come in force at the earliest. There are several illegal hoardings erected in Verna jurisdiction but no action has been taken to remove them

— Savio Rodrigues, resident of Verna

“After the High Court admitting suo motu writ petition, nearly 3,000 hoardings mostly erected along the highway and roadside were removed by the authorities, while about 450 hoardings were retained after the Court ordered that hoardings put up prior to year 2010 be not pulled down

— Gurudas Natekar, President, All Goa Hoarding Owners Association

“PWD removed all hoardings which were erected in the PWD land and falling in the right of way. We are not granting any permission to put up hoardings in the land acquired by PWD and we are rejecting applications

— Jude Carvalho, PWD Executive Engineer, Division VII

“As many as 21 hoardings were demolished as per the High Court order. One of the tobacco manufacturing company has now challenged the removal of hoardings erected along the Mandovi river and the matter is subjudice

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SITE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR LATERAL PLACEMENT		
S. No	Road Width of the main Road	Minimum Straight Road clear distance (in meter) from centre of the road
1	Road width upto 10 m undivided or divided carriageway	8 metres or y (whichever is higher)
2	Road width more than 11m and upto 20 meters of undivided or divided carriageway .	16 metres or y (whichever is higher)
3	Road width more than 21m and upto 25 meters of undivided or divided carriageway	20 metres or y (whichever is higher)
4	Road width more than 26 m and upto 30 meters of undivided or divided carriageway	21 metres, or y (whichever is higher)
5	Road width more than 31m and upto 40 meters of undivided or divided carriageway	26 metres or y (whichever is higher)
6	Road width more than 41m undivided or divided carriageway	35 metres or y (whichever is higher)

y= height of the top of the outdoor media device from ground + (width of the road)



Sompadokancho Sondex

Venchnuk zali, fuddem?

Lok Sobha venchnuk Göyant tori sompli. Atam mukha velea kamak lagpacho vell aila. Hem korunk ami kosli tori mokh dovorlia? Kai haka uddoi, taka uddoi hinch chintnam amchea monant azunui gholittat? Vell ani kall konnak ravonam. Mokh tharaunk nam zalear ho vell asa mokh thir korunk. Vatavoronn nitoll zalam, zonn eklo ap-plea kamank vochonk lagla. Challoun ghalpachem, nanv pidd'ddear korpachem sotr bond zalam ani tem zaunkuch zai. Nam zalear progoti zaunchi nam, vikas zauncho nam.

Paus lagim pavla. Amchim xaram azun nitoll zaunk nant. Pausachi purv-toyari azun zaite koddem suruch zaunk nam. Tacher gombhirtayen vichear korpachi goroz asa. Göyant poddipi paus eka disacho vo don disancho nhoi tor to chear-panch mhoine aplem ositiv dakhovpacho. 100-150 inch pausachem udok santhoun dovorpachi mokh amkam tharaunk zai. Göyant zaitim dhoronnam bandleant hi ek bori gozal punn xaramni santhoun urpi udkak lagun saman'ya mon'xak tras zata. Cholpa-bhonvpak mellonam, vahonam legit buddttat oxi poristhiti zata. Göychi rajdhani Ponnjent, atam kitle dis zale kam' chalu asa. 'Smart City'-chea nanvan roste khonnttat, bilddingam moddttat, 'cable' ghaltat ani saiddin aslolie Mandovi nodichi porva korinastanam khollianchem kam' fuddem vhorat. Ponnje xar eka kallari kitlem xant ani sobit aslem. Aiz tem lokvostin bhorlam, Gaddiyachea avazan bherem zalam, saman'ya mon'xak trasdayk tharlam.

He xivai zonn eklean aplem mon, apli sonstha, aple karyokorte, fuddari hankam gheun mokh thir korchia, tachi bi toyari chalu zaunk zai. Oin vellar ghat zalo mhoon dusreacha nanvar roddche poros apli mokh zoitak pavounk aizuch thaun vaurak lagat.

—Vincy Quadros & Pri. Myron Jeson Barreto

Svobhimani Haves

Sonvsarant Bhurgeanchem Zolm Promann Unnem Zavpachea Margar?

Gel'lea sot'tor vorsant sonvsarant projonon promann (fertility rate) 50% komi zalam. 1950 vorsa ostoriek panch bhurgim zatalim tim 2021 vorsa don bhurgim zaleant. 'Lancet' hea masikant sodvaur chhapon aila te pormannem 2050 vorsa ostoriek fokot don bhurgim ani te fuddem to ankddo denvot vetolo oso odmas dila. Oxem zalear ponchvis vorsam uprant sonvsarachea 75% dexami loksonkhyia sarki unni zatoli. Odmasa pormannem 2050 vorsa 204 dexam modem 155 dexami ostoriank thoddim bhurgim zolmotolim ani haka lagun sthir loksonkhyia (stable population) sambhallunk aughodd zatole. Sthir loksonkhyia mhunne jitle zannite moron vetat te zage bhurgeanchem zolma vorvim bhorun kaddop. Sthir loksonkhyia asonk ostoriek don tori bhurgim zolmonk gorjechem.

Bharotachi poristhiti

Bharotachi poristhiti oxi asa. 1950 vorsa ostoriek 6 bhurgim zolmotolim, tim 2021 vorsa dogam zalim. He fuddem ho ankddo eka bhurgeacher pavtolo

Sodheak Bharot dexak loksonkhyia ho ek mathem-fodd prosn asa. Tori fuddlea kaim vorsamni soimbuch hacher upai kaddunk xokta oso odmas divpi Luisa Pereira e Luis aple vichear manddta

oxem zannkar sangtat. Itlem ason Sonyukt Raxtranchea (UN) odmasa pormannem Bharotachi loksonkhyia 1.6 billion tenktoli. Bharotant vodd loksonkhyia asa dekhun lokak xikxonn, jevon-khann, rozgar, bholaiki yeuzonno, ravpak ghoram, goribank orthik palov, adi nirmann korunk sorkarak kustar zata. Pun Bharotant zaito modlie piraiecho lok aslolean orth-vevostha ubharunk (economic upliftment) tancho aspav zaum-ieta.

Zolm promann unne zavpachim



karonnam mhunnlear tann, dhumrpan, alkohl, jiyepachi pod'dot (lifestyle) ani porivoronnachem produxon. Zaita zoddpeank bhurgim naka oxemi tanchem chintop asta.

Porinnam'

Thoddim bhurgim ani chodd zanntteachi loksonkhyia zavpachi xokyotai aslolean tankam posop, hospitalacho khorch ani her suvidha uplobd korunk sorkarak motto prosn poddttolo. Te bhair kuxoll kamdarancho (skilled labor) unnav bhorun kaddunk

vevsayank (business) ek vhold avhan astolem.

Xevottak

Fuddlea dosokant (decades) komi utpon' aslolea desamni ostoriek 3-4 bhurgim zavpacho odmas asa. 2100 vorsa Afrikechea ostoriank don bhurgim zavpacho odmas asa. Kaim sonsadhon moryadit (resource-limited) aslolea dexami bhurgeank koxim vaddouchim ani vaddttach tankam xikxonn, jevon, rozgar, ravonk ghoram, adi koxem favo korchem ho ek motto prosn tanchea sorkarak poddttolo. Dekhun gorib dexami ravpi kaim lok girest dexami stholantor (migrate) zavpachi xokyotai asa. Te bhair girest dexami loksonkhyia unni zatoch 'artificial intelligence' vaprun hospitalamni ani her zageancher 'robot' kam' kortole. Dexami thoddo lok aslolean produxon komi zatolem ani vatavoronn nivoll urtolem. Fuddarak zaitim avhanam utpon' zatolim tim vell yetoch kollttolim.

— Luisa Pereira e Luis



Konknni Oparinchem Bhanddar

- Grama pormannem porkor, dexa pormannem bhes. So many countries, so many costumes.
- Ghoddo gelear hot'ti gelo mhoon sangop. To make a mountain out of a mole hill.
- Jevonn polletoch tachi jib mut'ta. A glutton's mouth always waters when he sees food.
- Dharu ani uzo, ekthaim sambhallum nozo. Gunpowder and fire cannot go together.
- Ekachem mhunn'nnem, dusreachem moronn. Words can kill a man.
- Poddtea rukhak kuradd kiteak zai? Why do you need an axe for a falling tree?
- Koleachi bud'dh. The advice of a cunning fox.

— Dr. Edward de Lima



Supik Sondex

Apli Chuk Mandun Gheyat ani Magiruch Sol'lo Diyat

'To Mi Novvech' hem Acharya Atre hannem Moratthi bhaxent boroilolem ozronvor natto. Tatunt to hanv nhoich punn dusro konn tori oxem dakhovpacho yotn korta ani guneanvantlean sutt'ta. Fottigponna korun ani bailank sotaun ek bodmas, apunn to nhoich mhunnpachem natto

korta. Amchea jivitant osle monis zaita asat ani tanchen khorem tharta.

"Tum tanche borabor bhonvta ani mhoje koddem udar magonk yeta?" Eka veparian aplea giraikak soroll prosn kelo. Te mholllear tache virodhok. Zaka konn adhar korta to tache boraboruch bhonvto nhoi? Fattile venchnukechea disanti hi gozal. Vepariak zai aslem to apna borabor bhonvto punn tannem tachea virodhant vaur kelo. Giraikachem mhunn'nnem aslem to umedvar nhoi zalear umedvar vinchun kaddunk dor eka motdarak odhikar asa nhoi? Apunn tache koddem udar vhorta mhoon vepariachi gulamgiri korchia? Hem kitlea promannant sot tem polleunchem poddttolem. Aichea kallari ek 'trend' zala, hanv konnacher upkar kortam zalear tannem mhoje borabor ravonk zai. Kiteak mhoon? Dusreak svotontr jivit nam?

"Dusreak somzonk zai ani bhogsonnem diunk zai." Ho eke kothenlo sonvad. Zaita pauttim Misa vellar padrinchea tonddantlean ami aikotat. Bhoutek sogllea dhormanchim Povitr Pustokam hench sangtat. Monis apnnak zai toso tancho orth ghunvddaita ani zaita pauttim monis hem apna torfen korunk sodnam, dusreank mat sol'lo dita. Dusreamni bhogsuchem ani apnnem? Zaita pauttim ami amchio vankddio gozali



visortat ani dusrean tich gozal novie ritin haddli mhoonttoko amkam ti bori dista. Borem dista tem dusreak sangop sompem punn tich gozal apnnem kelia tika bhogsonnem asa?

