

Uncertainty looms large over OCI registrations; citizens demand clarity

Say the recent corrigendum issued by MEA holds no significance, as they solely rely on HC directives; want MEA and MHA to comply within four weeks or face contempt

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MARGAO: The Centre's U-turn on the corrigendum by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) with regards to Goan-origin Portuguese citizens applying for Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) cards has sparked a debate in the State with citizens demanding a clarity on the issue, as the fate of thousands of applicants hangs in the balance.

Stating that the corrigendum dated April 30, 2024, issued by the MEA with regards to Goan-origin Portuguese citizens applying for OCI cards, holds no significance, the citizens said that they solely rely on the directives of the High Court of Bombay at Goa, and that the MEA should comply within four weeks, or face contempt.

The citizens stated that the corrigendum exposes the MEA for not applying its mind properly, and opined that the MEA, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the government are not working in tandem.

Goans for Goa (GFG) founder-president Kennedy Afonso said, "Goans for Goa would like

MEA SHOULD HAVE UPDATED THE HC ON CORRIGENDUM: COUNSEL

MARGAO: All eyes are now on the Foreigners Regional Registration Office's (FRRO) decision with regards to the applications for OCI card registration that were resubmitted to the office by the petitioners who had approached the High Court of Bombay at Goa.

Reacting to the Deputy Solicitor General of India Pravin Faldessai's argument that they did not receive a copy of the corrigendum on time, a counsel pointed out that the MEA, being one of the respondents, should have updated the High Court and had ample time to do so. On May 6, the High Court disposed of two of the five petitions instructing respondents, including the FRRO, to consider their applications for OCI card registration, based on the April 4 office memorandum issued by the MEA. But the fate of three other petitioners seeking OCI registration, remains in a state of uncertainty due to the corrigendum which stated that 'Revocation Certificate' as alternative document in lieu of 'Surrender Certificate' was under consideration of the MHA.

to state that we are not really concerned or duly worried about the MEA corrigendum dated April 30, 2024. As far as GFG is concerned, this matter is already resolved in the High Court, with the order dated May 6, 2024."

Former Minister Francisco Xavier 'Mickky' Pacheco alleged that the April 30 corrigendum was kept under wraps deliber-

ately by the State government. Noting that the High Court passed an order on May 6, he said that the government counsel had time to inform the High Court about the April 30 corrigendum before its summer vacation from May 10.

Mickky said that had the corrigendum not been leaked to the media, the government would not have shared it, which changed the

CENTRE CAN AVOID CONTEMPT OF COURT VIA UNCONDITIONAL APOLOGY TO HC: EX-AG

MARGAO: Former Advocate General (AG) Adv Carlos Alvares Ferreira has said that the Union government can avoid contempt of court by tendering an unconditional apology to the High Court of Bombay at Goa on the corrigendum issued on the OCI card issue and set out the circumstances on how this came to be issued.

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FUSION OF ART & TRADITION

SAGUN GAWADE



The traditional Goan folk drama, Zagor was performed by the aboriginal Gawda tribe with great enthusiasm at Pali-Siridao, on Saturday. The participants with utmost dedication completed the drama despite a power outage

The faulty case of Kala Academy: Another unseasonal rain spell exposes shoddy works

Video of leakage in the auditorium's last few rows goes viral on social media; tiatr aficionados watching 'Girgirem' had to change their seats since seats were available; show was interrupted twice due to power failure

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PANJIM: The shoddy works of the recently renovated Kala Academy, Goa's premier arts and culture institution, once again got exposed, as the auditorium started leaking following heavy downpour on Sunday evening.

Following the leakage, the tiatr lovers watching a Konkani tiatr 'Girgirem' had to change their seats since few seats were available in the auditorium.

Tiatr aficionado Felizardo Goes of Carambolim, who was watching the tiatr, told **O Herald**, that water started leaking in the back rows of the auditorium. The leakage was seen on either side of the rows and as few seats were empty the audience could change their seats.

Goes further added that the show was interrupted on two occasions due to power failure. This happened before the interval as show was first halted for about 15 minutes and again for another few minutes.

Post interval, the auditorium started leaking at the rear rows. Another tiatr aficionado Caitan Coutinho from Panjim, too said that the newly-renovated Kala Academy auditorium started leaking during pre-monsoon showers.

"If this happens during a houseful show one can only imagine how the audience will react and give vent to their anger," said Coutinho.

When contacted, tiatr director Roseferns said he was unaware



about the leakage till he watched a video clip, which went viral on social media.

"I was unaware about the leakage in the auditorium till I watched the video. The leakage started in the back rows but nobody brought it to our notice. The authorities should be expressly seized of the matter and fix the problem at the earliest as many tiatrs are lined up in the Kala Academy auditorium," he said.

It has not been even a month when part of the newly renovated false ceiling of the Kala Academy built on the 'Shahjahan model' came crashing down and another spell of unseasonal rain exposed the faulty work carried out at the iconic building in the capital city.

However, Art and Culture Minister Govind Gaude was not available for his comment. In the past, Gaude had claimed that the PWD was carrying out the renovation works and it was yet

to hand over the Kala Academy building to the Directorate of Art and Culture.

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W(h)ater relief: Heavy rains lash Goa

IMD extends yellow alert till May 21; lightning strike damages transformer at Curti power sub-station

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PANJIM/PONDA: Heavy rains accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning lashed the State on Sunday evening providing the much-needed relief to Goans from scorching heat.

According to the IMD, Altinho, Panjim, maximum rainfall of 1.57 inches was recorded in Valpoi followed by Mapusa 0.57 inches, Pernem 0.29 mm and Old Goa 0.25 mm.

Meanwhile, a power transformer exploded at Curti power sub-station following a lightning strike.

Several people heard huge sound of the blast and went inside their homes.

According to sources, one of the transformers caught fire and exploded. The explosion caused power outages to Ponda and surrounding areas for an hour. This power station supplies power to around 60 percent of Goa.

In Porvorim, three trees uprooting incidents were reported at different locations.

Porvorim Station Fire Officer (SFO) D G Pednekar said that in the first incident, a tree fell near Sanjay School For Special Education Centre, while in the sec-

SW MONSOON MAKES ONSET OVER NICOBAR ISLANDS: IMD

PTI, NEW DELHI: Southwest monsoon, the lifeline of India's farm-based economy, on Sunday made its onset over the Nicobar Islands, the southernmost region of the country, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said here.

"Southwest monsoon has advanced into some parts of the Maldives, and the Comorin area and some parts of the South Bay of Bengal, Nicobar Islands and South Andaman Sea on Sunday," the weather office said.

The annual rainfall phenomenon is expected to reach Kerala by May 31.

where in its jurisdiction. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) extended its yellow alert for Goa till May 21, 2024, predicting thunderstorms accompanied with lightning at isolated places over North Goa and South Goa dis-

ICG TEAM AVERTS TRAGEDY, SAVES 26 TOURISTS ON BOARD A BOAT NEAR MORMUGAO HARBOUR

VASCO: In a swift response, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) late Sunday evening averted a potential disaster near the Mormugao harbour.

A boat 'Nerul Paradise' with 24 tourists and two crew members was caught into rough weather with waves rising over three metres and was stranded due to fuel exhaustion. The marooned boat had sailed out from Panjim with tourists in the morning hours.

The ICG ship, was returning back from patrol, the team noticed the signs of distress amongst passengers and responded swiftly. The ship, braving the rough seas, reached the distressed vessel.

The Coast Guard team stabilised the situation and brought the vessel safely to harbour. On arrival, all the passengers and crew members were administered medical aid.

"We are grateful to the Indian Coast Guard for their swift and professional response in this critical situation. Their actions undoubtedly saved the lives of the 26 people on board our ferry," said a spokesperson for the 'Nerul Paradise'. The rescue operation, carried out under adverse weather conditions, has once again proved the valour of the Coast Guard personnel and their commitment to safeguard every life in distress at sea.

Fifth phase of voting for 49 LS seats today

PTI, MUMBAI / LUCKNOW: Polling will be held on Monday in 49 constituencies in six States and two UTs in the fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections that will decide the electoral fate of several prominent leaders like former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, Union ministers Rajnath Singh and Smriti Irani and former J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

Among the seats going to polls, 13 are in Maharashtra, 14 in Uttar Pradesh, seven in West Bengal, five in Bihar, three in Jharkhand, five in Odisha, one in J&K and the lone seat in Ladakh. This round covers the least number of seats (49) in the seven-phase elections.

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Delhi Police seize CCTV DVR from Kejriwal's official residence

PTI, NEW DELHI: A Delhi Police team reached the official residence of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal here on Sunday in connection with its investigation in the alleged assault on AAP Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal, sources said.

They said the police team collected electronic devices including CCTV DVR (digital video recorder) to potentially get the footage of the alleged assault on Maliwal on May 13 when Bibhav Kumar, Kejriwal's close aide, allegedly attacked her at the CM's residence.

Maliwal has alleged that the CCTV footage of the CM's residence was being tampered with.

Kumar was arrested on Saturday and produced

in a court which remanded him in five-day police custody. The sources said Kumar is evasive in his replies during his interrogation.

The Delhi Police booked Kumar for molestation and attempted culpable homicide after Maliwal's complaint. The FIR includes charges under Sections 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide), 341 (wrongful restraint), 354(B) (assault or use of criminal force to woman with intent to disrobe), 506 (criminal intimidation), and 509 (word, gesture, or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) of the Indian Penal Code at the Civil Lines Police Station.

Thotakura becomes first Indian space tourist on Blue Origin's private astronaut launch

He is the second Indian to venture into space after the Indian Army's Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma in 1984

PTI, WASHINGTON: Gopi Thotakura, an entrepreneur and a pilot, on Sunday became the first Indian to venture into space as a tourist aboard Amazon founder Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin's NS-25 mission.

Thotakura was selected as one of the six crew members for the NS-25 mission, making him the first Indian space tourist and the second Indian to venture into space after the Indian Army's Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma in 1984.

Blue Origin's seventh human flight, NS-25, lifted off from Launch Site One in West Texas on Sunday



Indian entrepreneur and pilot Gopi Thotakura (L) with crew members of Blue Origin's private astronaut launch NS-25 mission, in Texas

morning, the company announced on social media. This mission was the seventh human flight for the New Shepard programme and the 25th in its history.

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To date, the programme has flown 31 humans above the Karman line

New Shepard is a fully reusable sub-orbital launch vehicle developed for space tourism by Blue Origin

Sunak faces cabinet revolt over plans to scrap Graduate Route scheme: Report

MAC says scheme should continue as it helps UK universities make up for financial losses on the domestic front; university, business chiefs warn that any curtailment of the post-study offer will make the UK less attractive to overseas students, including Indians

PTI, LONDON: Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is considering restrictions to the UK's post-study visa which allows graduates to stay on and work for up to two years after their degree course as part of efforts to curb soaring legal migration figures despite strong opposition from some of his ministers, a report claims on Sunday.

According to "The Observer" newspaper, Sunak is facing a Cabinet revolt over plans to scrap the Graduate Route scheme, the definitive factor for choosing UK

universities among Indian students who have topped the tally of these post-study visas since it was launched in 2021.

Downing Street is said to be considering "further restricting or even ending" the route despite the independent Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) declaring it was not being abused and that it should continue as it helps UK universities make up for financial losses on the domestic front.

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A JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF GOA

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Enterprising farmer Babuso Banaulikar harvests bumper chilli crop in time for purument

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SIOLIM: As the monsoon season approaches, the tradition of storing provisions, known locally as 'purument', is observed with great enthusiasm. Elders would typically stock up on essential items like k o k u m p e e l s , salt, onions,



curry seeds (triphal), and most importantly, chillies. Reflecting this tradition, markets are now bustling with chillies for sale.

Among the dedicated farmers focusing on long-lasting produce is Babuso Banaulikar from Siolim-Oxel. With a 3,000 square metre farm, Babuso has a long history of successful farming, consistently leveraging various schemes and benefits from the agriculture department in Mapusa to sustain and grow his agricultural business. This year, he ventured into large-scale chilli cultivation.

Babuso is not only an experienced

farmer but also a community-minded individual who helps other farmers by cutting grass with his grass-cutting machine. He believes that mutual support among farmers is essential for their collective success. For years, Babuso has also been cultivating and selling marigold flowers. His produce is primarily sold at his home or used in his family's tea shop in Xell, Siolim, making sales straightforward.

Deciding to diversify his crop this year, Babuso purchased 2,000 Sitara variety chilli saplings from the Agriculture Department at a subsidised rate. Together with his wife, he meticulously prepared the soil and planted the saplings in December-January. By March, the plants had begun to flower and bear fruit.

“This year, in December-January, I decided to do something different, so I bought 2,000 saplings of the Sitara variety of chillies. My wife and I prepared the soil and planted these saplings, which were very small then. Today, they have grown quite big and have started to flower and fruit since March. I am overjoyed with the outcome; we have already harvested six full sacks of chillies, with promise of more

Babuso Banaulikar

Although he is pleased with the yield, Babuso acknowledges that the spacing between the plants could have been better. The ideal distance between plants should be about one-and-a-half feet to allow them to branch out properly. Despite this, his diligent care, including soil treatment with cow dung, regular irrigation, and disease prevention, has resulted in a bumper chilli crop.