Eke partient eke vholdlie komponicho odhikari ek gozal sangonk laglo. "Amchie komponit eka klarkan vhold chuk keli ani komponik kitlench luksann bhogchem poddlem. Komponi mukhar don poriai asle, ek tor tem luksann bhogchem vo tem tea klarka koddean usul korun gheunchem. Vevosthaponachi boska zali ani choddavont vangddiamni sanglem tem luksann klarka koddean usul korun gheunchem. Nirnoi Managing Director-a fudeant pavlo. Tednam MD-n sanglem tea klarka koddean duddu usul korun gheunchi goroz nam kiteak taka mull karnnibhut aslo ek vholdlo odhikari, tache koddean te duddu usul zatole. Ani to odhikari hanv aslom. Hanv sodanch mhojem lipotalom ani dusreanch dakhoitalom. Tea klarkachi fattbhuiim pollenastanam hanvem mhazo guneanv tacher ghalo punn amchea MD-n tem aplea gineanan sodun kaddlem. Dekhun sangtam, dusreachio chuki sodun hanv to nhoich mhunninakat, chuk mandun gheyat ani magiruch dusreak sol'lo diyat."

— Vincy Quadros



Chitr-kotha

Moidan

Ek zago khellonk ani veayam' korunk Lhanank toso vholdleank obhimanunk Veg-vegglea kornniam vorvim thaim Man-ture somestam hujir mellounk Ek zago khellgoddea modem kednam Ghott ani togta tosi ixttagot korunk Kednam ragachio don galli ghalun Aplen ch nanv ani ostotiv ibaddunk

Bhurgeam Kanni

Ghontter

Lonku halot-dholot xallek vetalo. Taka ek zambllanchem Lzhadd dislem. To tacher choddlo ani zambllam kaddunk laglo. Taka zambllam khain distalim punn jib rongit zatoli mhoon tannem khavpachem ttal'ilem. To zhadda velean denvpak, ek gaddi thaim yeun ubi zali. Gaddiecho ddraivor zhadda koddem ailo.

"Are baba, ho to voir ghontter asa to matxe kaddun di

re. Fattile chear dis zale amcho patranv to polleta punn zhadda chher choddon kaddunk konn nam mhoon porot veta." Ddraivoran Lonkuk mhunnlem. "Tum chodd ani kadd mure." Lonkun hansot sanglem. "Mhojan zainam re. Tum choddlocho asa nhoi, matxe kaddun di re." Ddraivoran porot vinonti keli. Lonku aikonam zalo.

Gaddient boslolo patranv tanche fudeant ailo.

"Amchem 'Restaurant' asa, to ghontter mhaka thaim vhoron dovrunk zai. Matxe kaddun di mure bhurgea." Patranvan Lonkuk vinonti keli.

"Saib, tea ghontterant lhan-lhan pilam asat. To ghontter kaddo zalear tea pilanchem kitem zatole? Tankam khaunk haddunk gelia ti tanchi avoi yetokoch ti aplea pilank kheim sodtoli? Amkam konnem ginean yeunche adim rostear soddlear amche kitem hal zatole? Toxech tea pilanche zatole nhoi saib? Tim pilam uddonk laglim mhoonttuch hanv to kaddun ditam." Lonkun monisponn ani sounneam vixim mog ugtait sanglem. Patranv tache mlovp aikokuch urlo. Taka yad zali, eka kallari apunnui osoch konn naslolo aslo mhoon. Tannem Lonkuk xabaksi dili ani mhunnlem, "Sarkem tujem bhurgea. Aichean hanv kednanch ghontter vhoron amchea 'Restaurant'-ant lavcho nam."

To ddraivora borabor cholonk laglo. Apnnem kitem tori borem kam' kelem mhoon Lonkuk aploch obhiman bhoglo.

Dekh: Duddu asle mhoon zainam, ginean titlench gorjechem.



Somajik Lekh

Mai Mhoino Visov Ghevpacho ani Ters Rozar Korpacho

Mayacho mhoino visov ghevpacho, khellpa-nachpacho ani mon'rizon korpacho. Vorosbhor vaur korun Mayachea mhoineant ani suttu ghetanv. Iskolachea vidyarthiank hea mhoineant suttu ditat tannim favo to visov gheun. Xikop kuddicho vaur nhoi punn monacho. Hatunt monacho bhorpur vapor zata ani xikon-xikon mon thokta.

Mayacho Göyant torekvor karyavolli ankon haddttat: Musical Concert, Beat-Show, Tiatr Festival, Futball Tournament, Nach, ek-anki nattkuleanchi spordha, fancy dress spordha adi. Oslia karyavollimni bhag gheun amchi mon'rizon zata. Arbi Somdirachie sundortayecho onnbhov gheun ki xitoll vareacho anond gheun Mayant lok veller veta. Kaim zonnakharea udkant nhatat, famili ani



ixtt-mitr pikniket vetat. Thondd beercho ani kazunchea urrak-acho ghontt jivak dhados korta. Zhorichea xitoll udkant toxench ghoshgoxeachea vhanvtea udkant nhanvonk urba yeta. Mayachea mhoineant khas ruchichim follam ambe, kazu, chibddam ani kalligam jiber poddttokoch jiv ruchin bhorta.

Mayacho mhoino Saibinn Maim bhettoil'lo mhoino. Mayachie 13vier 1917 vorsa Saibinn Maim teg gonvlli bhurgeank Portugalachea Fatima ganvant dixtti poddli. Tim bhurgim oxim asat: Lucia dos Santos, Francisco ani Jacinta Marto. Cova da Iria nanvachea zom'niche eka soimbik rikamea zagear tim menddhrank gheun chorunk gel'im. Thaim tankam ti sobit sundor ostori Saibinn Maim dixtti poddli. Sonvsarant xanti melloun gheun tankam Saibinn sodam ters rozar korunk formaleim. Pap Saib Francis-an Francisok ani Jacintak Mayachie 13-vier 1917 vorsa bhagevont mhoon ghoxit kelim ani Sr. Lucia-k teach Pap Saiban Junachie 22-vier 2023 vorsa man'yovont mhoon ghoxit keli. Mayant hatamni kont gheun ani ters rozar korum-ia ani Saibinn-ichi bhokti vaddoum-ia ani choddoum-ia.

— Eusebio Gomes SFX



Prosongik Lekh

Vaurachem Bim

Ghorantlo vaur lhan punn taka mol asta. Tem kam' korunk konnak loz disonam vo unneponn bhogonam. Mogan ani apurbayen kelem zalear tache mol odik vaddtta. Oslia lhan vaurachi tokhnnai korunk ani sogllea vaurak mol asa mhoon,

Bhagevont Juze amkam ek dekh ani nomuno. Inglez bhaxent ami 'dignity of work' mhunnnttat, tachi amkam to zanniv korun dita. Adhunik kallari, vaurachi ontorkart. Adhunik kallant jiyetolim yatreakar mhold-vhold podam aslolim kamam sodtat. Thovoi, pidrel, poder, render, adi, oslem unnea mol-achem kam' konnak naka.

Bhagevont Juzen, thovoyachem kam' mogan kelem ani Mariek ani Jezuk, favo te bhoxen ani ghoddtta te porim tanchem udorposonn korunk vaurlo. Hea kamant Jezun ani Marien, taka ut'tejon dilem, patthimbo dilo. Tachea vaurant taka khuxalponn mellttalem. Taka koslich as nasli. Tannem dusreachi nirddukai korunk nam. Her girest xezari aslim tanchi to tika korinaslo. Bogor, sogleank to sotzotalo ani ogeponnan sonstalo. Tache sovem,

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onit kelear pasun, tachea vaurachi mozuri ditat ti to ghetalo. Konnak tondd korun dinaslo. Takach lagun, taka Mayachie polier Sant Juze Vauraddi mhoon pachartat. Pap Saib Pius XII, 1955, hannem hem fest jahir kelem.

Aichea kallachea bhurgeank 'digital natives' mhunnnttat. Tankam, adinch fuddem soglem somzota. Pun dukhachi khobor, hie adhunik pillgiek vaurachem mol somzonam. Tankam koxtti vaur naka. Soglem 'shortcut' ani 'instant' zai. Titlench nhoi, poixe pasun, 'fast money' zai! Unnea pagarak hi pillgi kam' korunk sodnam. Bekar ravta punn tea unnea pagarak kam' korche suvater, nhidon vo her vostu korun, hanga thaim bhonvon vell sarta. Tor, vaurachem mol ani vauracho mog, lhanuch astanam avoi-bapai, xapai-xamaim bhurgeanchem kallant ghalunk ek ulo. Tachea jevnnachi boxi, chavchem kop, ghorant sarn vo zhaddu marunk. Toxench her lhan-lhan vostu korunk bhurgeank soyeg diuncho ani vaurachem bim tanchea kallant vompchem.

— Sr. Molly Fernandes SFN



Kovita

Pormoll Nam

Aizcho novo dis Tukach bhethoila Mhojea kallzacho sontos Tujea mogak axela

Soglo dis niyall kortanam Fulam bavlim vatt choltanam Dolleant kazoll ghalun sodtanam Khuim pavlo gomlem nam

Vontthar tujich utram Zoxim mollbar nokhetram Monant fulon kovonam Uddttat zaun bhavonam

Hovaman bodlot veta Novo dis udetanam Amurpiko suria mavolltta Punvie ratik yeukar ditanam

Sogott moujen dis sarta Hanv tujich vatt rakhtam Uskean kalliz ghuspota Punntunch lipon ravta

Soglem toxench asa Kainch bodlonk nam Kallzant ful'leant yadi-fulam Tuje vinnem pormoll nam

— Mariano Lucas Diniz



Rudan Eka Zanntteachem

Venchnuke vellar umedvar Veta motam magonk Fals avxasonamni fottoita Ek pauttim jikhon yetokoch Gorib zanntteachem kitem? Sangtat aila seva korunk Tanchea motam khustar uddio Hea pokxantlean tea pokxant Goribancho ghor visvasghat Dhortat kortubancho poscheatap?

— Anita Fernandes



Sukraracho Bazar

'MAPUSA' famad amcho ganv Sukrarachea bazarachem gazta nanv Lagxil'lo, poixil'lo yeta marun dhanv Zaita, ixtt-mitranch mellonk axetanv

Jin'savar vostu vikriek astat Ganv-ganvcho lok vikunk bosta Torkari, kharem, zhaddam rompio Toxench chonne, bigttam, chevrissam

Sopo gheun bostat vikrekaram Thoddim huskean, odik umedin Vikunk asta utpon' zaloli vonospoti Göychi ani poixil'lea Belgavichi Oxi tust Sukrarachea Bazarachi

— Sandhya A. Fernandes





Prez Joe Biden waves as he departs on Air Force One at Moffett Field, Friday, in Mountain View, California, on Saturday



Environmental activists march with their banner reading 'Communism for future' in Gruenheide, southeast of Berlin, on Saturday



Participants prepare for a lantern parade as part of a 'Lotus Lantern Festival' to celebrate the upcoming Buddha's birthday, in Seoul, on Saturday



Queen Mathilde of Belgium (in white) takes part in the 5th edition of the AG Belgian Coast Walk event in Belgium

Airports in spat over right to use name 'San Francisco'

AFP, LOS ANGELES: Lawsuits are flying in a dispute between two California airports over the right to use the name "San Francisco" - despite neither of them being in the city.