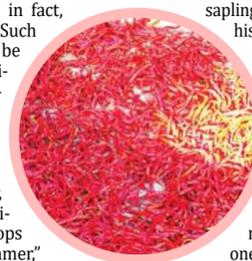
In addition to chillies, Babuso has cultivated various other vegetables such as bottle gourd, ladies finger, mesh melon, breadfruits, and drumsticks. He uses well water for irrigation and anticipates further benefits

once the Tillari pipeline on his plot becomes operational. "Water is very important for such plants and is, in fact, a necessity. Such plants should be regularly irrigated, particularly with the onset of summer. Once you have regular water, you can cultivate good crops even in summer," he explains.

Since his chilli plants started yielding, Babuso has been dil-

igently harvesting, drying, and storing the chillies. He prefers to keep most of the produce for rainy season provisions and use in his tea shop, although he does sell to buyers who come to his house. To date, he has harvested about six full sacks of chillies and expects more to come. Beyond chilli cultivation, Babuso is also involved in the cashew business. He extracts cashew juice, urrak, and feil from his cashew plot and has prepared 50 mango graft saplings to plant alongside his cashew trees.

For Babuso, agriculture is a challenging field, but if one is committed to hard work and accepts challenges, one can surely prosper. "Sometimes, there may be losses, which one has to learn to bear and continuously move forward in the pursuit of excellence," he signs off.



For over 60 years, Uday Adpaikar's family has kept Margao flush with juicy mangoes

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MARGAO: Come summer in Margao, Uday Naik Adpaikar is no aam aadmi - he runs a thriving mango wholesale business, supplying most retailers with the seasonal treat. Originally hailing from Adpai, his father moved to Davorlim a long time ago. When he was only five years old, Uday started helping his dad with his mango retail business, and admits he learned the trade under his father's tutelage.

Uday's father, Gurudas Adpaikar, originally had a shop near Pedakade, Margao. He started the mango retailing business during the Portuguese regime. Uday himself has been in the mango wholesale business for 45 years. He operates from the same location near Pedakade, but he said that about 25 years ago, the Margao Municipality cleared his makeshift shop while removing encroachments and vendors on that road. This was a big setback for him. So now, Uday sells mangoes by the roadside.

Uday buys his mangoes from farmers who lease

mango plantations in Siolim, Madkai, Kundai, and Nerul. Earlier, he used to source mangoes from Loutolim.

"My day starts at 3.30 am, and by 4 am, my retail customers begin to line up to purchase mangoes. They come from Ponda, Margao, Panjim, Banastarim, Vasco, Sanvordem, etc. The retailers pick up the mangoes and sell them in their local markets. I wind up by 6 to 7 am; the business runs for around 3 hours a day," Uday says.

"My son Harshadeep, who is 22 years old and pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering, helps me with the sale of mangoes and then goes to attend his classes," Uday discloses.

Despite the drastic fall of around 50% in mango production in Goa this year, Uday says his business was better this year; than in 2023. His work begins in December-January when he starts selling raw mangoes. Ripe mangoes are sold from February onwards, Uday adds. "This year, the Mancurad mangoes started coming into the market in February, with the larger ones carrying a price tag of a whopping Rs 20,000 for 100 mangoes. By April, the prices of large mangoes dipped to Rs 12,000. In May, the



prices of large Mancurad mangoes have further dipped to Rs 8,000 per 100 mangoes," he says.

He sells Mancurad, Malgash, Xayer, Mussorad, Fernandes, Manghilario, foot (other big mangoes), and ghontam (small mangoes). "By May-end, the Mancurad season will be over. Now we will have Xayer, Mussorad, and Manghilario," Uday explains.

Quizzed about how he supports himself outside the mango season, Uday, who has two children, says he runs 'Gurushanta Restaurant' in his native Davorlim, Margao. His wife Roshan handles the restaurant when he is engaged with the mango business.

Asked whether his son will carry on with the mango wholesale business after him, Uday laughs and says he doesn't know.

Demand fades, but artisan Rukmini Parwar's passion for her bamboo legacy endures

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ALDONA: Based in Corjuem, Rukmini Parwar and her family of artisans have for decades made a living by crafting various items from bamboo and selling them in the market. "This has been our sole source of livelihood for generations," she says.

Rukmini explains the intricate process of their craft. "The process involves sourcing good-quality bamboo, preparing it by breaking and drying it, and then shaping it into various items. While it may appear simple, it requires a lot of time, hard work, and dedication," she says.

Each step is meticulous, demanding precision and care. The tools they use, such as choppers and knives, often pose risks, leading to cuts and injuries, but the family perseveres, driven by a tradition deeply ingrained in their lives.

The variety of products they create is impres-

For Rukmini, her bamboo craftsmanship, though humble, is a tradition worth fighting for, and she hopes to see it continue, even as the world changes around her

sive. From baskets known as dhaleo, supra, konnem, to pantlem, each piece is crafted based on specific orders. Rukmini has been immersed in this work since childhood, inheriting the skill from her parents, who in turn learned it from their parents. "For over 50 years, I have dedicated my life to this craft, just as my ancestors did before me," she reflects. However,

Rukmini faces a disheartening reality. The younger generation shows little interest in continuing this labour-intensive tradition. "They prefer office jobs and other occupations," she notes, her voice tinged with sadness. The fear that this ancient art may soon vanish looms large.

The changing times have altered their way of doing business. Rukmini no longer goes to the bustling Mapusa market. "Nowadays, customers come to my home to place orders," she says. In the past, she frequented the market every Friday to sell their handmade goods. But many artisans have passed away,

leaving few to carry on the craft. The rise of plastic has also dealt a severe blow to their business, drastically reducing the demand for their bamboo items.

Modern lifestyles and fast food have further eroded the appeal of their work. "People today prefer convenience over tradition," Rukmini laments. Their painstakingly made bamboo items are losing their place in the fast-paced world, overshadowed by mass-produced alternatives.

Rukmini reminisces about simpler times when their lives, though modest, were content. "We used to sell our products for just 10 to 25 paise, and even though the profit was minimal, it sustained us. I remember being able to weave baskets, sell them at the market, do our grocery shopping with just one rupee, return home and cook for my family - all in a day's work," she recalls.

"I find pride in what we accomplished," she asserts. Her hope now lies in urging the younger generation to learn and preserve this art form. "It is a valuable part of our cultural heritage and deserves to be saved for future generations," she emphasises.



“I never aspired to work in an office as I had no formal education. My family and I believed that our future lay in this craft. We built our lives around it, managing to support our families with the modest income it provided. Despite the challenges, I find pride in what we accomplished

Rukmini Parwar

Kenelm Lopes breathes life into wood scraps, creating neo-vintage furniture treasures

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MARGAO: When his family decided to renovate their colonial-era home in Merces, Kenelm Santana Lopes chanced upon a motley bunch of the house's original broken-down furniture and damaged woodwork that had been discarded decades ago. Most people would have viewed the termite-eaten antiques as trash, but for Kenelm, it was a veritable treasure trove that got him started on a hob-

by that has quickly grown into a passion. Kenelm now salvages irreparable pieces of old wood and with the help of his trusted carpenter, repurposes them into stunning new pieces of vintage-style furniture. He calls these creations 'ReincArtefacts', a term coined from 'reincarnated artefacts'.

"Goan furniture boasts remarkable beauty and craftsmanship, blending European concepts with Goan motifs. During visits to furniture dealers, many of whom became friends, I discovered the rich heritage

behind Goan furniture, influenced by European, Indian, and Chinese styles over time," says the 45-year-old electronics engineer who is always scouring the State for old wooden items like knobs and handles and purchases even broken pieces of carvings deserving of a second innings.

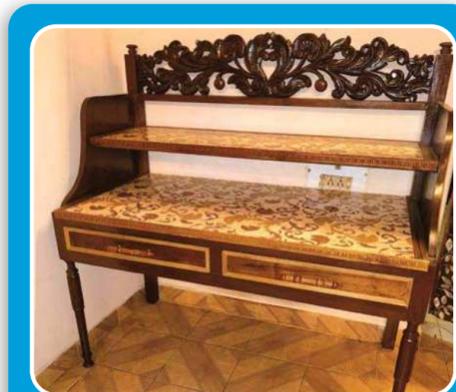
"At home, I salvaged pieces of our original oratorio, repurposing rosewood panels with a daily wage carpenter's help into a new shrine, still in use today," he recalls. He also began researching vintage furniture styles, looking for special pieces that are no longer crafted today. "During the Covid lockdown, I enlisted a skilled carpenter Amin to work exclusively in my outdoor garage. Togeth-

er, we crafted wardrobes, console tables, beds, and vintage-style kitchen furniture, later expanding to include a bar, cupboards, a buffet sideboard and a dollhouse for my daughter, crafted out of old doors," says Kenelm, whose designs are inspired by pictures either from books or off the internet. "I then use my engineering skills to recommend a workflow for the carpenter to make it from a given set of available wooden scrap," he says.

"Utilising carved rosewood, teak, and mahogany panels, Amin and I adorned pieces with rattan-cane, brass, or vintage prints.

Frames and planks were repurposed from old doors or bed frames. Once agreed upon, the labour-intensive process of cleaning, stripping, and repairing old wood begins, often involving hours of standing at Amin's side," says Kenelm.

Nothing irks Kenelm like beautiful old furniture being burned or discarded. "There is so much to learn from old furniture, in terms of the quality and treatment of wood. The workmanship on these vintage pieces and even structural panels is exquisite - they do not make them like that anymore. I wish people would not discard broken antiques, or let them rot in their storerooms," he says earnestly. "Each upcycled piece we have put together using wood sourced from different homes and estates is a collection of legacies. It's a nice way to preserve our heritage," he remarks, adding that he would be deligh-



Kenelm's favourite upcycled piece is his two-tier buffet sideboard table crafted in Burma teak and old matti wood. The sideboard was made from bits and pieces of an old cupboard crown, some bed planks and an odd set of balusters, with the tabletop fitted with gleaming new tiles supplied by a friend

ed to guide anyone looking to repurpose their solid wood scraps into neo-vintage furniture. "Despite the labour-intensive process of cleaning, stripping, and repairing old wood,

each ReincArtefact holds countless stories, far surpassing store-bought pieces. These narratives, otherwise lost to time, now enrich our lives with their second innings," he quips.

Rights panel recommends policy for child protection in schools

Affirms multiple instances of abuse by teachers coming to light over the past two years; says lack of stringent action undermines safety and well-being of children; sends dangerous message that such acts are tolerable

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MARGAO: Recognising the growing need amidst concerns over child protection in Goa schools, Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (GSCPCR) has recommended for immediate and stringent measures to be adopted in response to two recent incidents of child abuse within school environments.

According to the Commission, these cases highlight significant lapses in adherence to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and related guidelines, raising grave concerns about child safety and the handling of such incidents by school administrations.

As per information given to the Commission, in the first incident, a teacher at a school was suspended following accusations of child abuse. GSCPCR added that evidence suggested the teacher allegedly engaged in unprofessional chats with the victim through social media platforms.

However, reports indicate undue pressure on the victim's family to withdraw the complaint, and demands from the school management for the revocation of the teacher's suspension, GSCPCR added further.

Despite being summoned by GSCPCR, the Commission states that the school administration has failed to acknowledge the gravity of the matter and has flouted

the POCSO advisory in force.

Elsewhere, the second incident, according to GSCPCR, involves an MTS (Multi-Tasking Staff) implicated in abuse, with CCTV footage validating the allegations. Shockingly, the victim and her family are reluctant to lodge a formal complaint, leaving the perpetrator unpunished, GSCPCR added. The Commission has recommended the suspension of the said MTS, but more needs to be done.

"These cases are part of a troubling pattern, with multiple instances of child abuse by teachers coming to light over the past two years. The long-term effects on victims are profound and far-reaching, including psychological

Abuse by individuals in authority, especially in educational institutions, is a severe breach of trust and a grave legal violation. The GSCPCR emphasizes that suspending the accused is insufficient and demands comprehensive disciplinary actions and legal proceedings. Coercing victims and their families to withdraw complaints undermines justice and fosters a culture of impunity

— Peter Borges, GSCPCR Chairperson

trauma, anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). These mental health challenges can severely impact academic performance, social relationships, and overall well-being, leading to a loss of trust in institutions and further isolation," said GSCPCR Chairperson Peter F Borges.

The Commission further emphasized that the lack

of stringent action in such cases undermines the safety and well-being of children and sends a dangerous message that such acts are tolerable.

"Abuse by individuals in authority, especially in educational institutions, is a severe breach of trust and a grave legal violation. The GSCPCR emphasizes that suspending the accused is insufficient and demands

comprehensive disciplinary actions and legal proceedings. Coercing victims and their families to withdraw complaints undermines justice and fosters a culture of impunity," Borges added.

In light of these incidents, the Commission has strongly recommended several measures to be implemented.

First, GSCPCR called for ensuring stronger redressal mechanisms, with the implicated individuals facing not only suspension but also stringent disciplinary actions and legal proceedings. The Commission stressed that mere suspension is inadequate, and robust mechanisms must be in place to address and prevent such cases effectively.

Second, is the appointment of a Special Nodal Officer within the Directorate of Education (For) to specifically handle and report cases of abuse by teachers and school staff. The Commission recommended that this officer should be trained in child protection laws and ensure all cases are reported, investigated, and addressed in accordance with the POCSO Act.