San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is suing the recently renamed San Francisco Bay Oakland International Airport (OAK), insisting the similar sounding names might confuse potential passengers.

Their lawsuit has been met with a counterclaim from The Port of Oakland asking a judge to rule its airport's new moniker -- which replaced "Metropolitan Oakland International Airport" - is not a copyright infringement.

The San Francisco city attorney's decision to pursue litigation "is an attempt to stop consumer education, prevent expanded air travel options for Bay Area residents and visitors.

Russia seizes villages in Northeast Ukraine, 1,700 civilians flee

AP, KYIV: Russian forces have captured five villages as part of a renewed ground assault in Ukraine's north-east, the country's Defence Ministry said Saturday.

troops took the villages of Borysivka, Ohirtseve, Pylna and Strilecha, all of which lie in a militarily contested "grey zone" on the border of Ukraine's Kharkiv region and Russia.

had also captured another village, Pletenivka, in renewed attack on the region that Ukrainian authorities said forced more than 1,700 civilians to flee.

Artillery, mortar, and aerial bombardments hit



Employees of the State Emergency Service extinguish fires of private houses destroyed by a shelling in Kharkiv, eastern Ukraine, amid the Russian invasion in Ukraine

officials said.

Another strike set ablaze an oil depot in Ukraine's Russian-occupied Luhansk region, killing four people and injuring eight more, Leonid Pasechnik, the region's Moscow-installed leader said on the messaging app Telegram on Saturday.

Russian forces stepped up their bombardment of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, in late March. Friday's attack signalled a tactical switch in the war by Moscow that Ukrainian officials had been expecting for weeks.

Russian military bloggers said the assault could mark the start of a Russian attempt to carve out a "buffer zone" that President Vladimir Putin vowed to create earlier this year to halt frequent Ukrainian attacks on Belgorod and other Russian border regions.

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SITUATIONS VACANT

Required office Assistant for office near Agnel Ashram at Verna. Salary 10,000/- to 12,000/-.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted Waiter, All-Rounder Cook, Dishwasher for Gomantak Bar and Restaurant, Fatorda.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Urgently required all rounder cook for restaurant. Good salary food and accommodation free.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Career Opportunity for leading MNC Company. Looking for 25 candidates from South Goa.

THANKSGIVING

THANKS GIVING TO ST. JUDE. JUDE - O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr great in virtue and rich in miracles.

Urgently Require a Room Boy and Waiter at Vallankanni Cottages Colva.

Need Office Boy around Margao with Computer knowledge and 2 wheeler licence for a printing firm.

Wanted Graduates, fluent in English for teaching CBSE schools in Kerala.

Wanted full time Nanny for a new born in Margao. Attractive salary, food and accommodation provided.

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JUDE THADDEUS

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Wanted Electrician staying in and around Margao.

Wanted cook and waiter for Shobha Bar & Restaurant at Gogol, Margao - Goa.

Urgently Wanted Waiters & Indian Cooks for a Reputed Hotel in Vasco.

Wanted Office Admin and Ticketing Consultant for Travel Agency in Margao.

Wanted (F) for Social Media Operations on FB, Instagram for a reputed Electronics showroom in Margao.

Wanted South Indian Cook, Dishwasher, Helpers, waiter to work for family restaurant in Margao.

Wanted immediately Receptionist/ Office Girl for an NGO in Aquem Margao, able to communicate in English, Konkani, Hindi.

Wanted Faculties to work in Kerala. Must know to speak English well.

Admin Assistants for BPO in Goa (Margao, Ponda, Verna, Vasco, Bambolim).

Wanted female/male office assistant in margao goa (fresher can apply)

Wanted computer technician with Diploma/ ITI /Hardware course.

Hiring for super market in Navelim Position Purchase manager

Career Opportunity for leading MNC Company. Looking for 25 candidates from South Goa.

Wanted English speaking male staff to work night shift at ice cream parlor Colva.

Urgently require Waiters, Kitchen Helpers. Cashier at St Antonio Waterfront Restaurant.

Wanted Female Office Assistant & Office Boy/Driver with 2 / 4 Wheeler Licence for Calangute & Margao.

Wanted Christian girl to handle international courier service in Santacruz panjim.

Wanted Driver with Badge for tourist bus salary Rs. 18,000+ night Charges.

Experienced accountant needed for prestigious Tax consultancy.

Wanted Trained Undergraduate Teacher B.A., B. Ed to teach Marathi & Hindi.

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Wanted Office Administrator and office girl as a ticketing consultant for Traveling Agency.

An esteemed Educational organization is searching for dedicated English educators to join their team at schools across Hyderabad, Vizag, Guntur, Pune, and Ahmedabad.

Wanted Trained Undergraduate Teacher B.A., B. Ed to teach Social Science & English.

Wanted Tailor for Ralcy Fashion. Boutique and Tailoring shop at Models Exotica.

Wanted urgently Accountant (Female) having knowledge of tally. Finalization of accounts, GST etc.

Wanted front desk male/female for Executive Lounge at Madgaon.

Wanted female staff for the furniture shop in Navelim Salcete.

Urgent hiring, all rounder cook (2), kitchen helper (2), waiter (2), food accommodation, good salary -7976200439

Wanted urgently Graphic Designer having knowledge of CorelDraw, Illustrator, Photoshop.

Wanted experienced female staff at Navelim Salcete, with knowledge of internet, online apps, email, good typing speed.

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Required Accounts Manager / Accounts Assistant for Arpora Hotel. Hotel Exp req. Tally Accounting Exp. /GST/TDS Email resume to antalyagoa@gmail.com

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DEATH
KENNEDY CARY CAJETAN D'SA
 (Atafondem, Moira)
 Born: 13.02.1970 - Died: 10.05.2024

S/o late Thomas/late Luiza D'Sa. Husband of Usha Maria D'Sa. Most affectionate father of Kenria D'Sa. Beloved brother of Lucy/John Henriques, late Thelma/ Anthony Pinto, late Francis D'Sa. Brother-in-law of Rosy/Vincent Fabian, Rita/late George D'Silva, late Evon/late Alex Raj, Veronica/Milag Almeida (Rajkot, Gujarat). Affectionate uncle and grand uncle to nieces and nephews. Funeral will be held on Sunday, 12th May 2024 (Today) at 4.00 pm at Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church, Moira.

IN THE LORD'S WARM EMBRACE
DELFINO RODRIGUES
 Born: 26/11/1950
 Died: 09/05/2024
 (MODDI-NAVELIM/ UK)

Loving husband of Percila Rodrigues. Affectionate father/father-in-law of Vellisa/ Jeslan Furtado and Patrisha/ Valinco Pereira. Adorable grandfather of Jaden and Predencia. **Expired Suddenly in UK**

THE FUNERAL DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER

RETURNED TO THE LORD
"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety."

ANTONIO FRANCISCO GOMES
 (Gogol, Margao)
 Born: 05/02/1961
 Died: 11/05/2024

Beloved husband of Milagrina (Mila) Gomes. Loving Father/Father-in-law of Clare Samuel/Melanie and Divina. Funeral cortege will leave his residence Today, 12th May 2024 at 3:00 pm to Holy Spirit Church, Margao for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

LORD I AM COMING HOME

ASWIN CARDOSO
 (ST. FRANCIS COLONY, AMONA, QUEPEM / HAYES, U.K.)
 "There are memories that time does not erase...
 Forever does not make loss forgettable, only bearable."

Son of late Francisco Cardoso & (Jacinta) Bernardina R. Fernandes. Loving brother/brother-in-law of Molly / Paul Fernandes (U.K) Jesila / Francisco Rebello, Sumitra / Menino Crasto, Loving uncle of Maurita & Priyanka (U.K), Fraser & Swinton, Shanelle.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Monday, 13th May 2024 at 3.45 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, Quepem for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

Our special thanks to all the Friend's of U.K & Goa for helping us out in hour of need.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Three Years Remembrance
 In loving memory of

BENEDICTO (BISHUT) THEMUDO
 NAVELIM / COLVA

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for our beloved Bishut on 13th May 2024, at 7.15 am at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim followed by prayers & blessings at the grave.

Offered by his sorrowful wife Rita, children Blanche, Blossom/Arindam, Beverley/Samson and the family.

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

Third Death Anniversary
 In everloving memory of
ESMERALDA FERNANDES
 GOULEACOTTO- CUNCOLIM

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the Beloved soul of our Mother at 7.30 am on Monday 13th May 2024 at Our Lady of Health Church, Cuncolim followed by prayers and blessings of the grave.

Offered by her Sorrowful children & grandchildren.

Relatives, Friends & Neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In loving memory of
MARCELINO KARL GOMES (CARLOS)
 :- MALBHAT, MARGAO :-

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Marcelino Karl Gomes at 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 13th May 2024 at Carmelite Monastery, Malbhat-Margao, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave at Navelim Cemetery, offered by his loving wife: Milagrina Gomes; children: Melosha, Mikael Gomes and family.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In Everloving Memory of
JOAQUIM PASCOAL DINIZ
 (1953-2021)
 Bella-Vista, Raia.

Our Hearts still aches in sadness And secret tears still flows, What it's meant to lose You No one will ever know.

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Joaquim on Monday 13th May 2024 at 8:15 am at Our Lady of Snow's Church Raia followed by Prayers and Blessing of the grave.

Offered by His Beloved Wife: Elbi Diniz Children: Adv. Audrey/Late Epifanio Valadares Joel Armando Diniz.

Brother of Late Salvador/Filomena, Late Albert/Late Emelda, Apociano/Fatima, George, Ubaldina/Jose-Marie Barreto, Joanita/Jose Dias, Late Philippe/Fatima D'Costa. Nephews, Nieces and Family

Relatives and Friends kindly accept this as the only Intimation.

THREE YEARS IN GOD'S ARMS
LIGORIO F. SOUZA
 :- Bhatt - Macazana :-
 HUSBAND OF LATE MARIA UBELINA SOUZA
 "Days will pass and turn into years but we will always remember you with silent tears."
MISSING YOU!!

There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved father Logorio F. Souza at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, 13th May 2024 (Tomorrow) at St. Francis Xavier Church, Macazana, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful children, grandchildren and family.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In Loving Memory of

SIRA FILOMENA SYBIL D'MELLO e SOARES
 ~ Patto - Ribandar ~

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Sira Soares at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, 13th May, 2024 at Our Lady of Ajuda Church, Ribandar followed by prayers and blessing at the grave. Offered by her sorrowful family.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

ONE MONTH WITH THE LORD
 In cherished memory of

PIEPADE HERMENEGILDA FERNANDES e MENDES
 Ex- Staff Nurse Hospicio & GMC (Aquem - Margao)

"In memory of a life so beautifully lived, A heart so deeply loved."

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved mother, Piedade on Monday, 13th May 2024 at 8:00 am at St. Sebastian Cemetery, Aquem, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by her sorrowful son: Ian/Salmina, daughter: Ien/Edward, grandchildren: Nikhita/Charles; Sherwin, Caroline & Ethan.

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

BUS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH, AQUEM.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
MARIO FERNANDES
 Seraulim

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of Mario on Monday 13/5/2024 at 8.00 a.m. at Our Lady of Pilar Church, Seraulim followed by prayers & blessing of the grave, offered by his sorrowful family.

Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In Loving Memory of
BELARMINA ADELINA FERNANDES e RODRIGUES (BELLA RODRIGUES)
 Born: 29.03.1941 Died: 12.05.2023
RODRICKS HOUSE, VASCO

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved mother Belarmina Adalina Fernandes e Rodrigues on Monday, 13th May 2024 at 8:15 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Vasco, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by her loving Children Sertorio/Maggie, Filbert/Janifa, Luzia/Bonifacio Goes and Joseph (Jojo)/Maria and Family.

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

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In Loving Memory of
ESPIRITO MERCIER CARDOZO
 :- COPELL - VADDO, COLVA :-

Blessed are those who die in the Lord, for they will rest from their hard work, for their good deeds follow them. - Revelation 14:13

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Espirito Mercier Cardozo at 7:45 a.m. on Monday, 13th May 2024 at Our Lady of Merces Church, Colva, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful family.

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

THREE YEARS WITH THE LORD

ANASTASIA FERNANDES (TUTU)
 Three years have passed since you went away, Yet you are missed so dearly, to this day. Though you're gone, your spirit still thrives, In our hearts, you'll forever reside.

Loving wife of Antonio Fernandes (Babush). Beloved mother / mother-in-law of Alicia / Reagan / Michael / Pearlina. Beloved grandmother of Jaydan and Kaylan. Caring sister / sister-in-law of Ditosa and Adelmo Fernandes, Late Camilo and Joanita Gonsalves, Bernadeth and Late Thomas Silva.

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Anastasia (Tutu) on 13th May 2024 (TOMORROW) at 8.30 am at St. Michael church, Taleigao, followed by blessing of the grave.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

CONDOLENCE

ELIZA DIAS
 No farewell words were spoken, No time to say goodbye, You were gone, before we knew it and only God knows why.
 We will miss you.

A Tribute of love from:
 loving Sister : **MANUELINHA SEQUEIRA** (Orgao, Loutolim)
 Nephew / niece: **FRANKY / MARIA MONTEIRO** (USA)

MAY GOD GRANT HER ETERNAL REST.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY **30th DEATH REMEMBRANCE**
 In Everloving memories of

SANTANA ANGELO DIAS **MILAGRES DIAS**
 Died: 12-05-2021 **Died: 15-05-1994**
 Son of Late Santana Dias and Merciana Dias.

Porriehbat, Verna

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved SANTANA DIAS on Monday 13th May 2024 (TOMORROW) at 7.30 am at Holy Cross Church Verna followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife Merciana Dias, Children, Grandchildren and Great grandchild.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In Everloving Memory of
MARIA REMEDIANA MONTEIRO
 (Arddy Candolim)
 Born: 02-06-1973 - Died: 13-05-2023

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved MARIA REMEDIANA MONTEIRO on MONDAY, 13th May 2024 at 7:00 a.m at Our Lady of Hope Church, Candolim followed by prayers and blessings of the grave offered by her sorrowful Husband: **Francisco Monteiro** (Cyril) Daughters: Rachel and Ryana Monteiro & family.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In everloving memory of
PARTICIO XAVIER FORTUNATO FERNANDES
 :- Nessai- Sao Jose De Areal :-

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved PARTICIO XAVIER FORTUNATO FERNANDES at 7:30 A.M. on Monday, 13th May 2024 (Tomorrow) at St. Joseph Church, Sao Jose De Areal, followed by blessings & prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife: Josephina; children: Freddy/ Crista, Marialeena/ Milton, Rita/ Alcon & Fabina; grandchildren: Anwell, Rylan, Raizel & Asher.

Relatives, Friends & Neighbours, kindly accept this as the only intimation

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In Everloving Memory of

Vilma Bernadette Silgado e Souza
 (Ex. Headmistress - Don Bosco, Calangute / Shri Shanta Vidhyalaya, Siolim)
 Casa Cointo Calangute - Goa

Beloved wife of Late Julio V. De Souza. Mother / Mother in law of Marlon, Gail, Caren Lu / Remedios Noronha, Lochan (Lerise) / Dr. Dilip Amonkar. Grandmother of Dr Amol / Dr Ambika, Hesron / Renita, Dr Akshita, Dr Ankita / Dr Nikhil, Dwayne, Nahshon.

There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Vilma at St. Alex Church - Calangute on Monday, 13th May 2024 at 7:45 am followed by blessing and prayers at the grave.

THREE YEARS WITH THE LORD
 In loving memory of

Julio Cedric Aguiar
 Ponda / Caranzalem

"You will always remain with us for love itself lives on, And cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, And until the day we meet again, you will live on in our hearts."

There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Julio Cedric on Monday, 13th May 2024 at 8:15am at St. Anne's Church, Ponda followed by blessing of the grave.

A tribute of love from his Wife: Sonia, Parents: late Joidlo/Nelly, Sister/Brother-in-law: Yheula/Wilson, Brother/Sister-in-law: Melvyn/Karen, Sisters-in-law: Seema/Alban, Sandhya/Steven, Nieces & Nephews: Elishka, Annalise, Darius, Samuel, Scott & Scarlett.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Third Death Anniversary
 In Loving Memory of
JOE D'COSTA
 (Ex- Serviceman / Ex- Canara Bank)
 :- Ganapoga - Raia :-
 Born: 15th December 1948 - Died: 12th May 2021

The Day You Went Away
 They say that times a healer
 But as the time goes on,
 We seem to find it just as hard
 To face the fact you've gone.

And today it's the Anniversary
 Of the day that you went away,
 And we are standing here at
 your graveside
 And believe us when we say.

You'll never be forgotten
 And every year we'll shed a tear,
 But it's only because
 We Love You
 And wish you were still here.

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Joe on Monday, 13th May 2024 at 7:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Snows Church, Raia, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave.

Fondly remembered by:
 Wife: **LUIZINHA M. D'COSTA** (ITO - Retired)
 Daughter / Son-in-law:
KEZIAH D'COSTA / CAMILO FERNANDES (U.K)
 Grandson: **CALEB KEIGAN FERNANDES**

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Two doctors arrested for issuing fake NOC for organ transplant

PTI, JAIPUR: Two doctors of a private hospital in Jaipur have been arrested in connection with fake NOC for organ transplant case.

JAIPUR FAKE DOCTOR

Police said that nephrologist of the Fortis Hospital, Jaipur Dr Jitendra Goswami and urologist Dr Sandeep Gupta have been arrested under sections 419, 420, 471, 370, 120-B of IPC.

The Rajasthan government on Tuesday relieved Dr Rajeev Bagrahatta, Principal of Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Medi-

cal College and Dr Achal Sharma, Superintendent of the SMS Hospital, from their posts with immediate effect in the case of fake no objection certificate (NOC) for organ transplant.

Along with this, Dr Sudhir Bhandari was removed from the post of Chairman of the Steering Committee constituted for the

State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTO) with immediate effect. Bhandari also resigned from the post of Vice Chancellor of the Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS) on Thursday.

On April 1, an Anti-corruption Bureau team had arrested three people for taking bribe in lieu of issuing No Objection Certificate (NOC) in connection with organ transplant. It is alleged that these accused were issuing fake NOC by taking money. After this, action was taken against some private hospitals of Jaipur.

Thousands rally in Tbilisi against 'foreign influence' bill

AFP, TBILISI, (GEORGIA): Thousands of protesters marched through central Tbilisi on Saturday at a rally against a controversial "foreign influence" bill backed by the Georgian government and likened to Russian laws silencing dissent. Massive rallies have gripped the Black Sea Caucasus country for almost a month after the ruling Georgian Dream party revived the bill dropped last year because of a huge backlash. Demonstrators con-



Protesters march during a rally against the controversial 'foreign influence' bill in Tbilisi, Georgia, on Saturday

verged on Tbilisi's central Europe Square on Saturday evening in the latest protest, an AFP journalist saw.

Under pouring rain, protesters chanted "No to the Russian law!" and "No to the Russian dictatorship!", waving red-and-white Georgian flags and blue EU flags in a sea of umbrellas on the large square.

"We are protecting our European future and our freedom," said one of the protesters, Mariam Meunria, 39, who works for a German company, adding she fears the country is going in the direction of Russia.

"We don't need to return to the Soviet Union," said 38-year-old Georgian-language teacher Lela Tsiklauri.

The European Union, the United States and the United Nations have spoken out against the legislation, with the UN human rights chief Volker Turk also voicing concern about police violence against protesters.

Georgian police violently broke up a demonstration on April 30, firing tear gas, water cannon and rubber bullets, and beating and arresting scores of people.

IAF rescues injured US trekker from Himachal

PTI, NEW DELHI: The IAF on Saturday said a US woman who suffered a spinal injury while trekking was airlifted from a treacherous terrain of a village in Himachal Pradesh.

In a post on X, the Indian Air Force (IAF) also shared photos and videos of the evacuation.

"Based on the request of the civil admin to evacuate an American national, who had suffered a spinal injury during trekking, IAF launched a Cheetah helicopter for the casualty evacuation," it said.

The IAF said it "airlifted the woman trekker successfully."

'Miracle' survivor found 5 days after S Africa building collapse

AFP, JOHANNESBURG: Rescuers and onlookers cheered and applauded Saturday as a survivor emerged after 116 hours from underneath the rubble of a collapsed building in South Africa, with the tragedy having killed at least 13.

"It is a miracle that we have all been hoping for," Western Cape provincial premier Alan Winde said on X, formerly Twitter. An apartment block under construction in the southern city of George crumbled Monday afternoon while a crew of 81 were on site.