Finally, GSCPCR called for swift and decisive action against any form of pressure or coercion on victims and their families to withdraw complaints. The Commission emphasized that protecting children and ensuring justice for victims is of paramount importance, and that it will not tolerate any attempts to undermine

SAFETY GUIDELINES

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► Demand appointment of a trained Special Nodal Officer within the Directorate of Education to specifically handle, report cases of abuse by teachers and school staff

► Calls for swift and decisive action against any form of pressure or coercion on victims and their families to withdraw complaints

TRENCH TROUBLE

SAGUN GAWADE



The drain outside the Azad Maidan, Panjim, overflowed on Sunday following heavy downpour. The Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) had recently begun digging the drainage lines as part of pre-monsoon works

Hundreds protest at Cuncolim police station demanding arrest of social activist

Mahajans of Shri Shantadurga Kunkalikarin accuse Shreya Dhargalkar and Namita Fatarpekar of defamation and hurting religious sentiments; police arrest the duo; tension defused after Dhargalkar tenders public apology

Team Herald

MARGAO: Tensions escalated in Cuncolim on Sunday evening as hundreds of people, including members of the Mahajan committee of Shri Shantadurga Kunkalikarin marched to the Cuncolim Police station, demanding the immediate arrest of social activist Shreya Dhargalkar. They accused Dhargalkar of hurting religious sentiments and defaming them by making false accusations.

Following the complaint, Cuncolim police registered several offences against Namita Fatarpekar and Shreya Dhargalkar under various

Sections of the IPC and the Information Technology Act. Both individuals have been arrested and are in police custody.

The case stems from a video released by Shreya Dhargalkar, in which she alleged harassment by the Mahajan committee and the local panchayat against Namita Fatarpekar, a resident of Fatorpa. Fatarpekar claimed in the video that she had documents proving her ancestral rights to the house and surrounding land. However, the Mahajan committee refuted these claims, asserting that Fatarpekar had no legal right to the land and was residing in

the house illegally.

Kavendra Dessai lodged the complaint on behalf of Shri Shantadurga Kunkalikarin devasthan. Earlier in the day, members of the devasthan had urged the police to take action against the accused, threatening to escalate their agitation if no action was taken.

The situation grew tense as a large crowd from Cuncolim and Fatorpa gathered at the police station to join the protest. Additional police forces were called in from other stations to manage the situation. Four deputy superintendents - Salim Shaikh from Margao, Vasco

DySP Santosh Dessai, Nilesh Rane from Quepem and Canacona DySP T Singh arrived to handle the situation.

The situation was eventually diffused after Shreya Dhargalkar, escorted by heavy police force, publicly apologised to the crowd. Earlier, the crowd had blocked the road and marched to the police station. Police confirmed that the situation is now peaceful, with no reports of any untoward incidents.

One of the accused arrested was taken to the South Goa District Hospital for medical examination, said police sources.

Mobile phones worth Rs 1.6 lakh stolen at Calangute

Team Herald

CALANGUTE: The Calangute Police have booked an unidentified person for allegedly stealing a bag containing mobile phones worth Rs 1.6 lakh.

According to the police, one Ameer from Kerala lodged a complaint that at Baga Beach, the unidentified accused stole his bag containing two phones, 12 mobile phones and other articles, all worth Rs 1.6 lakh.

The incident occurred on May 8 at around 6 pm. An offence has been registered under section 379 of IPC and is being investigated by head constable Govind Fatnaik.

Bengaluru resident held for cyber bullying Chimbel woman

Accused publishes fake job advert for a vacancy at foreign bank, contacts victim through chatting app; coerces her to undress, records video; blackmails victim

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Cyber Cell of Goa Police arrested a 29-year-old man from Bengaluru for cyber bullying a girl from Chimbel, blackmailing and outraging her modesty after posting a fake job advertisement online.

The accused has been identified as Mohan Raj V, 29, a bank employee was arrested on Saturday.

The victim stated that the accused published a fake job advertisement for a vacancy at the Abu Dhabi Bank and contacted her through the chatting app.

Posing as representative of the company, he lured her into attending an online interview via video call, during which he coerced her to undress and recorded the video and took screenshots.

Following this, the accused started blackmailing the complainant, demanding sexual favours to delete the compromising material and kept harassing her for the past two months.

During the period, the accused threatened the complainant and demanding she meet him in Bengaluru, Karnataka, or he would release her video and pictures publicly.

The Cybercrime Cell asked the victim to inform the accused that she would meet him, travelled along with the girl, laid a trap and arrested the accused when he arrived to meet her.

The Cyber Crime Police registered an offence under Sections 354A and 384 read with 34 of the IPC, and sections 66E and 67A of the Information Technology (IT) Act.

Goa to be marketed as single-window wedding destination: Tourism Min

Team Herald

MARGAO: Goa, a favourite place for tourists is going to be promoted as a wedding destination from next year onwards.

Known for its pristine sun, sand, breathtaking landscapes and the palm fringed beaches, the State has now launched a single-window wedding destination for couples to exchange their vows in a hassle free way.

In a bid to promote Goa as a premier wedding destination, Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte announced that the tourism department will market the state as a single-window wedding destination starting next year. The move, he said aligns with the Prime Minister's emphasis on promoting India as a sought-after destination for weddings

and related events.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Spirit of Goa festival held in Colva, Khaunte also urged stakeholders in the tourism sector to seize new opportunities coming up in the industry.

The Minister also highlighted the tourism sector's significant contribution of 16.43% to the state's GDP and its role as a major employment generator, providing direct and indirect jobs to 35% of the workforce.

On a different note, while addressing concerns over the state's aviation infrastructure, the tourism minister assured the people of South Goa that the existing Dabolim Airport and the upcoming Mopa Airport will coexist, dismissing claims of politicians, who he criticized for trying to divide the state along geographical lines over the airport issue.

RRU conducts training prog on new criminal laws for Goa Police, Indian Coast Guard

Team Herald

PANJIM: Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), Shivamogga Campus, Karnataka, has conducted a three-day training program on the 'Transformative Reforms: an overview of newly inducted Criminal Laws' for the officials of Goa Police and the Indian Coast Guard.

The programme was conducted at the GRP Camp, Altinho, Panjim, from May 13 to 16.

The programme received encouraging response by the Goa Police with the participation of 137 officials (Probationary and on field officers). The three days training program at the GRP Camp, Altinho began with an inaugural ceremony on May 13.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Omvir Singh Bishnoi,



IPS, extended his regards to the RRU, Shivamogga Campus, and Director Dr Ramanand Garge for organizing the training as the new criminal laws will be implemented from July 1, 2024.

Harshita Mishra, Assistant Professor, RRU, Shivamogga Campus, provided comparative analysis of the new criminal laws with the present criminal justice system (E-FIR, Zero-FIR).

As a prominent coastal State, the Goa Police have

coastal policing as one of its prominent divisions. The RRU, Shivamogga Campus exclusively provided the significance of the newly-inducted laws in light of various procedural and judicial aspects pertaining to coastal policing.

For this Adv Ranjeet Vishnupant Sangle, Counsel, Supreme Court of India, and Special Public Prosecutor, Department of Home, Government of Maharashtra, provided a comprehen-

siveinsight in an engaging session where the police official had qualitative interaction developing greater understanding about the new laws and precautionary measure taken during search and seizure for bringing the Case to a logical conclusion.

Dr Ramanand N Garge, Director, Rashtriya Raksha University, Shivamogga Camps, threw light on the national security and the use of advanced technological platforms like CCTNS etc and their effective role in the implementation of these new laws.

Goa Lokayukta Justice (Rtd) Ambadas Joshi, shared various dimensions of criminal justice system and its applicability experienced by him during his legal career as an eminent lawyer as well as a high court judge.

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Picnickers ignore warning signs, flock to take a dip in Dudhsagar River

Locals from Ponda and Dharbandora urge authorities to step up vigilance at sites where people have previously drowned; claim tourists fail to gauge the depth of the water body, or the strong current until it is too late

Team Herald

PONDA: Despite the presence of warning signboards and the history of drowning cases, visitors continue to engage in dangerous activities such as bathing and picnicking in the Dudhsagar River, which flows through Dharbandora and Ponda talukas. The scorching summer heat drives many people to these river spots, where they often disregard the risks involved.



The Dudhsagar River, particularly at locations like Okamb and Davkon in Dharbandora, attracts numerous visitors who flock to its waters. The Ponda Police had installed warning signboards on the Bethora side of the river opposite Okamb several years ago in response to the drowning incidents. Despite these measures and efforts by safety advocates like Goa Can Convenor Roland Martins, who held meetings with the Deputy Collectors of Ponda and Dharbandora, the issue persists.

The recurring drowning cases have led locals to call for increased police patrols along the Dudhsagar, which is a tributary of the Mhadei River. They urge authorities to take stricter measures to prevent tourists from swimming in the river.

The river becomes especially crowded in April and May as people seek relief from the heat. Weekends see even larger crowds, with many ignoring the warning signs and venturing into the water.

Locals point out that visitors often fail to assess the river's depth or the strength of its current, resulting in numerous drowning incidents. These tragedies have prompted the installation of warning signboards, yet the risky behaviour continues.

Local residents and authorities alike stress the need for vigilant monitoring and enforcement to ensure the safety of visitors to the Dudhsagar River, hoping to prevent further tragedies and promote responsible enjoyment of the natural site.

shorttakes

1 BENAULIM TEENAGER KILLED IN SCOOTER MISHAP, POLICE REPORT SELF-ACCIDENT

MARGAO: Celsious Fernandes, 19, a resident of Vaswaddo-Benaulim, succumbed to injuries sustained in a scooter accident on Sunday.

Reports from the Colva police indicate that Fernandes met with a self-accident and suffered injuries while riding his scooter to attend a wedding reception in Benaulim. Despite being rushed to the Goa Medical College (GMC) in Bambolim for treatment, he tragically passed away while undergoing treatment in the ICU.

The body has been shifted to the morgue of GMC for post-mortem examination. Colva police have registered a case under Section 174 of the CrPC as an unnatural death, pending further investigation into the circumstances surrounding the accident.

2 ONE ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT ON TANKER DRIVER IN CANACONA

MARGAO: A scuffle was reported at Bhatpal, Canacona, as Sago Zoro, a 25-year-old resident of Poinguinim filed a complaint with the Canacona police.

Zoro alleged that while he was driving a tanker at Bhatpal, he was restrained by an individual who then proceeded to assault him with fist blows to his face.

The assailant reportedly accused Zoro of interfering with Panch Ramu Naik.

The situation escalated as the accused, accompanied by 4-5 other individuals from Bhatpal, formed an unlawful assembly and proceeded to assault Zoro with kicks, punches and slaps. Additionally, they assaulted Janu Yamkas and attempted to assault Ganga Ram Bavdhan, who are cousins of the complainant.

During the scuffle, Zoro's T-shirt was torn, and his gold chain went missing. Based on his complaint, the Canacona police have registered an offence against Jess Fernandes and the unknown 4-5 individuals. One of the accused has been arrested, and LPSI A. Gaonkar is leading the investigation into the case.

3 PICK-UP DRIVER BOOKED FOR ACCIDENT THAT LEFT ONE DEAD, TWO INJURED

MARGAO: Fatorda police have taken action in connection with the accident involving the death of Kuro K Velip, a 55-year-old resident of Kiddamkar Wadda, Morepilla, Quepem.

The police have registered an offence against Sepak Gaonkar, a 31-year-old from Cotigao, Canacona, and are in the process of arresting him.

According to Krishna Anant Naik, head constable at Fatorda police station, the accident occurred near the wholesale fish market in Margao. Gaonkar allegedly drove his pick-up rickshaw recklessly, resulting in a collision with three vehicles parked on the roadside.

As a result of the collision, Velip, a passenger in the rickshaw, sustained fatal injuries and was declared brought dead at the South Goa District Hospital (SGDH) in Margao. Another individual, Deepak Gaonkar, was injured and has been admitted to the same hospital for treatment.

WATERLOGGED WELCOME

SAGUN GAWADE



A tiatr lover walks through the ankle deep waters at the entrance of the Art Gallery of the recently renovated Kala Academy, Campal, Panjim, following heavy showers that lashed the State, on Sunday

Monsoon preparedness: S Goa District Collector puts disaster management authority on proactive mode

Highlights importance of barricading hazardous sites, closing manholes and identifying dangerous structures promptly

Team Herald

MARGAO: While unveiling the disaster management preparedness plan ahead of the monsoon season, South Goa District Collector Asvin Chandru emphasized on the greater need for coordination and quick response plans to meet emergencies that may arise during the monsoon.

Deliberations have been held among the authorities in South Goa to bolster the district administration's

disaster management capacities and strategies.

Chandru, who also serves as the chairperson of the South Goa District Disaster Management Authority, instructed the police and fisheries department to prepare all necessary infrastructure for potential rescue operations. Additionally, the Water Resources Department (WRD) has been directed to ensure that seven cyclone shelters in South Goa are ready ahead of the

monsoon season.

These directives were issued during a meeting chaired by the Collector, which included officials from various departments and representatives from organizations involved in disaster management, focusing on effective monsoon preparedness.