In a video shared by the municipality, Gabriel Guambe said: "I'm okay now, I'm okay now, everything is okay. Thank you, God bless you guys."

"Mr. Guambe is recovering well... having remark-

ably sustained only minor injuries," authorities said in a statement, adding that he was in "good spirits".

The 32-year-old construction worker was located by rescuers who heard a moan from under the rubble. He was only pulled out hours after being initially found.

"When we went down to the side of the slab we had uncovered, we heard somebody inside and we stopped all the heavy operations," Colin Deiner, head of rescue operations, told reporters.

Rescuers then called out to the survivor and he spoke back, Deiner said.

"He indicated to us that he's got weight on his legs, and we're very concerned about that after such a long period of time."

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'SHOWERS OF BLESSING' ACROSS GOA BRING RESPITE TO PEOPLE FROM THE BLISTERING HEAT

"More talukas are likely to get affected since the clouds are generally moving towards South-West direction," the IMD added.

It has advised people to stay away from electricity poles and weak structures during lightning and gusty winds and avoid using electrical appliances.

The IMD had predicted that light to moderate rainfall accompanied with thunderstorm and lightning with gusty winds of 30-40 kmph is likely to hit at many places over North and South Goa during the next three to four hours.

At Vasco, two-wheeler riders were caught unaware of the sudden unseasonable rains, which also caused power outages in many parts of the Mormugao taluka on Saturday.

The sudden rains accompanied by gusty winds caused traffic snarls at many places. A coconut tree fell on the electricity wires at Mundvel, but there was no loss of life.

REGULAR WATER SUPPLY REMAINS A 'PIPED' DREAM FOR UTORDA RESIDENTS

The residents of Francisco Costa ward in Utorda submitted a memorandum to the PWD's Principal Chief Engineer on Friday, pleading for action to address the persistent issue of low water pressure in the area.

Taking note of the severity of the water supply issue in Utorda and emphasizing the immediate need for measures to assist the villagers, the GHRC in March this year, had asked the PWD to expedite the replacement of old, corroded GI or galvanised iron pipelines with UPVC or unplasticised polyvinyl chloride ones in the severely-affected localities on an urgent basis.

Recognising water as a fundamental human right, the Commission had acknowledged the importance of providing clean and potable water for all citizens.

Despite their persistent hardships caused by low water pressure leading to irregular water supply in Utorda, the residents claimed that the authority concerned is reluctant to acknowledge the gravity of the situation.

The memorandum signed by 30 residents highlighted their frustration over the inaction with regard to the irregular water supply issue in Utorda.

Claiming that numerous complaints were made to the Junior Engineer and Assistant Engineer of the area via telephone in the past, the residents complained that no steps have been taken to address their grievances.

Sharlet Fernandes, a local panch, said that since April 29, the water situation has worsened significantly in Utorda.

"Our water issue was taken up suo motu by the Goa Human Rights Commission, to solve the issue. And it was also prominently highlighted by O Herald. In this regard, the Commission had passed an order to ensure regular water supply

to the area which the department has not complied with till date," she added.

SOLAR STORM PUTS ON BRILLIANT LIGHT SHOW ACROSS THE GLOBE

Brilliant purple, green, yellow and pink hues of the Northern Lights were reported worldwide, with sightings in Germany, Switzerland, London, Prague, Barcelona and elsewhere.

In the US, Friday's night's solar storm pushed the lights much further south than normal. People in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and other Midwestern states were able to capture photos of colours along the horizon.

NOAA said the solar storm will persist throughout the weekend, offering another chance for many to catch the Northern Lights on Saturday night.

The agency issued a rare severe geomagnetic storm warning when a solar outburst reached Earth on Friday afternoon, hours sooner than anticipated.

NOAA alerted operators of power plants and spacecraft in orbit, as well as FEMA, to take precautions.

"For most people here on planet Earth, they won't have to do anything," said Rob Steenburgh, a scientist with NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Centre.

"That's really the gift from space weather: the aurora," Steenburgh said. He and his colleagues said the best aurora views may come from phone cameras, which are better at capturing light than the naked eye.

Snap a picture of the sky and "there might be actually a nice little treat there for you," said Mike Bettwy, operations chief for the prediction centre.

The most intense solar storm in recorded history, in 1859, prompted auroras in central America and possibly even Hawaii.

This storm poses a risk for high-voltage transmission lines for power grids, not the electrical lines ordinarily found in people's homes, NOAA space weather forecaster Shawn Dahl told reporters. Satellites also could be affected, which in turn could disrupt navigation and communication services here on Earth.

An extreme geomagnetic storm in 2003, for example, took out power in Sweden and damaged power transformers in South Africa.

Even when the storm is over, signals between GPS satellites and ground receivers could be scrambled or lost, according to NOAA. But there are so many navigation satellites that any outages should not last long, Steenburgh noted.

The sun has produced strong solar flares since Wednesday, resulting in at least seven outbursts of plasma. Each eruption, known as a coronal mass ejection, can contain billions of tonnes of plasma and magnetic field from the sun's outer atmosphere, or corona.

The flares seem to be associated with a sunspot that's 16 times the diameter of Earth, NOAA said. It is all part of the solar activity ramping up as the sun approaches the peak of its 11-year cycle.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
TOMACINHO FERNANDES
 Firgulem Navelim
 There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Tomacinho Fernandes on Monday 13th May at 7:15 am at Our Lady Of Rosary Church Navelim followed by prayers and blessing of the grave. Offered by his sorrowful wife Maria Isabela Braganca, Children Francisco / Velinda, Soni, Danny / Milan, Ronald / Josephina. Grand children Swezal, Royson, Chelsea, Chester and Vallan.
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In loving memory of
ANTHONY PAUL RODRIGUES (TONY)
 AQUM - BAIXO NAVALIM
 Three years passed on this day the one we loved was called away God took you home, it was His will, But in our hearts you still live.
 There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Tony at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim on 13.05.2024 (Tomorrow) at 7:15am followed by prayers at the grave.
 Offered by his sorrowful wife Valerie Children: Sheenon & Shayden
 Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In loving memory of a beautiful soul, who left us too soon.
 Your memory will forever be etched in our hearts.
STANLEY DE ALMEIDA
 VODLEM BHATT - TALEIGAO
 Born: 16/08/1979 Died: 12/05/2023
 There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved STANLEY on Monday, 13th May, 2024 (tomorrow) at 7.30 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, Taleigao, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife Sharon, daughter Sydella and family.
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Second Death Anniversary
Rev. Fr. Nevel Gracias
 Naik Caeiros, Velim
 A beautiful life deeply missed and cherished by your loved ones.
 There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of beloved brother FR. NEVEL GRACIAS on Monday 13th May, 2024 at 7:30 am at St. Francis Xavier's Church, Velim.
 Priests, Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In Ever Loving and Cherished Memory of
Ms Lenice Romeo Fernandes
 Bairo-Bondir, Santa Cruz, Goa
 There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Ms Lenice Romeo Fernandes, daughter of Late Romeo Fernandes & late Victoria Fernandes on Monday, 13th May, 2024 at 7:15 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz, followed by prayers at the grave. Offered by her sorrowful family.
 Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

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3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY / 1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY
 In Everloving Memory of
MARIA IDA RODRIGUES E DA SILVA
 Born: 10/03/1924 • Died: 14/05/2021
TEODORA EUGINE DA SILVA (Tr. Winnie)
 Born: 09/11/1953 • Died: 12/05/2023
PACHECO VADDO, MAJORDA
 There will be Eucharistic Celebration for the souls of our beloved Maria Ida & Teodora (Tr. Winnie) on Tuesday, 14th May, 2024 at 4.00 p.m. at Mãe De Deus Church, Majorda, followed by prayers at the graves offered by their sorrowful family.
 Bonifacio (Bonnie), Pio/Sally (Toronto, Canada) and Fr. Cipriano (St. Michael's Church, Taleigao); Greta, Japhet/Rosaria, Denzil/Dalia, Dionne/Sam, Silroy/Melissa and Sheldon/Sharlene; Joel/Melita, Romald, Jason, Janice, Hugo, Leon and Kaitlyn.
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FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

BORN 06/11/1973 **DIED 14/04/2024**
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 Loving father of Silvan Do Rego (UK).
 Son of Late Mateus Das Merces Do Rego & Late Monica Santana De Souza.
 Son-in-law of Late Agustin Gomes & Late Conceicao Costa.
 Brother/ Brother-in-law of Milagrina/Vitorino Araujo, Neves/Joao Fernandes and Joe/ Connie Do Rego (UK).
 Uncle of Valeska/ Joao Fernandes (UK), Vanessa, Jessica, Natasha, Joison (UK) and Cranston (UK).
 Funeral mass to be held on 13th May 2024 at 11:00 am, at St. Anselms Church, Southall UB2 4BE.
 After mass burial to be held at the Hortus Cemetery, Merrick Road, Southall UB2 4RP UK.
 Can be viewed online at Zecast Live APP.
EVENT CODE: 042708.

Man City close in on Premier League title, Burnley relegated

AFP, MANCHESTER: Manchester City closed in on a fourth consecutive Premier League title by thrashing Fulham 4-0 on Saturday, while Burnley were relegated from the top flight after a 2-1 defeat at Tottenham.

Luton are also virtually down as a 3-1 defeat at West Ham left them three points adrift of safety and with a goal difference 13 worse than that of Nottingham Forest with just one game remaining.



Fulham defender Calvin Bassey (left) vies for the ball with Manchester City's striker Erling Haaland during the Premier League football at Craven Cottage, in London, on Saturday

There was no twist in the title race at Craven Cottage as defender Josko Gvardiol continued his hot streak in front of goal.

The Croatian settled any City nerves by firing in on his weaker right foot after just 13 minutes.

Pep Guardiola's men were dominant but had to wait until the hour mark to make the points safe when Phil Foden swept in his 25th goal of the season.

Gvardiol then turned in Bernardo Silva's cross at the back post for his fifth City goal, all of which have come in his past seven games.

Spurs had lost their last four matches, but they turned the game around to move within four points of fourth-placed Aston Villa.

Pedro Porro blasted an equaliser high past Arijanet Muric.

Micky Van de Ven then curled in the winner to at least guarantee Spurs will be in Europe next season.

Luton will also be back in the Championship next season after blowing a 1-0 lead and losing to West Ham in David Moyes' final

home game in charge of the Hammers.

Albert Sambi Lokonga's early header gave the visitors hope of a great escape.

But second-half strikes from James Ward-Prowse, Tomas Soucek and George Eardly all but ended Luton's Premier League stay after a remarkable rise back through the leagues to get back to the top flight for the first time in 32 years.