"Coordination between various departments and authorities is crucial for effective disaster preparedness and response," Chandru emphasized.

Relief for commuters as accident-prone Bethora highway finally gets divider

Team Herald

PONDA: The ongoing installation of road dividers on the Bethora-Borim Highway has been welcomed by local residents. Concerns about safety arose among residents when the widening work began on

this four-kilometre stretch of the Belgavi-Margao Highway bypass road.

Prior to the installation of dividers, the highway posed safety challenges due to its sharp turns and lack of proper illumination. With the widening of the road, vehicles began



to ply at higher speeds, raising safety concerns. However, with the commencement of divider installation work, locals are optimistic that it will help prevent accidents.

Currently, the installation of dividers has started on the widened bypass road

from Malshe-Curti. Despite the progress, there are still sections of the road where widening work remains incomplete, posing risks to commuters. One particular concern is the lack of street lighting along certain stretches of the road.

citizenherald

Newly hot-mixed Marna-Gaunsavaddo link road in Siolim damaged, dug up again by PWD

The newly hotmixed Marna-Siolim link road, which was closed for almost two years for undertaking the widening through the verdant green fields of Siolim has shockingly been dug and damaged by the PWD again.

CITIZEN SABINA DE SOUZA Sodiem - Siolim

Sources allege that the road has been dug to repair a damaged pipeline which supplies water to hotels and mega projects.

It's been almost three days that labourers of the PWD have been digging and trying to find the source of the damaged pipeline. Sources say that the valve was leaking. If so, why weren't things not set right during the construction of the road? Why keep on digging roads on and again?

What is worse is that this is



The section of the road that was dug up, was haphazardly filled up without a warning signboard, as seen in the pic shot on Sunday night



a busy route and no barricades have been installed for the safety of road users. All one can see are two road safety tapes that serve no practical purpose. This amounts to criminal negligence on the part of the PWD and the officials should be held vicariously

responsible if there is damage to life and limb.

The road has been constructed at the cost of the public exchequer by wasting crores of rupees, damaging fields for which compensation has not been paid to farmers and it is alleged that the

road does not correspond to the plan either.

Will the contractor be pulled up for such negligence and shoddy work? Will he be asked to compensate for the damage caused to the road by the poor-quality pipes that have been laid? It is

high time that the authorities penalize the wrongdoers and ask them to pay for the damages. Today the road is repaired and an 'environment-friendly' barricade is placed in the middle of the road. Perhaps this happens only in Goa.

Are our kids sliding through joys or hazards?

CITIZEN FARHEEN SHAH Navelim

Slides can be fun but could also be life-threatening, if not installed properly or maintained just like the one at the Colva beach. Kudos for the recreation, the play area provides to the kids and enhances the aesthetics of Colva beach. But out of so many pairs of slides, there is this, one particular slide which draws attention of an avid parent and has to be rectified. Looks like, it is on the brink of wreckage with every passing day. It could be a means of uninvited injuries if the child is unattended by its parents!

As a parent I was like a hawk, watching every move of my child on this particular slide, lest my children would end up with coarse injuries. It would be appreciated if the concerned authorities intervene in the matter and take necessary measures for

the relative safety, cleanliness and maintenance of the slides for the smooth fun and frolic of our kids.



Haphazard work by power dept

The much-awaited and needed underground electric cabling work has started in Cuncolim. Sadly the haphazard work conducted by the Goa Electricity Department (GED) is risking people's life. At present, the entire Cuncolim ward roads are dug in the name of development. No surprise the freshly tarred roads were meant for digging. New contracts bring more commissions.

One thing that is hard to understand is why the contractor was allowed to dig the roads by using excavators when technology is available to lay cables by underground drilling. This shows a lack of supervision by GED, local authorities and substandard contractor selection.

With monsoon



CITIZEN VISHAL D' COSTA Cuncolim

waiting at doorsteps, authorities need to atleast clear the debris from the road, re-cement the dug roads, clear storm water drains to avoid flooding. I hope better sense prevails in Goa.

Why is CCP letting defaulters off the leash?

CITIZEN ROSARIO MENEZES Vasco

It has been reported that the CCP has to collect outstanding arrears of House tax and commercial taxes, to the tune of Rs 50 crore, which is putting the CCP in a severe financial crisis, to the extent that apparently employees' salaries cannot be paid in time.

It is confusing that while the report mentions House tax and commercial tax arrears, there is no mention of the more than Rs 20 crore arrears due from the thousand allegedly unauthorised occupants of the CCP municipal market, which have been outstanding for over two decades. More than

10 years ago, citizens aggrieved by the failure of the CCP to collect the arrears from the apparently defaulting unauthorised occupants of the municipal market who have not paid any rent, power water, and other charges, due for more than 20 years, approached the court seeking directions to the CCP to collect the arrears from the defaulting unauthorised occupants of the municipal market.

Indeed the High Court did issue directives to the CCP to ensure the collec-

tion of the areas from the allegedly unauthorised occupants of the municipal market.

To this date, 20 years later, it appears that none of the arrears have been collected from the apparently unauthorised defaulting occupants of the shops, as a result of which house tax and commercial tax assesses are penalised and harassed with higher taxes. Is it not appropriate that the CCP exercise its authority under the laws and rules, go after the defaulters, seal the shops of the defaulters who fail to pay up, after issuing due notice, so that the dire financial situation of the CCP can be relieved?

Clear the mess from Fatorda jogging ground

The Fatorda jogging ground near the stadium has waste and cables all over the parking area at the main entrance. Moreover, garbage is dumped at every nook and corner of the ground.

CITIZEN ARTHUR DIAS Fatorda

After the sporting events, the area is not cleaned well and plastic waste is dumped all around. This ground should be a clean area as it is used for healthy and recreational activities.

I request the civic authorities to take up cleanliness here regularly.



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Don't undermine Indian soldiers

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah recently said dialogue is the only way to resolve issues between India and Pakistan as any confrontation will have serious consequences for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Reacting to a recent statement of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on taking back Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), Abdullah warned of consequences of armed conflict with Pakistan over PoJK saying that they (Pakistan) are not wearing bangles, they also have an atom bomb, which will "fall on us".

Abdullah also questioned the Centre's policy of holding talks with China but not with Pakistan. Not just Abdullah, Congress veteran Mani Shankar Aiyar too sparked a row with his statement on Pakistan, saying that India should engage in a diplomatic dialogue with Pakistan with respect because it has atomic bombs.

While one can understand the concerns about the impact of full-scale conflict with Pakistan, it will do well for someone to tell them to undermine the capabilities of Indian armed forces, which also is not wearing bangles as well. Both of them are advised to keep military prowess of the fourth largest powerful country of the world, his own country, in mind.

The annual threat assessment report by the US Director of National Intelligence predicts the possibility of a conflict between India and Pakistan with particular concern due to the risk of an "escalatory cycle between two nuclear-armed states".

Today Pakistan is faced with innumerable problems such as poverty, insecurity, sectarianism and terrorism. The reasons for these problems are long time confrontation between Politicians and military junta of Pakistan who have been interested only to keep their power intact.

Poor administration and high defence expenditure created a difficult financial situation and high inflation with lack of occupations, illiteracy promoted by an ineffective education system etc. There is a large gap between haves and have nots, between common population and upper class.

Since the present government finds no other way to deal with these difficult situations, they find the best way to keep Hindu-Muslim and Kashmir issue burning. Hence a constant threat-environment is kept created to divert the attention of the common Pakistani citizen towards Kashmir issue and terrorism.

But that would not make any material difference. India is ranked as the fourth strongest military power in the world, just behind the US, Russia and China, according to the Global Firepower Index.

Meanwhile, Pakistan is positioned at number nine in the index with a wide gap in fundamental factors i.e., in national development and military strength. While Pakistan has a military strength of 6.7 lakhs, India stands to have strength of 14 lakhs beside large logistic and infrastructural back up.

In the 2023-24 Union Budget, India allocated 13 per cent of its budget to defence at 5.94 trillion rupees (\$73.8 Billion), while Pakistan has a defence budget of \$6.34 billion.

Pakistan has zero aircraft carriers and its limited strength makes it a 'Green-water Navy' that can operate in its region. Pakistan has lost all wars against India from 1947 till date. Pak had had the humiliating defeat losing half of its country in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) in 1971.

Since it realised that India could not be defeated by conventional war, it started its 'Bleed India with a Thousand Cuts' military doctrine of waging covert war against India using insurgents at multiple locations. Punjab and Kashmir have been the primary targets of this policy and hundreds of people have been killed due to this low intensity warfare waged against India by Pakistan. But India has thwarted all the efforts of Pakistan to destabilise India.

Being veteran politicians, Farooq Abdullah and Mani Shankar Aiyar should have been aware of the capability of both the Indian armed forces and standing of the Government of India today in the world. India is economically and militarily much more advanced than the last war in 1999.

Regarding the use of nuclear weapons, it will be the dooms day for Pakistan. While India would survive by its mere size, Pakistan would vanish from the map. Pakistan will be left with no hands to wear bangles. Because, if Pakistan fires nukes, India will retaliate and it will cease to exist.

The Pakistani establishment does not favour peace with India. How does one then expect India to talk peace with such a hostile country, which has teamed up with China with the sole intention to destroy India, even if this causes its own destruction? It is Pakistan which has repeatedly waged war against India and lost. Onus for peace is on them, not us.

Abdullah's family has ruled Jammu and Kashmir for the largest period post-Independence and has witnessed the bloodbath caused by Pakistan in its efforts to blood wrest Kashmir from India since 1947. Instead of preaching peace to India, Farooq Abdullah should rather warn Pakistan against doing mischief against us.

India has shown enough patience against its western neighbour and failed to make it see reason. Now India won't back down.

comment



SHANTI MARIA FONSECA

Clinical trials are empirical and best suited to compare different approaches to preventing and treating illnesses and health problems. Health professionals and patients need the proven/verified evidence from trials to know which treatments work the best

Primacy of clinical trials in the realm of Medical Research and application

Clinical trials play a significant role, in the development breakthroughs and new approaches in medicine. These trials are keys to the advancement of medical sciences. Clinical trials look at new ways to detect, prevent or treat diseases. The treatments might be in the realm of formulation of new drugs or combination of drugs, new surgical procedures or devices, or more effective ways to use existing treatments. The goal of clinical tests is to determine if a new molecule or its application in treatment of people works and is safe. Clinical trials are essential a sine qua non in the development of new treatments. Whether a person should participate in such clinical trials depends on a person's understanding of the risks and benefits for him/her and for the society as a whole. The theme for this year's celebration of International Clinical Trials Day which falls on May 20th every year is "Data Centric Clinical Research".

The world's first clinical trial is recorded in "The Book of Daniel" in the Bible. This experiment resembling a clinical trial was not conducted by a medical practitioner, but by king Nebuchadnezzar. During his rule in Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar ordered his people to eat only meat and wine, and diet. He believed this would keep them in sound physical condition. But several young men of royal blood, who preferred to eat vegetables, ob-

Naval Surgeon James Lind famously conducted the first controlled clinical trial in order to find a remedy for a group of sailors suffering from Scurvy. He divided the sailors into 6 pairs. He gave each a different dietary supplement such as cider, vinegar, sea water, sulphuric acid, oranges and lemons. Within a week, the sailors who received the oranges and lemons were able to recover. This resulted in a clear evidence that citrus is a crucial part of any sailors diet. In India clinical pharmacologist, academician, and champion for the rational use of drugs Ranjit Roy Chaudhury, is often referred to as the 'Father of Clinical Trials' in India. He headed the first National committee for formulating the policy and guidelines on drugs and clinical trials in India.

Clinical trials are the core of medical research and involve people (health volunteers or patients) that test the safety and efficacy of a new treatment. If clinical trials are to be successful, it is critical that more people get involved. We need to spread the word about participating in clinical trials. There are two types of trials or studies - interventional and observational. There can be many challenges associated with starting clinical trials e.g. ensuring diversity, patient retention. In the case of rare diseases, finding enough people to participate in clinical trials can also be a big challenge. The most popular clinical trials presently are in the area of cancers, mental health, endocrinology, cardiovascular nervous system and digestive diseases.

Clinical trials are empirical and best suited to compare different approaches to preventing and treating illnesses and health problems. Health professionals and patients need the proven/verified evidence from trials to know which treatments work the best. Without trials there is a risk that people could be given treatments which have no edge or advantage, resulting in wasting resources and might even be downright harmful. Many treatments that are now in common use in health care were once rigorously tested through clinical trials. Clinical trials are a window to also look at the aspects of care of the patients: such as improving the quality of life for people with chronic illness. Modern medical advances have helped millions of people live longer, and rich assured healthier lives. We owe these, improvements to

decades of billions of investment in medical research.

Before a pharmaceutical company starts clinical trials on a drug or a molecule, they are mandated to conduct extensive pre-clinical studies. Pre-clinical studies involve 'in vitro' (i.e. test tube or laboratory) studies and trials on animal population. Everyone cannot participate in a clinical trial. Eligibility for a candidate is based on your age, gender, overall health, type and stage of disease, treatment history, and other critical conditions. Clinical trials and studies do come with some possible risks. Before giving your consent to take part in a clinical trial, a candidate must find out the exact arrangements that have been made for the trial as well as the compensation that will be paid in the event of a lapse. In view of the increasing incidences of both communicable and non-communicable diseases - and especially after the devastating effects that the COVID-19 had on public health worldwide, the emphasis on clinical research assumes greater importance. Well designed, clinical trials benefit the participants, the investigators, the sponsors and the community. In Goa, VerGo Pharma research is a leading research organisation situated in Verna providing innovative drug development solutions to global pharmaceutical industry.