With Luton set to join Burnley and Sheffield United in going down, all three promoted clubs will be relegated to expose to growing gulf between the top two divisions.

Forest can confirm Luton's relegation by avoiding defeat at home to Chelsea later on Saturday.

Newcastle missed the chance to tighten their grip on European qualification after being held 1-1 by Brighton.

Sean Longstaff cancelled out Joel Veltman's early opener for the Seagulls at St James' Park.

But sixth-placed Newcastle edge just three points clear of Chelsea and Manchester United, who both have a game in hand.

Crystal Palace's stunning form since the arrival of Oliver Glasner as manager continued with a 3-1 win at Wolves.

Michael Olise, Jean-Philippe Mateta and Eberechi Eze were on target for the Eagles, who climb up to 12th.

Abdoulaye Doucoure scored the only goal as Everton beat Sheffield United 1-0.

Yoane Wissa scored a 95th-minute winner for Brentford to snatch a 2-1 victory at Bournemouth.

RESULTS

Bournemouth 1 (Solanke 89) **Brentford 2** (Mbeumo 86, Wissa 90+5), **Everton 1** (Doucoure 31) **Sheffield United 0**, **Fulham 0** **Manchester City 4** (Gvardiol 15, 71, Foden 59, Alvarez 90+6-pen), **Newcastle 1** (Longstaff 45+5) **Brighton 1** (Veltman 18), **Tottenham 2** (Porro 32, Van de Ven 82) **Burnley 1** (Bruun Larsen 25), **West Ham 3** (Ward-Prowse 54, Soucek 65, Eardly 76) **Luton 1** (Lokonga 6), **Wolves 1** (Cunha 66) **Crystal Palace 3** (Olise 26, Mateta 28, Eze 73)

Mbappe confirms he will leave PSG at end of season

AFP, PARIS: Kylian Mbappe confirmed on Friday that he will leave French champions Paris Saint-Germain at the end of the season, with Real Madrid widely expected to be his next destination.

The announcement brings an end to a prolific association with his hometown team, which began when he signed from Monaco in 2017 in a deal worth 180 million euros (\$194 million).

"I wanted to announce to you all that it's my last year at Paris Saint-Germain. I will not extend and the adventure will come to an end in a few weeks," Mbappe, 25, said in a video posted on social media.

"I will play my last game at the Parc des Princes on Sunday." PSG have already secured the Ligue 1 title, their 10th in the last 12 seasons, and the Qatar-owned club will pick up the trophy after Sunday's game against Toulouse, which will be their last of the campaign on home turf.

Luis Enrique's side were eliminated from the Champions League by Borussia Dortmund in the semi-finals on Tuesday when a 1-0 loss in the second leg at home sealed a surprise 2-0 aggregate defeat.

It means Mbappe will be denied the send-off he had hoped for in the Champions League final at Wembley on June 1.

Moyes 'comfortable' with West Ham departure

AFP, LONDON: David Moyes says he is "comfortable" with his departure from West Ham and how the issue was dealt with as the club prepare to appoint his successor at the London Stadium.

Moyes hoped to hold talks about his future after the final game of the campaign but the club announced earlier this week he would be leaving when his contract expires at the end of the season.

The club's hierarchy have held talks with potential successors and former Wolves boss Julen Lopetegui is expected to be named as the Hammers' new manager.

Former Everton and Manchester United manager Moyes, 61, has been in charge at West Ham for four-and-a-half years and led them to the Europa Conference League trophy last season -- the club's first major silverware for 43 years.

He will lead his team in a final home game against relegation-threatened Luton on Saturday before ending the season at current title-holders Manchester City on May 19.

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Goa's Shaheen, Shourya advance into third round



A participant in action at the multipurpose stadium, Peddem-Mapusa, on Saturday

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PEDEM: Shaheen C K and Shourya Naik advanced into the third round of Yonex - Sunrise All-India Sub Junior Badminton Ranking Tournament 2024 organised by the Goa Badminton Association under the auspices of Badminton Association of India and in collaboration with the Goa Badminton Association at the multipurpose stadium, Peddem, on Saturday.

In the U-17 boys singles category, several rising stars showcased their talent, with notable performances from Lesslee Roy (1), Konark Inchekar (7),

Avadh Billore (5), Sainunmawia Sailo (4), Saivasan B (8), Bornil Akash Changmai (3), and Sri Aditya Harsha Vardhan Bomakanti (6) all advancing into round three of qualifying.

In the U-17 girls singles, the competition was fierce as Remya Pravin (1), Mayukha

Local talents also made their mark on the court during the day's events. In the boys singles U-17 category, Shaheen C K displayed exceptional prowess with thrilling victories over Adarsh Yadav and Nikhil Marishetar P, while Shourya Naik secured a hard-fought

win over Dhruv Jaiswal. However, Shubham Swami faced a tough challenge, losing to Parth Gawri.

In boys doubles U-15, Sudhanva Udupa and Linesh Virnodkar exhibited stellar teamwork, defeating Samarth Makhija

and Hardik Rao. Despite valiant efforts, Goan players faced tough competition in the boys singles U-15 category, Aaryan Karpe fought bravely but ultimately fell to Garvit Barwar, while Shane D'Souza displayed resilience before succumbing to Ajintya Joshi. Sparsh Kolwalkar and Vansh Natekar also showcased commendable performances bowing out to formidable opponents.

Results of Goa players: Boys singles U-17 - Shaheen C K (Goa) bt Adarsh Yadav 15-8, 10-15, 15-9. Shaheen C K (Goa) bt Nikhil Marishetar P 17-15, 13-15, 15-10. Shourya Naik (Goa) bt Dhruv Jaiswal 11-15, 15-11, 15-10. Shubham Swami (Goa) lost to Parth Gawri 9-15, 6-15.

Boys doubles U-15: Sudhanva Udupa / Linesh Virnodkar (Goa) bt Samarth Makhija / Hardik Rao 15-3, 15-7. Boys singles U-15: Aaryan Karpe (Goa) lost to Garvit Barwar 15-6, 15-8. Shane D'Souza (Goa) lost to Ajintya Joshi 15-12, 10-15, 12-15. Sparsh Kolwalkar lost to Jaideep Singh, 15-17, 14-16. Vansh Natekar (Goa) lost to Prathvi Singh Rana 8-15, 10-15.

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Sreejesh Nair (8), Nishika Gokhe (2), Disha Santosh (5), Bhagyasri C K (3), Sampri Pal (6), Shaina Manimuthu (4), and Shourya Madavi (7) progressed into the qualifying round three, displaying remarkable skill and determination.

Sirlim SC U-15 Div II League champs

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RAIA: Sirlim Sports Club defeated Salcete FC 4-2 via tie-breaker to emerge State champions in the GFA U-15

Division II League football match played at Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda, on Friday.

Leading GFA U-15 DIV II For Salcete FC, Haystan Fernandes and Josley

scored a brace, while Roy Fernandes and Subinay Dessai netted a goal each for Sirlim SC.

Gomes scored a goal each. At the end of regulation time, both teams settled for a 2-2 draw. In the resultant tie-breaker, Sirlim SC proved to be the better shooters.

Pilerne SC down Augustus SC

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MAPUSA: Pilerne SC registered a comfortable 2-0 win over Augustus SC, Pompurba, in the Anjuna Gymkhana Cup 2024 match played at Anjuna Gymkhana ground, Anju-

na, on Saturday. Pilerne SC opened their account in the very 2nd minute of play when Nehal Naik managed to snatch the ball from the opponent defender and neatly place it into the net.

On crossing ends, both teams played at a fast pace, but Pilerne SC created bet-

ter opportunities. Pilerne SC scored their second goal in the 37th minute when Bhavesh set up the ball to Aman Gover-

ker, who made no mistake to place the ball home to make it 2-0. Nehal Naik of Pilerne SC was adjudged player-of-the-match.

Panjim Footballers rally to hold FC Goa

Kerala Blasters and Dempo Sports Club play 1-1 drab draw

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MAPUSA: Panjim Footballers fought gallantly to hold FC Goa to a 1-1 draw in the Bhausaheb Bandokar Memorial Trophy organised by Goa Football Association, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, on Saturday.

FC Goa having got the better of Dempo SC started with the same squad so also Panjim Footballers who lost to Kerala Blasters.

For Young Gaurs colts Brison Fernandes opened the account, while for Panjim Footballers Ajay Raj wiped out the lead.

After two-goal bound efforts of Prachit Gaonkar and Brison were saved by the rival goalkeeper and defender finally in the 18th minute Young Gaurs scored.

Prachit sent a long ball at the left flank to Akash Oraow, whose deadly cross saw overlapping Brison connect the ball into the goal, 1-0.

Hardly had the celebration died down for Young Gaurs, a costly defensive error between defender Leevan Castanha and goalkeeper Bob Raj saw Panjim Footballers' striker Ajay score to level terms, 1-1, in the very next minute.

As the match progressed, Likson Rebelo's placement missed narrowly, while a



FC Goa's Prachit Gaonkar tries to move away from Panjim Footballers' Pushkar and Rio Fernandes, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, on Saturday

BHAUSAHEB BANDODKAR TROPHY

stiff ground by Brison was paired to safety by Panjim Footballers' custodian Vipin Sharma.

In the added time, the capital side almost took the lead but goalkeeper Bob Raj came with a full stretched diving save to

block Meislein Barreto's header off Teron Fernandes' cross.

Just two minutes into the second session and both teams came close in taking the lead. Young Gaurs Brison's strike off Akash Oraow cross hit the rival

defender for a corner, while at the other end, Panjim Footballers' Ajay Raj darted inside the 18-yard box and drilled a power-packed right footer which was blocked by the rival custodian at the first post.

Young Gaurs' Vellington

Fernandes received marching orders from Referee Mario Pereira for second caution for rough play.

In the closing stages of the match, Young Gaurs' Lalanzova saw his shot being blocked by Panjim Footballers' Tejbahadur Thapa on the goal line, while Lalanzova's curling shot went just past the far post.

Panjim Footballers' Maximo D'Costa received the man-of-the-match award from Brahmanand Sankhwalker, Arjuna Awardee and former India captain.

In the next match, Kerala Blasters and Dempo SC were locked in a 1-1 draw.

Kerala Blasters that had an easy victory against Panjim Footballers, saw Dempo SC who had lost to FC Goa start earnestly and score in the 13th minute of play.

Kerala Blasters' Thomas Cherian was caught in the act of bringing down Dempo SC's Pungte Lapong inside the penalty box, prompting Referee Tejas Nagvenkar to point to the dreaded spot. Sairon Albuquerque shouldered the responsibility and scored, 1-0.

Stung by the reverse, Kerala Blasters time and again attacked the rival citadel but Dempo SC's defender Faseen P K brought two out of the blue blocks to deny Thingujam Singh from scoring.

Also Dempo SC's custodi-

an Myrick Hilario brought smart saves from Muhammed Nisham strike and Thingujam header.

In the 39th minute, a stinging 25-yard free kick from skipper Sukham Meitei was blocked by keeper Myrick and the ball rolled to Muhammed Nisham whose grounder was again this time blocked by defender Pratik Naik.

Five minutes later, once again Dempo SC's custodian pushed Muhammed's shot for a corner.

Finally in the added time, Kerala Blasters' Aritra Das collected a long low pass from Sreekuttan M S and after taking a step slotted the ball into the far corner of the goal to level terms, 1-1.

On crossing ends, Kerala Blasters' custodian Mohd Arbaz brought back to back saves from Laximanrao Rane strike and a header.

In the added time, custodian Mohd Arbaz brought another spectacular save to fust a rasping right footer from substitute Mevan Dias. In the very next minute, the keeper blocked Mevan Dias shot and the ball rolled to Sheldon Fernandes who ballooned the ball over the crossbar from a close.

Kerala Blasters' goalkeeper Mohd Arbaz received the man-of-the-match award from Goa Football Association Caitano Fernandes.

Canacona SCC emerge Holy Cross football champions

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RAIA: Canacona SCC emerged victorious in a nail-biting final against St Anthony SC, Marna-Siolim, 5-3 via tie-breaker to clinch the 26th Holy Cross inter-village football tournament played at Vodlemoll ground, Cacora, on Saturday.

The encounter showcased an intense display of skills and determination from both sides. In the 20th minute, the deadlock was broken, courtesy a power full strike from Sherwin Lobo propelling St Anthony SC to take lead.

Despite relentless efforts from Canacona SCC, the first half concluded with the scoreline reading 1-0 in favour of St Anthony SC.

As the second half commenced, Canacona SCC surged forward with renewed attacking vigour determined to level the score.

Despite facing formidable resistance from the St Anthony SC defence, Can-



The winners along with Pradip Naik, councillors of CCMC, Rohan Dessai, Ali, Johnny Fernandes and other dignitaries at Vodlemoll ground, Cacora, on Saturday

acona SCC persisted with their offensive onslaught.

In a dramatic turn of events, Canacona SCC finally found the much-needed equaliser in the dying mo-

ments of the match, courtesy a clinical finish from Velvino Fernandes, bringing the score to 1-1 at the end of regulation time. The fate of the final was decided

through a tense tie-breaker. Canacona SCC showcased nerves of steel as Yamnursab, Prahlad, Mehbab and Chaitan delivered flawless performances, converting

their penalties with precision. Meanwhile, Sahil and Pushparaj managed to find the net for St Anthony SC. The teams were honoured with prizes presented by

dignitaries including Pradip Naik, chairperson of CCMC, councillors of CCMC, Rohan Dessai, Ali and Johnny Fernandes, president of Guardian Angel Sports Club.

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Kolkata Knight Riders in play-offs



Kolkata Knight Riders' players celebrate after winning the Indian Premier League match between against Mumbai Indians, at the Eden Gardens, in Kolkata, on Saturday

PTI, KOLKATA: Spin twins Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy derailed Mumbai Indians after a strong start as Kolkata Knight Riders sealed a play-offs berth with an 18-run win in a rain-curtailed IPL match, here, on Saturday.

Venkatesh Iyer stood out with a 21-ball 42 before a disciplined MI bowling unit restricted KKR to 157/7 af-

ter a one-hour, thirty-minute delay reduced it to a 16 overs-a-side contest.

Already out of the play-offs race, five-time champions MI cruised to 65 for no loss in 6.4 overs before KKR's star spinner Narine triggered the collapse, halting Ishan Kishan's (40 off 22 balls) explosive start.

With Chakravarthy taking 2/17 and Russell pick-

ing 2/34, KKR sent half the Mumbai side packing inside 13 overs, before restricting them to 139/8 in the stipulated 16 overs. Harshit Rana (2/34) also picked two wickets, while Narine had figures of 1/21 while taking the crucial wicket of Kishan.

Two-time winners KKR thus sealed their last-four berth with two rounds to

spare, consolidating their place atop the 10-team standing with 18 points.

This is for the first time since 2021 that KKR have made the playoffs. KKR will now look to push for a top-two finish, taking on Gujarat Titans on Monday and Royal Challengers Bengaluru on May 19 in their last two league matches. For Mumbai, this was their

ninth loss in 13 matches and they will end their campaign against Lucknow Super Giants on May 17.

Mumbai's diminutive left-handed opener Kishan went all guns blazing with five fours and two sixes and switched-hit Narine for a boundary. But Narine had the last laugh and dismissed the destructive Kishan.

SCOREBOARD

Kolkata Knight Riders: Philip Salt c Kamboj b Thushara 6, Sunil Narine b Bumrah 0, Venkatesh Iyer c Yadav b Chawla 42, *Shreyas Iyer b Kamboj 7, Nitish Rana run out (Varma) 33, Andre Russell c Kamboj b Chawla 24, Rinku Singh c Kishan b Bumrah 20, Ramandeep Singh not out 17, Mitchell Starc not out 2. **Extras:** 6. **Total:** 157-7. **Fall of wickets:** 6-1, 10-2, 40-3, 77-4, 116-5, 125-6, 148-7. **Bowling:** Nuwan Thushara 3-0-31-1, Jasprit Bumrah 4-0-39-2, Anshul Kamboj 3-0-24-1, *Hardik Pandya 3-0-32-0, Piyush Chawla 3-0-28-2.

Mumbai Indians: Ishan Kishan c Singh b Narine 40, Rohit Sharma c Narine b Chakaravathy 19, Suryakumar Yadav c Singh b Russell 11, Tilak Varma c Salt b Rana 32, *Hardik Pandya c Arora b Chakaravathy 2, Tim David c Iyer b Russell 0, Nehal Wadhwa run out (Salt) 3, Namman Dhir c Singh b Rana 17, Anshul Kamboj not out 2, Piyush Chawla not out 1. **Extras:** 12. **Total:** 139-8. **Fall of wickets:** 65-1, 67-2, 87-3, 91-4, 92-5, 116-6, 136-7, 137-8. **Bowling:** Vaibhav Arora 2-0-16-0, Mitchell Starc 1-0-11-0, Harshit Rana 3-0-33-2, Sunil Narine 3-0-21-1, Varun Chakaravathy 4-0-17-2, Andre Russell 3-0-34-2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Chennai Super Kings vs Rajasthan Royals, at M A Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai, 3.30 pm
Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Delhi Capitals, at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru, 7.30 pm

Ranji Trophy to be played in two halves in 2024-25 season

PTI, MUMBAI: The BCCI is likely to split the prestigious Ranji Trophy into two halves with white-ball tournaments Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy being held in between for the 2024-25 season.

It is learnt that a draft proposal for the restructuring of domestic cricket calendar for the 2024-25 season has been sent to the Board's apex council.

The proposal has been made after consultation with BCCI secretary Jay Shah, India captain Rohit Sharma, chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar, head coach Rahul Dravid and National Cricket Academy head VVS Laxman.

Another proposal is the doing away with the toss for the CK Nayudu Trophy, which will also be organised with a new points system.

As per the new proposed format, five Ranji Trophy league matches will be followed by white ball tournaments -- Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy. The remaining two Ranji league matches as well as the knockout stage games will then be held after the conclusion of the two white-ball tournaments.

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Pant to miss RCB game due to suspension for slow over-rate

NEW DELHI: Delhi Capitals captain Rishabh Pant will miss Sunday's crucial match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru after he was handed a one-match suspension for maintaining a slow over-rate for the third time this IPL season. Pant was also fined Rs 30 lakh for the Code of Conduct breach that took place during DC's 20-run win against Rajasthan Royals on May 7 here. DC were 10 minutes behind time at the start of the final over in that game. "Rishabh Pant, captain, Delhi Capitals has been fined has been fined and suspended for one match for breaching the IPL Code of Conduct after his team maintained a slow over-rate against Rajasthan Royals at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi on May 07, 2024," an IPL statement read. The Capitals had been found guilty of maintaining slow over rates against Chennai Super Kings (March 31) and Kolkata Knight Riders (April 3) earlier in the season. "As it was his team's third offence of the season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over-rate offences, Rishabh Pant was fined INR 30 lakh and suspended for one match." All other DC players were also penalised. "The rest of the members of the Playing XI, including the Impact Player, were each individually fined either Rs 12 lakh or 50 per cent of their respective match fees, whichever is lesser." DC filed an appeal challenging this ruling of the match referee which was referred to the BCCI Ombudsman for review. The Ombudsman conducted a virtual hearing and stated that the decision of the match referee is final and binding.

Pant's absence is a loss, but Axar geared up to lead DC: Ricky Ponting

BENGALURU: Delhi Capitals head coach Ricky Ponting said on Saturday that Axar Patel will lead the side against Royal Challengers Bengaluru after the suspension of Rishabh Pant, whose absence the Australian termed a "loss". The Capitals' regular skipper Pant was on Saturday handed a one-match suspension for maintaining a slow over-rate for the third time in this IPL. "Axar Patel will be our captain for tomorrow. He's obviously been vice-captain for the last couple of seasons. He is a very experienced IPL and international player, understands the game really well. He's really excited about it and is always involved and in tune with the game," said Ponting in the pre-match press meet here. Ponting said the Capitals were aware of the possibility of Pant getting banned a few days ago, and were preparing for that eventuality. "We started talking about it a couple of days ago when there was a possibility that Rishabh might be banned. We've obviously known that he's been on two strikes. "We could have actually stood him down from the captaincy to potentially stop this happening, but at the end of the day, the time that's taken out on the field is the captain's responsibility," he said.

Gujarat Titans name Brar as replacement for Mishra

AHMEDABAD: Gujarat Titans have roped in right-arm pacer Gurnoor Brar as replacement for the injured left-arm quick Sushant Mishra. Gurnoor plays for Punjab in domestic tournaments, and this will be his second stint in the Indian Premier League, having previously featured for Punjab Kings. The 23-year-old has played only one T20 match till date, which was for Punjab Kings against Lucknow Super Giants last season in Mohali. He gave away 42 runs in three overs without taking a wicket. Outside of IPL, Gurnoor has featured in a List-A match for Punjab against Goa in 2021, finishing with figures of 1 for 62. He has taken seven wickets in eight First-Class innings at an average of 45.57. GT are currently placed in the eighth spot on the table with 10 points from 12 games.