Clinical trials are a systematic investigation done on human subjects to evaluate the safety and efficacy of a new drug or molecule. People are invited to take part in a study in which they receive the new interventions to evaluate the effects of health outcomes. The more people take part, the faster we can find better treatments and ways to prevent the spread and cure of diseases. The process of clinical trials can take a minimum of 15 years to complete. Considering the large and diverse patient pool and a highly skilled workforce, India offers a conducive environment for efficient and cost effective clinical trials. India is becoming a favoured global destination for conducting clinical trials. China and Russia have also been performing clinical trials on a large scale. The Drug Controller General of India grants approval for clinical trial and is the final authority which specifically oversees clinical trials. The Drugs Controller is a part of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation.

(The writer a social scientist and practicing criminal lawyer)



jected. The king allowed these rebels to follow a diet of legumes and water - but only for 10 days. When Nebuchadnezzar's experiment ended, the vegetarians appeared better nourished than the meat eaters, so the king permitted the legume lovers to continue their diet. This probably was one of the first times in the evolution of the human species that an open, uncontrolled and wilful human experiment guided a decision on public health.

Cleanliness: Himachal Pradesh versus Goa

On a trip to some tourist hotspots in Himachal Pradesh, I was pleasantly surprised to see the good the cleanliness standards versus the horrible state we see on Goa of the same!

I witnessed practically no plastics including bags, cutlery in the commercial establishments and also very low levels of plastic rubbish lying around!

Himachal Pradesh was the first state in the Southeast Asian region to ban coloured polythene recycled bags and also to enact law in 1995 and became the first state in India to ban plastic and polythene carry bags in 2009 while in 2011, plastic cutlery was banned.

The Goa Government needs to learn from Himachal Pradesh and have a strong resolve to address the garbage/plastic pollution in the State. If a bigger state with a much higher pollution can address the menace then why not Goa?

Arwin Mesquita, Colva

Will the cops be booked for malicious prosecution?

The Supreme Court of India invalidating the arrest of Prabir Purkayastha, a senior journalist and an online news portal founder, on account of the total disregard by the Delhi police for the established procedure to be followed in such an arrest, is a lesson for the investigating agencies concerned.

The order to release Prabir Purkayastha is significant be-

cause it emphasises that proper procedure and due process are the guardrails against arbitrary action, even in stringent terror cases. Will the police authorities concerned be brought to book for keeping a citizen behind bars for over seven months following his illegal arrest?

Unless exemplary punishment is awarded for such illegal acts by the police, there will be many more instances of this kind in the future.

Anish Esteves, Mumbai

Supreme Court our only hope

It is appreciable that the Supreme Court has found credence in an application filed by an NGO, Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) expressing apprehension about possible replacement of electronic voting machines citing the increase in final voting percentage figures announced by the Election Commission many days after polling, the longest being 11 days taken by the EC after the first phase of elections.

The EC had been consistently inconsistent in announcing the final count of votes polled and preferred to issue only statements of voter turnout after the completion of every phase of election, giving up their customary press conferences, for rea-

sons best known to them.

What is more shocking is that EC's revised turn out for the four phases already completed went up by a whopping 1.1 crore votes!!! This represents the turn out change between the night of polling and the latest data announced by the EC.

Right from the manner in which the EC had segregated the polling process into seven phases, to allow PM Modi to conduct his election propaganda and rallies conveniently as alleged by the opposition to making the electorates in the first phase to wait for 46 days to know the results and the inordinate delay in announcing the voter turnout percentage, leads one to suspect the entire electoral process carried out by this EC accused of being partisan in favour of the ruling dispensation.

Under the circumstances, the Supreme Court should order counting of all the VVPAT voter slips and tally the same with the final voter count on absolute figures announced by the EC / EVM counts. No result should be allowed to be announced till this process is completed even if takes two or three days more to announce the final results. It is worth the wait when the EC appears to have lost its credibility absolutely.

Tharcus S Fernando, Chennai

Goa govt should be fare with nurses

This has reference about Goa Nurses' wound of unemployment, in your paper on May 18.

At the outset, let me congratulate you for your good investigative Journalism. The plight of 118 qualified nurses stuck at home due to the so-called Code of Conduct due Elections.

It was reported that the students signed a Bond Agreement before the study Program (4 years ago) that, they could not take up employment on completion of their studies. How can this be linked to the Election Code of Conduct? The State Government is neither offering them a job they are committed to, nor permitting them to seek employment elsewhere. Isn't this a Dog in the manger Policy?

If it is indeed due to the Election Code -How could the government employ them for two months doing survey work and pay them - which work, is not all connected to their professional training?

Is the Government saying they don't have jobs to give them? If so, why can't they, in all fairness then for the 4 months they were not employed nor permitted to work elsewhere? Also employ them immediately for the next 6 months and save

them from further misery. Would the Government be fair and pay/employ them?

Basil D'Cunha, Panjim

Kudos to tribal boy for clearing SSC exam

Kudos to the tribal boy, Ganesh, from the Wanamare tribe who cleared his SSC exam fighting the odds of poverty. The boy's success highlights the state of primary education in India which remains terrible, and does not equip people to enhance the prospects of living a better life by studying well. It is time to set up a corps of educational extension officers, (like agricultural officers) to reach out to disadvantaged students in their homes, interact with their parents and provide support and encouragement, and even tuition help.

We should also consider lowering the school leaving certificate exam to 7th standard. Maths and Science get more complex post 7th and conceptualizing these subjects puts off many disadvantaged students. It is also important to encourage speaking skills in English to help poorer students feel more confident, and less inferior. Poor students have never been given their due. It is hoped that Ganesh's success will open the government's eyes to what it has not done instead of merely subsidising higher school and college education.

Brian de Souza, Margao



Dominican Republic former Prez and current presidential candidate of Fuerza del Pueblo Party, Leonel Fernandez, casts his ballot in Santo Domingo



Former President Donald Trump speaks during the National Rifle Association Convention in Dallas, Texas



President Joe Biden receives an honorary degree at the Morehouse College commencement in Atlanta, Georgia



Mourners attend the funeral of Shani Louk, a German-Israeli who was taken hostage on the Oct 7 by Hamas militants, in the central Israeli settlement of Srigim

Chopper carrying Iran's prez suffers 'hard landing'

AP, DUBAI: A helicopter carrying Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, the country's foreign minister and other officials apparently crashed in the mountainous northwest reaches of Iran on Sunday, sparking a massive rescue operation in a fog-shrouded forest as the public was urged to pray.

The likely crash came as Iran under Raisi and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei launched an unprecedented drone-and-missile attack on Israel last month and has enriched uranium closer than ever to weapons-grade levels.

Iran has also faced years of mass protests against its Shiite theocracy over an ailing economy and women's rights — making the moment that much more sensitive for Tehran and the future of the country as the Israel-Hamas war inflames the wider Middle East.

Raisi was traveling in Iran's East

“The esteemed president and company were on their way back aboard some helicopters and one of the helicopters was forced to make a hard landing due to the bad weather and fog

— Ahmad Vahidi, Interior Minister, Iran

Azerbaijan province. State TV said what it called a "hard landing" happened near Jolfa, a city on the border with the nation of Azerbaijan, some 600 kms northwest of the Iranian capital, Tehran. Later, state TV put it farther east near the village of Uzi, but details remained contradictory.

Traveling with Raisi were Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian, the governor of Iran's East Azerbaijan province and other officials and bodyguards, the state-run IRNA news agency reported. One local government official used the word "crash," but others referred to either a "hard landing" or an "incident."

Neither IRNA nor state TV offered any information on Raisi's

condition in the hours afterward. However, hard-liners urged the public to pray for him. State TV later aired images of the faithful praying at Imam Reza Shrine in the city of Mashhad, one of Shiite Islam's holiest sites, as well as in Qom and other locations across the country. State television's main channel aired the prayers nonstop.

"The esteemed president and company were on their way back aboard some helicopters and one of the helicopters was forced to make a hard landing due to the bad weather and fog," Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi said in comments aired on state TV. "Various rescue teams are on their way to the region but because of the poor weather

and foginess it might take time for them to reach the helicopter."

"The region is a bit (rugged) and it's difficult to make contact," he added. "We are waiting for rescue teams to reach the landing site and give us more information."

IRNA called the area a 'forest' and the region is known to be mountainous as well. State TV aired images of SUVs racing through a wooded area and said they were being hampered by poor weather conditions, including heavy rain and wind.

A rescue helicopter tried to reach the area where authorities believe Raisi's helicopter was, but it couldn't land due to the heavy mist, emergency services spokesman Babak Yektaparast told IRNA.

Long after the sun set, Iranian government spokesman Ali Bahadori Jahromi acknowledged that 'we are experiencing difficult and complicated conditions' in the search.

2 dead, 5 missing after a boat collision in Hungary

AP, BUDAPEST (HUNGARY): Police say two people have died and five are missing following a boat collision on the Danube River in Hungary.

Hungarian police received a report late Saturday night that a man had been found with a head injury on the shore of the Danube near the town of Veroco, around 50 kilometers north of the capital, Budapest. The bodies of a man and a woman were later discovered nearby.

Hours after police began their search, they discovered a damaged boat in the water, which they towed to shore. They are still searching for five adults — three men and two women — who they believe were on the boat.

Police said they determined that a river cruise boat had been in the area at the time of the accident. They stopped a cruise boat



Damage can be seen on the nose of the Swiss hotel ship Heidelberg, which was involved in an accident on the night before on the river Danube in Komarom, Hungary

with a damaged hull near the town of Komarom, more than 80 kilometers further upriver.

Hungarian public television station M1 reported that the cruise boat, Heidelberg, is a 109-meter Swiss craft that can accommodate 110 people. No passengers on that boat sustained injuries, M1 said.

The Danube at Veroco is roughly 460 meters wide and is in the center of an area called the Danube Bend where the river makes a sweeping, nearly 90-degree turn to the south. The area is a popular recreational and boating destination and is on a route often used by cruise boats between Budapest and the Austrian capital, Vienna, some 230 kms upriver.

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FPIs withdraw ₹28,200 cr from Indian equities

Poll jitters, attractive Chinese market valuations likely cause

PTI, NEW DELHI: Foreign investors have withdrawn a massive Rs 28,200 crore from Indian equities so far this month, citing uncertainties about the outcome of the general elections and attractive valuations of Chinese markets. This withdrawal surpasses the net pullout of over Rs 8,700 crore in April,

attributed to concerns over a tweak in India's tax treaty with Mauritius and a sustained rise in US bond yields.

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to election results. Political stability could attract significant inflows into the Indian market, according to V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

Following the Lok Sabha elections, FPI inflows into India could strengthen due to potential easing of interest rates by the US Federal Reserve, positive resolutions in global geopolitical tensions, and India's increasing weight in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, projected to exceed 20 per cent by mid-2024, as noted by Karthick Jonagadla, Manager and founder of Quantace Research.

According to data from depositories, foreign portfolio investors experienced a net outflow of Rs 28,242 crore in equities this month (till May 17). The main reasons cited for FPIs selling include uncertainty about the general elections and high market valuations.

Moreover, FPIs are re-allocating funds to China and Hong Kong, which offer cheaper valuations compared to Indian stocks, as highlighted by Anirudh Naha, CIO-Alternatives of PGIM India Asset Management.

Further, FPIs' withdrawal could be attributed to ongoing geopolitical

crises in the Middle East, relative valuation discomfort, and the strength of US bond yields, according to Vipul Bhowar, Director of Listed Investments at Waterfield Advisors.

On the other hand, FPIs invested Rs 178 crore in the debt market during the period under review. Bharat Dhawan, Managing Partner of Mazars in India, notes that economic challenges and geopolitical tensions have made investors cautious.

Before this recent outflow, foreign investors put in Rs 13,602 crore in March, Rs 22,419 crore in February, and Rs 19,836 crore in January, driven by the upcoming inclusion of Indian government bonds in the JP Morgan Index. Overall, FPIs withdrew a net amount of Rs 26,000 crore in equities in 2024 so far, while investing Rs 45,000 crore in the debt market.

Tata Motors hikes investment outlay for FY25

PTI, NEW DELHI: Tata Motors group has raised its investment outlay for FY25 to Rs 43,000 crore for new products and technologies, with its British arm Jaguar Land Rover absorbing the maximum share, according to a senior company official. In FY24, Tata Motors group had given a guidance of 3 billion pound investment for Jaguar Land Rover (about Rs 30,000 crore) and Rs 8,000 crore for Tata Motors — a total of about Rs 38,000 crore.

"Investment by JLR ended at 3.3 billion pounds (more than Rs 33,000 crore), and Tata Motors did more than Rs 8,200 crore. So, the total we ended was at about Rs 41,200 crore investment in FY24," Tata Motors Group CFO PB Balaji said in an earnings conference. Coming to FY25, he said, for JLR, the investment will be "more like 3.5 billion pounds, broadly Rs 35,000 crore, because all the product plans we had are coming together (next year)".

He further said, "There is a phasing issue we are dealing (with), and these products have to (be) launched on time".

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Rajnish Kumar, Mohandas Pai to step down from Byju's advisory board this year

MUMBAI: Troubled edtech company Byju's, on May 19, said that the parent company Think and Learn Pvt Ltd and its two advisory board members, Rajnish Kumar, and Mohandas Pai have decided to not renew their contract this year. This comes at a time when the company is fighting a number of legal battles with its stakeholders in the National Company Law Tribunal. "Our engagement with the company as advisors was always on a fixed term basis for a year. Based on our discussions with the founders, it was mutually decided that the tenure of the advisory council should not be extended. Though the formal engagement concludes, the founders and the company can always approach us for any advice. We wish the founders and the company the very best for the future," Kumar and Pai said in a joint statement.

JSW Steel expects margins to improve in FY25 on cooling input costs: Joint MD

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: JSW Steel expects to improve margins in the ongoing fiscal year, driven by cooling input costs, rising steel prices, and enhanced operational efficiencies, Jayant Acharya, joint MD and chief executive, said. "We had a strong financial year (FY24) in spite of Q4 challenges. We expect that FY25 will continue to be good as well," Acharya said. "This is because the cost will come down and the prices are now picking up after bottoming out. So, we expect prices to be stable, operating efficiencies to improve with some cost-saving projects, enhancing our margins and the absolute Ebitda," he said.

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Tycoon Elon Musk launches Starlink in Indonesia

AFP, DENPASAR, INDONESIA: Tech billionaire Elon Musk launched Sunday his Starlink service on Indonesia's resort island of Bali as the country aims to extend internet to its remote areas.

Millions of people in Indonesia, a vast archipelago of more than 17,000 islands, are not currently hooked up to reliable internet services.

Musk, making his first visit to the Southeast Asian nation, inaugurated the satellite unit services at a clinic in Bali's capital Denpasar on Sunday afternoon.

He also signed an agreement on the health sector along with Indonesia's Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin.

Musk and the officials also attended a presentation by staff members from Indonesia's community clinics in Bali and Maluku provinces on the acceleration of internet speeds after using Starlink.

The internet services have been pilot-tested in three health facilities in the regions to input various data sets into the national system, such as those on immunisations, child nutrition and diabetes.

"We are very excited to bring connectivity to places that either have no connectivity or, as you



Elon Musk arrives at a public health center in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia on Sunday. Musk was in Bali to launch Starlink satellite internet service in Indonesia

saw in the demonstration, very low bandwidth connectivity," Musk said at a news conference.

"So, this can make a really lifesaver for remote medical clinics. And I think it can be transformative for education as well," added Musk, sporting a green shirt made of traditional Balinese woven fabric called "endek".

The Indonesian government is moving the capital from traffic-clogged Jakarta, where researchers say large areas could be underwater by 2050 due to

Tesla 'silent', yet to inform govt about plans to enter India: Official

PTI, NEW DELHI: Elon Musk's electric carmaker Tesla is 'silent' and yet to communicate its India plans to the Centre under the new EV policy, an official told news agency PTI on Friday.

The tech billionaire was scheduled to visit India on April 21-22 but postponed his visit at the last minute, citing "very heavy Tesla obligations."

Musk, the CEO of the US carmaker, was also slated to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit.

"They (Tesla) are just silent. The (EV) policy was always meant for everybody," the official told PTI. The companies announce the commercial decisions, the official added.

An e-mail query PTI sent to

Tesla was not answered.

Earlier in April, Musk had confirmed his visit to India in a post on X (formerly Twitter) saying, "Looking forward to meeting with Prime Minister @NarendraModi in India."

Musk had met PM Modi in June last year and had said that he planned to visit India in 2024. He was confident that Tesla would enter the Indian market soon.

Musk was expected to announce plans for Tesla to establish a manufacturing unit in India, along with investments potentially amounting to billions of dollars. Additionally, he was expected to outline the strategy for selling Tesla electric cars in India as soon as possible.

budget limit, the allocation is expected to be "enough to cover the Starlink's costs".

Starlink's services will be trialled this month in Indonesia's new capital Nusantara on the island of Borneo, which will open its doors in August, according to officials.



Trade ties with India suspended due to 'heavy duties': Pakistan

PTI, ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar has said that trade ties between Islamabad and New Delhi have remained sus-

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pended since 2019 due to the imposition of "heavy duties" by India on imports from Pakistan after the Pulwama attack.

In a written reply submitted to the National As-

sembly, Dar, who also holds the deputy prime minister's slot, said: "India decided to impose 200% duty on imports from Pakistan, suspended the Kashmir bus service and trade across the Line of Control after the Pulwama attack."

Dar was responding to a question by Pakistan Peoples Party lawmaker Sharmila Faruqui seeking details about trade challenges faced by Pakistan in its relations with neighbouring countries,

especially India.

In March, during a press conference in London, Dar highlighted the eagerness of Pakistan's business community to resume trade activities with India. However, his office later clarified that Pakistan has no plan to resume trade relations with India which has been "non-existent" since 2019.

Pakistan downgraded its ties with India after the Indian Parliament suspended Article 370 on August 5, 2019, a decision

that Islamabad believed undermined the environment for holding talks between the neighbours.

"We have consistently advocated constructive engagement and result-oriented dialogue to resolve all outstanding issues, including the core issue of Jammu and Kashmir with India..." Dar said on Saturday.

The foreign minister said that the "onus is now on Delhi to take steps for the creation of an environment that is conducive to peace

and dialogue".

India has been maintaining that it desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan while insisting that the onus is on Islamabad to create an environment that is free of terror and hostility for such an engagement.

Islamabad and New Delhi have a long history of strained relations, primarily due to the Kashmir issue as well as the cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan.

Fresh corruption allegations levelled against Imran Khan

PTI, ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's accountability watchdog has levelled fresh corruption allegations against jailed former prime minister Imran Khan, accusing him of "illegally" possessing and selling seven high-value watches and 10 other precious gifts linked to the state gift repository when he was in power, media reports said on Sunday.

The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) launched an inquiry against the 71-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi over the alleged misuse of the Toshakhana -- the state gift repository, The Express Tribune newspaper reported.

The beleaguered former first couple has been

convicted in earlier Toshakhana corruption cases as well.

In January, Khan and Bushra were sentenced to 14 years in jail each by an accountability court for alleged corruption in state gifts they got from the state repository. The sentence was later suspended by the Islamabad High Court (IHC). The previous Toshakhana graft case was filed by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in the charges of hiring the sale of state gifts.

The NAB investigation centres on the illegal possession and sale of seven high-value watches and 10 other precious gifts, including diamond and gold jewellery, the report said.

According to the inquiry, items such as Graff and Rolex watches and dia-

mond jewellery were allegedly sold without being legally owned or deposited in the Toshakhana, as required by law.

The Toshakhana is a department under the Cabinet Division that stores gifts given to rulers and government officials by heads of other governments and foreign dignitaries.

Under the rules governing Toshakhana a Persian word meaning treasure house government officials can keep gifts by paying a price, but first, the gift should be deposited.

The gifts were purchased/retained at considerably lower rates and were routinely sold without properly declaring them. The expensive Graff watch set was also allegedly sold without retention, according to the report.

Nepal PM confident of winning vote of confidence

PTI, KATHMANDU: Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' has exuded confidence that he would win the trust vote in the House of Representatives on Monday, days after a coalition partner withdrew its support for his government.

Prachanda, 69, a former guerilla leader, belongs to the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre), the third largest party in the House of Representatives.

He will seek a vote of confidence in Parliament, the fourth within 18 months of taking office, amidst obstruction of the House proceedings by the Opposition Nepali Congress demanding a probe into the alleged involvement of Home Minister Rabi Lamichhane in the misappropriation of cooperative funds.

Ukraine, Russia exchange drone attacks

Russia continues to push ahead in the northeast

Russian air defences shot down 57 Ukrainian drones over the southern Krasnodar region overnight, the Russian Defence Ministry said

AP, KYIV: Russia said it shot down some 60 drones and several missiles over its territory while Ukraine in turn said it destroyed over 30 Russian drones. At least four people were reported killed in an attack on the outskirts of Kharkiv on Sunday as Russia pushed ahead with its renewed offensive in Ukraine's

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war-ravaged northeast.

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Local military officials said drone debris hit an oil refinery in the town of Slavyansk-on-Kuban, but there was no fire or damage.

News outlet Astra published videos appearing to show an explosion at the refinery as it was hit by a drone. The videos could not be independently verified.

Nine long-range ballistic missiles and a drone were destroyed over the Russia-occupied Crimean Peninsula, following Friday morning's massive Ukrainian drone attack that cut off power in the city of Sevastopol.

A further three drones were shot down over the Belgorod region, which borders Ukraine. According to regional Gov. Vyacheslav Gladkov, a church roof was set on fire by falling drone debris, but there were no casualties.

The Russian-installed governor of Ukraine's partially occupied Kherson region, Vladimir Saldo, said that one person died and 16 were wounded when a Ukrainian drone hit a minibus on Sunday morning.

Ukrainian air force officials said air defences shot down all 37 Russian drones launched against the country overnight.

In the Kharkiv region, where Moscow recently launched a new offensive, regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said Sunday morning that one person died and 11 were wounded as a result of shelling over the previous day.

Later on Sunday, Syniehubov said four peo-

ple were killed and 15 wounded in a Russian strike on the outskirts of the regional capital, also called Kharkiv.

Russia launched an offensive in the Kharkiv region late last week, significantly adding to the pressure on Ukraine's outnumbered and outgunned forces which are waiting for delayed deliveries of crucial weapons and ammunition from Western partners. Ukraine's overstretched forces are trying to slow Russia on the new front by using bomb-laden drones to destroy military vehicles.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday during a visit to China that Moscow's offensive in the Kharkiv region aims to create a buffer zone but that there are no plans to capture the city.

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Adv Aires Rodrigues from Ribandar, hopes that this issue will be brought to its logical conclusion soon. He urged the State government to work with the Government of India to resolve the dilemma faced by those seeking an OCI card after being issued a 'Revocation Certificate' of their Indian passport.

Adv Rodrigues pointed out that the long-standing demand for dual nationality by the Indian diaspora remains unresolved, and opined that the recent statement by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar that the issue is under consideration is encouraging.

CENTRE CAN AVOID CONTEMPT OF COURT VIA UNCONDITIONAL APOLOGY TO HC: EX-AG

Commenting on the statement of the Deputy Solicitor General of India PravinFaldessai that there is no contempt on the OCI case, Adv Ferreira said, "Is the Deputy Solicitor General of India, who is in Goa, suggesting that the copy of the petition was served on the ministry and that he made the statement in the HC without complete instructions from the ministry? If the ministry had given instructions of April 4 Office Memorandum knowing that the matter was sub judice, then it was the bounden duty of the ministry to update the Deputy Solicitor General of the corrigendum dated April 30, 2024, before the matter came to be decided by the HC on May 6. Failure to do so and mislead the HC without placing the corrigendum on record is a clear contempt."

Countering Chief Minister PramodSawant, Adv Ferreira said that Sawant had announced the April 4 circular of the MEA on social media, but did not react to the corrigendum issued on April 30, until May 17.

SUNAK FACES CABINET REVOLT OVER PLANS TO SCRAP GRADUATE ROUTE SCHEME: REPORT

"Sunak is now finding himself caught between the demands of right-wingers with one eye on the Tory leadership and Conservative moderates who fear the consequences of a lurch to the right on the party's reputation and election chances," claims the newspaper, quoting sources close to ministers who oppose scrapping the visa.

Sunak's Education Secretary, Gillian Keegan, Chancellor Jeremy Hunt and Foreign Secretary David Cameron are among those in the Cabinet said to be leading a revolt over the issue. It comes as university and business chiefs have warned that any curtailment of the post-study offer would make the UK less attractive to overseas students, including Indians.

"Studying at university is one of our biggest export successes. Attracting international students boosts local economies and losing competitiveness would put support for undergraduate teaching and innovation at risk," said John Foster, Chief Policy and Campaigns Officer for the Confederation of British Industry (CBI).

"With the MAC finding that the Graduate Visa is achieving the government's own policy objectives and is not being abused, it's time to put its future beyond doubt and end this period of damaging speculation," he said.

Universities UK (UUK), the leading representative body for UK universities, has also called upon the government to end the 'toxic' uncertainty caused by the government's decision to review the visa route.

"We hope and expect that the government now listens to the advice they have been given and provides categorical reassurance that the Graduate visa is here to stay," said UUK chief executive Vivienne Stern. MAC Chair Professor Brian Bell, who concluded the rapid review into the scheme earlier this week, has said that "our evidence suggests that it's the Indian students that will be most affected by any restriction on the Graduate Route".

The influential committee which advises the UK government on migration found that Indians accounted for 89,200 visas between 2021 and 2023 or 42 per cent of the overall grants, and the visa was stated as the "overwhelming decision point" for their choice of a higher education destination.

"The uncertainty caused by the review has been chaotic. We urge the government to accept the MAC's findings and ensure the Graduate Route remains a stable and permanent fixture in the UK's immigration system," said VigneshKarthik from the National Indian Students and Alumni Union (NISAU) UK.