Nadal reconsidering his status for French Open after a lopsided loss in Rome

ROME: Fifteen days before he is scheduled to play in what will likely be his final French Open, Rafael Nadal is so unsatisfied with his level of tennis that he's still debating whether or not to go to Roland Garros. Nadal's surgically repaired hip and his 37-year-old legs didn't provide him with the necessary means to be competitive enough on Saturday as ninth-ranked Hubert Hurkacz overwhelmed the 22-time Grand Slam champion on the Spaniard's beloved clay for a 6-1, 6-3 victory in the third round of the Italian Open. It was Nadal's first match against a top-10 player in 1½ years and he couldn't have been more disappointed. "Tough day for me in all ways because I felt more ready than what I showed," Nadal said. "I am little bit more unpredictable today, not playing enough for the last two years. Too many doubts." In terms of games won — just four — it was the most lopsided loss for Nadal on clay in 21 years, since also winning only four games against Gaston Gaudio in Hamburg in 2003 when he was only 16. Now Nadal will need to dig deeper on the practice court if he wants to be competitive one last time at the French Open, where he is the record 14-time champion. Roland Garros starts on May 26.

Neeraj vows to win next Diamond League meeting after finishing close second in Doha

DOHA: Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra vowed to go one step ahead in the next Diamond League meeting after finishing a close second during the Doha leg here. Chopra, taking part in his first competition of the season, made a last ditch effort but the Indian superstar failed to defend the title. "The most important competition for me this year is Paris Olympics, but Diamond League meetings are important too. This was the opener for me this season, I finished second with a narrow two centimetre margin but next time I will try to draw far and try to win," Chopra said. The next Diamond League meeting which has men's javelin as a discipline will be held in Paris on July 7.

We are prepared, can easily compete with other contenders: Thakur on 2036 Olympic bid

HAMIRPUR: Bullish about India's chances of securing the 2036 Olympic hosting rights, Sports Minister Anurag Thakur said the country has the wherewithal to compete with other contenders in the bidding war and rejected criticism that the money would be better spent on welfare schemes. The host of the Games will be decided by the International Olympic Committee's future host commission not before 2026 or 2027 as the IOC is due to elect a new president next year. India's ambitious interest has found support from current IOC head Thomas Bach, who believes the country has a "strong case." "We are fully prepared. Very easily we can," Thakur asserted in an interview to PTI when asked whether India has what it takes to withstand the aggressive bidding war that is likely to ensue given that several countries like Poland, Indonesia, Mexico, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia have either declared interest or are likely to join the race. "Last year our capital expenditure was Rs 10 lakh crore, and a year before, it was Rs 7.5 lakh crore. This year it is Rs 11,11,111 crore. Sports infrastructure is hardly Rs 5,000 crore. Even if it goes up to Rs 20,000 crore, it can be done," he said down-playing the cost factor.

Aman saves India, locks in Paris Games quota

Deepak Punia eliminated from qualification

PTI, ISTANBUL: Aman Sehrawat lived up to the high expectations by locking the Paris Olympics quota in the men's freestyle 57kg category but Deepak Punia was eliminated from the qualification race following his crushing first-round defeat at the World Qualifiers, here, Saturday.

Aman, the U23 world champion and also the senior Asian Championship title winner, was expected to put up a strong show and he did not disappoint.

The 20-year-old Aman, who trains at Chhatrasal stadium, got double digit scores in all his three bouts, winning two of them by technical superiority.

He is first Indian male wrestler to secure berth for Paris Games, saving the country from embarrassment of no qualification in men's section.

Tokyo Olympics silver medalist Ravi Dahiya also competes in 57kg and if WFI holds trials Aman may have to wrestle with him to book his Paris ticket.

Also putting up an impressive show was Su-

jeet Kalkal, who lost the men's 65kg semifinal 1-6 to Mongolia's formidable Tulga Tumur-Ochir, the Asian Games champion and Asian Championship silver medalist.

Before losing, Sujee, who competes in a category which the celebrated Bajrang Punia had made his own, expectedly put up a fighting show, winning 3-2 against Uzbekistan's Umidjon Jalolov and followed that up with a technical superiority victory against Korea's Junsik Yun.

He now needs to win two bouts on Sunday to qualify for the Paris Games.

Aman logged points comfortably in both his bouts, winning 10-4 against Georgi Valentinov Vangelov before overpowering Ukraine's Andrii Yatsenko.

Yatsenko was quick but Aman proved too strong for him. Locked several times in arm-locks, Aman found ways to attack his rival's right leg and converted them into take down moves. He won by technical superiority, without conceding a single point

against the Ukrainian.

In the all-important bout against North Korea's Chongsong Han, the Indian wrestler displayed tremendous defense and counter-attacking skills to emerge a comfortable winner with a 12-2 scoreline.

The first period was close and Aman led 3-2 but he gave no chance to Han in the second. Han had got into a strong position when he got hold of Aman's left leg but the Indian found a way to wriggle out and push his opponent out for a 4-2 lead.

He executed a takedown move and then rolled Han thrice in leg-lace move to end the bout.

Punia (86kg), who had missed a bronze medal at the Tokyo Games by a whisker, bumped into a very powerful Zushen Lin from China in his first bout and ended up losing 4-6 despite taking the lead.

Punia, the most experienced wrestler in the Indian squad, was quick with his attack in the first period, which he ended with a 3-0 cushion.

Anderson to retire after Lord's Test against West Indies

PTI, LONDON: Legendary pacer James Anderson on Saturday announced that the first Test against the West Indies this summer will be his final appearance for England, bringing down the curtains on an illustrious career spanning over 20 years.

Regarded as one of the greatest bowlers of all times, the 41-year-old is England's leading wicket-takers and is one of only three bowlers to take over 700 Test scalps.

"Hi everyone. Just a note to say that the first Test of the summer at Lord's will be my last Test," Anderson wrote on his Instagram.

"It's been an incredible 20 years representing my country, playing the game I've loved since I was a kid. I'm going to miss walking out for England so much.

"But I know the time is right to step aside and let others realise their dreams just like I got to, because there is no greater feeling," he added.

Anderson's announcement comes after England red-ball coach Brendon McCullum conveyed to the seamer that they are looking at the future, with an eye on the Ashes 2025-26



in Australia.

Anderson made his Test debut back in 2003 and has since claimed a remarkable 700 wickets in a record 187 Test matches. His 700th wicket against India in Dharamsala in March.

He currently ranks third on the all-time list of Test wicket-takers, trailing behind spinners Muttiah Muralitharan of Sri Lanka and Australia's Shane Warne.

Affectionately nicknamed 'Jimmy', Anderson holds the record for playing the most Test matches by any England cricketer.

He ranks second on the

all-time list of Test appearances, with only India's legendary Sachin Tendulkar (200) ahead of him.

He was also part of a record-breaking bowling partnership for England alongside Stuart Broad, who retired last year.

However, whether Anderson will continue playing for his county side Lancashire remains unclear.

"I couldn't have done it without the love and support of Daniella, Lola, Ruby and my parents. A huge thank you to them. Also, thank you to the players and coaches who have made this the best job in the world."

He has also picked up 269 ODI wickets from 194 outings and 18 scalps from 19 T20Is. He was part of the T20 World Cup winning English team.

"Thank you to everyone who has supported me over the years, it's always meant a lot, even if my face often doesn't show it. See you at the Test, Go well Jimmy x," Anderson wrote.

England are set to play a three-Test series against the West Indies, starting with the opener at Lord's on July 10.

NEERAJ CHOPRA'S FIRST THROW OF 88.36M AT DOHA SAYS HE IS IN GOOD SHAPE: SUMARIWALLA

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Adille Sumariwalla, the former 100m champion sprinter, Olympian, and currently the President of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) and Vice-President of World Athletics, was at Nassau, Bahamas (May 4 and 5), where in the second round of the World Athletics Relays, India's men and women's 4 x 400 m teams qualified for the Summer Olympics in Paris. Thereafter, he went to Doha (Qatar), where he saw the World No. 1 in javelin, Neeraj Chopra, throw the spear to a distance of 88.36m.

A few hours after his return from Doha on Saturday morning, Sumariwalla spoke about India's champion track and field star Chopra, javelin throw in general and also about what the fans can expect from India's athletes in the French capital from August 1 to 11. Sumariwalla believes there will be more Indian finalists in Paris than Tokyo.

Excerpts from an interview.
Q. You saw Chopra take the second position in the Doha Diamond League (Seashore Group Doha Meeting) at the Suhaim bin Hamad Stadium, with a throw of 88.36 metres. The Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch finished first with a

distance of 88.38 metres.

A. It's like this: This is the first event he has taken (in a long time). Opening with a very good throw of 88.36 metres, he says that he is in good shape. If he finished second to Jakub, that's not important. Jakub has thrown 90 metres in the past. His personal best is 90.88 metres.

Q. What about Kishore Jena; he finished 9th out of 10 in the same meet.

A. Okay. Well, with Jena, he was throwing very well during the warm-ups. I was in the stadium. I don't know what happened to him. I didn't want to talk to him then. I met him and just told him not to worry and that we would meet in Bhubaneswar (27th National Federation Senior Athletics competition). I didn't want to say anything to him there because the event had been over. I think he will do well. He is among the top in the world.

Q. Apart from Chopra and Jena one more can qualify for Paris.

A. I am confident that more than three will qualify, maybe five in all. But we can send a maximum of three entries. There is DP Manu, Shivpal Singh, Rohit Yadav. But we don't know who among

them will finally make it. There are a few competitions before we finally take a call. So it would be Neeraj and Jena and one more. We cannot guess who will make it now. Honestly, they are all throwing in the same range.



Q. But the focus will be on Chopra. He has won everything, including the gold medal at major multi-nation competitions, such as the Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, and the Olympics.

A. He is currently ranked World No.1. That boy has been very consistent. He may not have big throws. Five of his competitors

at Paris would have a record of 90 metres. Even at the Budapest (World Championships) and Tokyo Olympics, there were people with 90-metre throws. But Neeraj has been consistent in these meets.

Q. But in significant events, do the throwers focus on winning medals, not the records?

A. Absolutely right, a hundred per cent perfect. At the Olympics, everybody only goes for the medal. Nobody is interested in records.

Q. Recently, he said that Kishore Jena may touch 90 metres before him.

A. He meant that Jena could throw the javelin past the 90-metre mark.

Q. Would you say Chopra has set off a massive interest in javelin throw in India?

A. In the last World Championships, three Indians were in the top six. That's historic. At the Inter-District junior championship, there were 3116 javelin throwers. What we did on the 7th of August 2021, when Neeraj won the gold, we declared it as the national javelin day. So, across the country, people throw the javelin on that day. So, we have made it into a javelin throw movement.

Q. The men's and women's