In a general election year, expected in the coming months, the Sunak-led government sees curbing high legal and illegal migration figures as a priority area and with the latest set of quarterly immigration statistics due next week, further clampdowns are on the horizon.

THOTAKURA BECOMES FIRST INDIAN SPACE TOURIST ON BLUE ORIGIN'S PRIVATE ASTRONAUT LAUNCH

To date, the programme has flown 31 humans above the Karman line, the proposed conventional boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space.

New Shepard is a fully reusable sub-orbital launch vehicle developed for space tourism by Blue Origin.

According to Blue Origin, "Gopi is a pilot and aviator who learned how to fly before he could drive."

He co-founded Preserve Life Corp, a global centre for holistic wellness and applied health located near Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

In addition to flying jets commercially, he pilots bush, aerobatic, and seaplanes, as well as gliders and hot air balloons, and has served as an international medical jet pilot.

A lifelong traveller, his most recent adventure took him to the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

Andhra Pradesh-born Thotakura is a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Other crew members of the flight include Mason Angel, Sylvain Chiron, Kenneth L. Hess, Carol Schaller, and former Air Force Captain Ed Dwight, who was selected by President John F Kennedy in 1961 as the nation's first Black astronaut candidate but was never granted the opportunity to fly to space.

The rocket booster landed safely a couple minutes prior to the capsule, CNN reported.

During the mission, the crew soared to more than three times the speed of sound. The rocket vaulted the capsule past the Kármán line, an area 100 kilometres above Earth's surface that is widely recognized as the altitude at which outer space begins — but there's a lot of gray area, the channel said.

At the peak of the flight, passengers experienced a few minutes of weightlessness and striking views of Earth through the cabin windows, it added.

During the flight, each astronaut carried a postcard to space on behalf of Blue Origin's foundation, Club for the Future.

This programme gives students access to space on Blue Origin's rockets, including an all-digital method to create and send postcards. The Club's mission is to inspire and mobilise future generations to pursue careers in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) for the benefit of Earth.

From an environmental standpoint, nearly 99 per cent of New Shepard's dry mass is reused, including the booster, capsule, engine, landing gear, and parachutes.

New Shepard's engine is fuelled by highly efficient liquid oxygen and hydrogen. During the flight, the only byproduct is water vapour with no carbon emissions, the company earlier said.

Blue Origin released the NS-25 mission patch. A few of the symbols embedded include: The Gemini spacecraft represents Dwight's aerospace training era. The hand lifting of the crew capsule is a nod to his extensive artwork.

The sunrise represents Angel and Schaller's desire to experience the overview effect. The mountains symbolise Schaller, Thotakura, and Chiron's passion for climbing and skiing.

Jeff Bezos' space company had paused its suborbital tourism programme following a liftoff malfunction of the New Shepard rocket. In September 2022, an uncrewed flight of New Shepard ended in flames around a minute after liftoff.

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RETURNED TO THE LORD

LINO FRANCISCO MENDONÇA

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Beloved husband of late Nina Monteiro e Mendonça
Son of late Vítinho and Ernestina Mendonça
Father/ Father-in-law of Jose Vito/Leona, Carolina (Calusha)/Ralph, Carl/Mary & Lyndon/Sandhya.
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Brother/ Brother-in-law of late Gema/late Bernardo Reis, late Elsa/ late Leopoldo Flores, late Ilda/late Joviano de Freitas, late Luis/ Lizette Mendonça, Lira/ late Teófilo Vas and Vito/Terezinha Mendonça
Brother-in-law of late Berta/late Reineiro Pereira, late Maria/late Dr. Fernando Menezes, Antonio/Violet Monteiro, late Remedios Monteiro and late Celina/Salvador Noronha.
Expired peacefully.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, 21st May at 4:00pm at Mae de Deus Church, Saligao followed by burial.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

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*We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you will remain forever...*

Fondly remembered by her beloved Husband, Children and Family

Congolese army says it has foiled a coup

AP, KINSHASA: Congo's army says it has "foiled a coup" early Sunday morning and arrested the perpetrators, including several foreigners, following a shootout between armed men in military uniform and guards of a close ally of Congo's president that left three people dead in the capital, Kinshasa.

At first, local media identified the armed men as Congolese soldiers but then reported they were linked to self-exiled opposition leader Christian Malanga who later posted a video on Facebook threatening President Felix Tshisekedi.

Tshisekedi was reelected as president in December in a chaotic vote amid calls for a revote from the opposition over what they said was a lack of transparency. The Central African country has witnessed similar trends of disputed elections in the past.

Congolese army spokesperson Brigadier General Sylvain Ekenge said on state television Sunday that the attempted coup d'état was "nipped in the bud by Congolese defence and security forces (and) the situation is under control." He did not give further details.

This also came amid a crisis gripping Tshisekedi's

ruling party over an election for the parliament's leadership which was supposed to be held Saturday but got postponed.

Clashes were reported Sunday between men in military uniform and guards of Vital Kamerhe, a federal legislator and a candidate for speaker of the National Assembly of Congo, at his residence in Kinshasa, about 2 kilometres from the presidential palace and where some embassies are also located.

Kamerhe's guards stopped the armed men, Michel Moto Muhima, the politician's spokesperson said on X.

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12TH DAY REMEMBRANCE
In loving memory of
Late Shri KRISHNAKANT PATIL
Ex-Superintending Engineer and our beloved
Ex: Executive Engineer

You were a true leader; you had been a guiding force in our lives. You were a true leader; you had been a guiding force in our lives. You were a true leader; you had been a guiding force in our lives.

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Brother of Piedade/Santan, Rocky/Natalina, Michelle/Staleny, Jennifer/Sudesh, Carol/Vinay, Jeronimo, Patrick, Jessy & Sunita.
Cousins & In-laws.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on 20th May '24, Today, at 3.45 p.m. to St. Jerome Church, Mapusa, for Eucharistic celebration at 4.00 p.m. followed by burial.

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

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"Your Life was full of loving deeds, Forever Thoughtful of our special needs, our fond memories will never fade, Now in God's loving arms you lay. We, your friends, were ever so grateful to have a loving and helping soul like you in our midst. May Your Soul Rest In Eternal Peace."

"Adeus Our Beloved CELCIUS".

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Aaron D, Aaron N, Asher, Ashwell, Audric, Austin, Cayden, Cybern, Enosh, Joshal, Lenin, Mafred, Mayfern, Myron, Netrich, Preston, Royce, Roydan, Simroy & Styurus.

LORD I AM COMING HOME
SEBASTIAO CLEMENTE FERNANDES (Sero)
Member of Confraria-De-Nossa Sra. do Socorro e Santos Almas (Dando) Velsao - Goa

"And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'" - Luke 23:43

Beloved Husband of Late Rosa Margarida Fernandes
Loving Father/Father-in-law of Johnson/ Agnes, Cassiano/Socorrina, Charles/ Flavita, Shalini/ Brito.
Precious Grandfather of Rosella, Shanoy, Stafney, Oshca, Roseberth, Eshica, Oldrich, Rossie, Elishca & Shaun.
Loving Brother of late Mariquena, Gasper, Nazareth, Luiza Marie, Padre-Antonio, John.

Funeral cortege will leave from Velsao residence on Monday, 20th May 2024, at 3:45 pm to Our Lady of Assumption Church Velsao for Eucharistic Celebration at 4pm followed by burial.

Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Ever-loving Memory of
CRISTOVAM INACIO VODDEM BHATT - TALEIGAO

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **EUEEM** on Tuesday, 21st May 2024 (Tomorrow) at St. Michael's Church, Taleigao at 7:30 a.m. followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife Adriana Gonsalves, children and grandchildren.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

FOURTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Fond Memory of
ROQUE PIEDADE VAZ
D.O.D.: 20/05/2020

Remembered by his sorrowful wife **Caetana Vaz** & two sons **Agnelo Vaz & Savio Vaz**

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

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LIONS CLUB OF MORMUGAO

Deeply mourn the sad demise of our beloved member
LION PREMANAND WABKAR

We convey our heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved family.
May you get through this difficult time through prayers and the comfort of friends.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE

3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY
A.M. FRANCISCO XAVIER DIAS
(Ex-Partner of Autolite Batteries) Feira, Alto, Mapusa

There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of Francisco on Tuesday, 21st May, 2024, at 8.00 am at St. Jerome Church, Mapusa, followed by prayers at the grave. Offered by his sorrowful wife & children.

RETURNED TO THE LORD
JOSE ANTONIO BARBOSA
Born: 05/02/1959 Died: 18/05/2024
Chandrawaddo, Fatorda

Beloved son of late Pascoal & late Esperanca Barbosa, loving husband of Rosa Colaco, affectionate father/father-in-law of Fatima/Luciano, Seby/Theresa, Precy/Neves, Anita/Servin, David/Lucy, Prizma/Brivon, brother of Thomas, Concoeco, Emilia, Xavier, Vincent, grandfather of Anerly, Viana, Veliza, Shanika, Skyla, Vernon, Pearl, Velika, Velora, Lionel & Velrizia.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Monday, 20th May 2024 at 3:30pm to Holy Spirit Church, Margao, for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.

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

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Ever-loving Memory of
ALEIXO ABEL AFONSO
-- ARLEM - RAIA --

You warmed our hearts with your smile. With you we shared, laughed and cried. We feel so lost without you by our side. You are sadly missed along our life's way but quietly remembered every day. You are no longer in our life's to share but in our hearts you're always there.

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **Aleixo Abel Afonso** at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 21st May 2024 at Our Lady of Livramento Church, Arlem-Raia, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife, children and grandchildren.

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

RETURNED TO THE LORD
Those Who Walk Uprightly Enter Into Peace
Isaiah 57:1-2
AURELIANO PANGO
Born: 22/07/1972
Died: 19/05/2024
(Arlem - Raia)

Beloved husband of Ciena Dias, doting father of Avilson Franco Dias & Avilon Shennon Dias, affectionate son/son-in-law of late Martin Pango/Sabestiana Cardozo & Caetano Dias/Angelina Dias, brother/brother-in-law of Santano Pango/Milagrina Faliero, Antonetta Pereira/late Joquim Santan, Nikela Miranda/Thomas Miranda, Maria Lobo/Michael Lobo, Sheldon Dias/Josmitha Gaunkar & Dezy Dias, loving uncle of Maurice/Maria, Janet/Freddy, Alisha/Conny, Andrea/Rosario, Vicky, Veliston, Alvito, Melisto & Macson.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Monday, 20 May, 2024 (Today) at 3:45 p.m. to Our Lady of Livramento Church, Arlem - Raia for Eucharistic Celebration, followed by the final rites at Our Lady of Snow's Church Cemetery, Raia.

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

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In ever Loving Memory Of
MARTINHO S. D'COSTA
QUINEABHATT-AVEDEM-PARODA
(Ex Employee of Provident Fund-Panjim)

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Martinho on 21st May 2024, Tomorrow, (Tuesday) at 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church-Paroda. followed by blessing of the grave. Offered by his sorrowful Family.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

FIFTEEN DAY REMEMBRANCE
In loving memory of
Cruz Almeida
(Carxetta - Velim)

Ex- Employee of Awal Plastics - Bahrain

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of Cruz Almeida on Tuesday, 21/05/2024 (Tomorrow) at 7.00am at St. Rocks Church, Tolecanto Velim, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful sisters, brothers-in-law, nieces & nephews.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the Parish Priest, friends, relatives & neighbours for their prayers & condolences.

THREE YEARS WITH THE LORD
In Loving Memory of
Joaquim Inacio Manuel Dias
(Ex-MPT Vasco)
Batim/Sonarvado, Raia-Goa
Born: 18/4/1938 Died: 21/5/2021

Days will pass and turn into years.. but we will always remember you with silent tears." MISSING YOU!!

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Daddy on the 21st May 2024 Tuesday (Tomorrow) at 7.30 a.m. at Our Lady of Snow Church, Raia followed by prayers and blessing of the grave. Offered by his sorrowful son: Caetano Jose Dias.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Fondly Remembered on First Death Anniversary
In loving memory of
ANA FELICIDADE BARRETO CRUZ

And this is the promise which He Himself made to us "ETERNAL LIFE"

There will be a Eucharistic celebration at Nossa Senhora da Piedade Chapel, Monte, Margao, on Tuesday, 21st May 2024 (Tomorrow) at 4:30 p.m., followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful family.

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

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In ever-loving memory of
WILLIAM SALVADOR PEREIRA
(Salvador - Do - Mundo)

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved William at 7:00 am on Tuesday, 21st May 2024 at Saviour of the World Church, Salvador-Do-Mundo followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife, sons and family.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
ASSIS FERNANDES
(Ex-Staff of PWD)
Tonca

Born: 12/04/1956 -- Died: 21/05/2021

Our angel that twinkles in the sky, It's been a three years your memory has walked beside us, You rest in the arms of angels, in a place of peace and love, You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide And though we cannot see you, you're always by our side.

Eucharistic celebration will be held on 21st May 2024, 7.45 AM at St. Agnes Church, St. Inez, Panjim Followed by prayers at the grave.

A tribute of love from: your loving wife: Lourdes Figueiredo, Children: Servilo & Valencia and family.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In ever-loving memory of
JOSE ANTONIO FERNANDES [SERAULIM]

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Jose on Tuesday, 21st May 2024 at 7:00 am at Our Lady of Pilar Church, Seraulim followed by prayers and blessing of the grave. Offered by his sorrowful wife, children & family.

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

3rd Death Anniversary
BASILIA A. BRAGANZA
CALANGUTE-GOA

On 21st May 2024, the Holy Mass will be offered for the repose of her soul at 7.45 a.m. at St. Alex Church, Calangute Goa.

MONTH'S MIND
In Loving Memory of
Paula Mascarenhas
10-01-1932 — 07-04-2024

There will be requiem mass for the soul of Paula Mascarenhas on Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 8:30am at St. Joseph Church Pernem-Goa followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by his sorrowful family.

KIND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We express our sincere gratitude to His Eminence Filip Neri Cardinal Ferrao, Archbishop of Goa and Daman, Rev. Fr. Roque Theodore Gonsalves, Pallottine Provincial of the ABVM province, Bangalore, Fr. Tony Dsouza OFM, Episcopal Vicar for the Religious in Goa, priests, nuns, family and friends who offered condolences, floral tributes, sent messages to share in our grief.

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

Chandor SC clinch 15th Davorlim Cup

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RAIA: Chandor Sports Club outplayed hosts Sporting Club Davorlim 2-0 in the final to be crowned champions in the 15th Davorlim Cup football tournament organised by Sporting Club Davorlim at panchayat ground, Davorlim, on Sunday.

The fans, who had come to watch the final, had to brace the rains and strong winds till the last whistle.

The players of both teams had a tough time in controlling the ball and passing accurate passes.

Chandor Sports Club scored a goal each in both sessions through Sunny Fernandes in the first session, while Valentinho Carvalho netted in the second half.

SC Davorlim got the opportunity through Ajay Raj, Prince Figueiredo and Shail but couldn't capitalise on the chance that came in their way.

On other hand, Chandor SC could have increased the lead but Mario Fernandes,



The winners along with chief guest Navelim MLA Ulhas Tuenkar, Vallab Varik, Fr Domingos Noronha, Anthony Colaco, Caitan Colaco, Myola Rocha, Santosh Naik, Simon Carvalho, Martin Rocha, panch members, club officials and other dignitaries at panchayat ground, Davorlim, on Sunday

15TH DAVORLIM CUP FOOTBALL

Gale D'Costa and Laximan Gaonkar couldn't hit the target. Navelim MLA Ulhas Tuenkar was the chief guest and gave away prizes to the winners and runners-up in the presence of Vallab Varik,

Fr Domingos Noronha, Anthony Colaco, Caitan Colaco, Myola Rocha, Santosh Naik, Simon Carvalho,

Martin Rocha, panch members, club officials and other dignitaries.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES
Best discipline team: Guardian Angel
Best defender: Sanju Trikonni (SC Davorlim)
Best goalkeeper: Presley Mascarenhas (Chandor SC)
Best forward: Ajay Raj (SC Davorlim)
Best half: Cruz Gomes (Chandor SC)
Man-of-the-match: Valentino Carvalho (Chandor SC)
Fast scorer: Sunny Fernandes (Chandor SC)
Player of tournament: Shail (SC Davorlim)

Goa boys, girls emerge cricket champions

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PANJIM: Goa boys and girls teams emerged champions in the 1st All-India Inter Zonal U-14 Tennis Ball Cricket Championship organised by Sanguem Patrakar Sangh and Goa Tennis Ball Cricket Association in collaboration with Tennis Ball Cricket Federation of India, at SAG ground, Curcholem, recently.

In the boys final, Goa defeated Pondicherry by 32 runs. Batting first, Goa scored 73/3 in 6 overs. Sankalp Naik 23 not out, Paras Gaonkar 19.

In reply, Pondicherry scored 40/6 in 6 overs. Pundalik Bhamaikar 13/2, Avnish Naik 4/1, Paras Gaonkar 4/1.

In the girls final, Goa defeated Pondicherry. Batting first, Pondicherry scored 43/1 in 6 overs. Shreesha Chodankar 1/12.

In reply, Goa scored 45/2 in 5.1 overs. Tanaya Gaude 10, Latisha pangude 12, Shreesha Chodankar 10 And Ayushi Shrivastav 8 not out. In all, 18 State



The winning teams along with chief guest Curcholem MLA Nilesh Cabral and guest of honour Curcholem Cacora Municipal Council Chairperson Pradeep Naik, NEI Curcholem Chairman Pradeep Kakodkar, TBCFI Vice-President Dr Gangadhariya, TBCFI Executive Member Munnirathnam, Pondicherry Secretary Ratanapadiyan, GTBCA Secretary Ropesh Naik, President Sanguem Quempem Patrakar Sangh Samir Bhat, Kirtan Vaiz and other dignitaries at SAG ground, Curcholem, recently

1ST ALL-INDIA INTER ZONAL U-14 TENNIS BALL CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

teams participated in the championship.

Chief guest former minister for law and Cur-

cholem MLA Nilesh Cabral and guest of honour Curcholem Cacora Municipal Council Chairperson

Pradeep Naik presented trophies, mementos and medals to the winners and runners-up in the presence of NEI Curcholem chairman Pradeep Kakodkar, TBCFI Vice-President Dr Gangadhariya, TBCFI Executive Member Munnirathnam, Pondicherry Secretary Ratanapadiyan, GTBCA Secretary Ropesh Naik, President Sanguem Quempem Patrakar Sangh Samir Bhat, Kirtan Vaiz and other dignitaries.

ABC Arambol move into semis

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MAPUSA: ABC Arambol Sports Club, Arambol, registered a 6-5 win via tie-breaker over St Sebastian SC, Mapusa, to enter the semi-finals of Anjuna Gymkhana Cup 2024 organised by Anjuna Gymkhana SC, at Anjuna Gymkhana ground, Anjuna, on Sunday.

The underdogs, St Sebastian SC, took an early lead in the 9th minute

when ABC Arambol SC's defence fumbled allowing Leon D'Souza to score, 1-0.

ABC Arambol SC quickly regrouped and began pressing for an equaliser,

ANJUNA GYMKHANA CUP

where ABC Arambol SC's forwards had numerous scoring chances to level the score.

Preston's shot hit the

post and Sachet's effort went wide. In the dying minutes, Delwin delivered a beautiful floater into the six-yard box, which Arun converted to equalise for his team, 1-1.

In the resultant tie-breaker, ABC Arambol SC's Preston, Jason, Myson, Cyprian, and Arun scored, while Danish, Daniel, Edwin, and Nehal scored for St Sebastian SC.

Arun Naik of ABC Arambol SC was awarded the man-of-the-match.

Chennaiyin extend midfielder Jiteshwar's contract

PTI, CHENNAI: Former champions Chennaiyin FC on Sunday announced they have extended midfielder Yumkhaibam Jiteshwar Singh's contract till 2025, following his impressive show in the recently concluded Indian Super League season.

The 22-year-old midfielder from Manipur, who has made his ISL debut with Chennaiyin FC in 2022, has been a crucial cog in the club's remarkable show in the recent season of the league.

He not only made 25 successful tackles, the most for Chennaiyin in the season, but also registered 14 interceptions, showcasing his quality on the field.

"Jitu was never going anywhere. His unrelenting nature combined with his elegance on the ball are unique qualities for a midfielder in India and he's a big part of our plans for next season," head coach Owen Coyle said.

F1: Verstappen steals the show at Imola

PTI, IMOLA: Red Bull's Max Verstappen held off a late charge by McLaren's Sergio Perez to win the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix by less than a second on Sunday.

The triple Formula One world champion took the chequered flag just 0.725 of a second ahead of the man who beat him at the previous round in Miami.

The win was Verstappen's fifth in seven races this season, the 59th of his career and the third time in a row at Imola. Last year's race at the Italian circuit was cancelled due to heavy flooding.

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc was third at the Italian team's atmospheric home track, 7.916 off the pace, for his fourth podium finish of the season and a home race to come in Monaco next weekend. The victory extended Verstappen's cham-

pionship lead to 48 points, with Leclerc now his closest rival after Red Bull's Sergio Perez started 11th and finished only eighth.

McLaren's Oscar Piastri finished fourth with Ferrari's Carlos Sainz fifth and the Mercedes pair of Lewis Hamilton and George Russell sixth and seventh.

Lance Stroll was ninth for Aston Martin and Yuki Tsunoda took the final point for Red Bull's Faenza-based RB team in their home race. Verstappen held off Norris at a start without incident, the top four then running in grid order at a track where overtaking can be tricky.

What had looked like being one of the duller races so far this year came to life as Norris began eating into Verstappen's lead in the closing laps.

Rohit lashes out at IPL broadcasters for breaching cricketers' privacy

PTI, NEW DELHI: India skipper Rohit Sharma on Sunday lashed out at the IPL broadcasters for "breaching" cricketers' privacy by recording their conversations with friends and colleagues at training and on match days and then telecasting the contents.

Rohit expressed his disappointment after a video involving him and Kolkata Knight Riders assistant coach Abhishek Nayar, in which the former is seen contemplating his future at the Mumbai Indians, went viral.

"The lives of cricketers have become so intrusive that cameras are now recording every step and conversation we are having in privacy with our friends and colleagues, at training or on match days," Rohit posted on X.

He added, "Despite asking Star Sports to not record my conversation, it was and

was also then played on air, which is a breach of privacy." "The need to get exclusive content and focused only on views and engagement will one day break the trust between the fans, cricketers and cricket. Let better sense prevail."



Rohit was seen making a request to the broadcasters to shut down the audio while recording him after his chat with Nayar. The conversation between the two took place after MI's IPL fixture against KKR on May 11. The audio of the

chat was posted by KKR on their social media handle and fans assumed that the cricketer is speaking about leaving MI after the ongoing season. Following the controversy, the video was taken down by the Knight Riders' social media team.

Few days after that, on May 17, Rohit was once again seen having a chat with Dhawal Kulkarni ahead of MI's fixture against Lucknow Super Giants. Seeing himself being recorded, the opener, with folded hands, requested the broadcaster to turn off the audio as one audio has already got him into trouble.

"Bhai audio band karo haan, already ek audio ne mera waat laga diya (Brother please close the audio, one audio has already made things difficult for me)," said Sharma in the video that also went viral.

Bryson stars for FC Goa

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MAPUSA: FC Goa having a strong academy had an easy outing as they trounced Penha de France by 9-2 margin in the GFA's U-19 League match played at Guirim ground, on Sunday.

Once Young Gaurs opened their floodgates through Franson Furtado scoring a brace, there was

GFA U-19, U-17

no looking back for them as Arpan Sayed, Bryson Pereira (4) Cain Fernandes, Ashwek Jadhav followed suit.

For Penha de France lads Anson Pereira and Elton Cruz scored.

Vasco City S&CC gain full points

RAIA: Vasco City S&CC

moved past Salcete FC 3-2 in the Goa Football Association U-17 play-offs South Zone match played at Rosary ground, Navelim, on Sunday.

Arjan Singh, Keegan De Souza and Shawn Parado netted a goal each for Vasco City S&CC, while Josley Gomes and Nesi-lo Fernandes were the scorers for Salcete Football Club.

Saligao United prove it in tie-breaker, in next round

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MAPUSA: Saligao United SC had to wait for the penalty shoot-out as they got the better of Football Club of Raia by 6-5 margin in the Candolim Panchayat Cup organised by Candolim SC at Dr Gustavo Monteiro ground, Candolim, on Sunday.

CANDOLIM PANCHAYAT CUP

In the 10th minute of play, Llyod Cardozo shot was brilliantly saved by Saligao United SC keeper Agustine D'Mello.

Seven minutes later, Charnell Fernandes scored for Saligao United SC by tapping the ball to the right of FC Raia keeper, 1-0.

However, Agarrison Fernandes equalised for FC Raia in the 26 minute of play, with a neat placement 1-1.

On crossing over in the 45th minute of play, Trevor Dias' power-packed shot of a free-kick taken

Ravora Boys move ahead

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RAIA: Ravora Boys pipped Ratwado Boys 1-0 to move into the next round of Navelim inter-ward Uprising Trophy tournament held at government primary school ground, Telaulim-Navelim, on Sunday.

NAVELIM INTER-WARD

Ansen Pexiote netted the match winner for Ravora Boys.

In another match, Sirvodem Boys edged past Dalgona 2-1 to move into the next round.

TODAY'S SPORTS

GFA U-19 Division League: Dempo Sports Club vs Verem United S&CC, at Dempo Sports Academy ground, Ella-Old Goa, 4.15 pm

GFA U-17 Division II League (North Zone): Fr Agnel Pilar vs St Savio Sports Club, at Poriat ground, Calangute, 4.15 pm

GFA U-17 Division I League: Sesa FA vs South Goa United S&CC, at Guirim ground, 4.15 pm

Navelim inter-ward Uprising Trophy football: Costa Boys, Dicapale vs Red Bull and Rosary Youth Association vs Uprising Boys, Telaulim, at 4 pm and 5 pm, at government school ground, Telaulim-Navelim

2nd Benaulim constituency level veterans football: Colva Veterans vs Orlim Veterans and Cavlossim Veterans vs Seraulim Veterans at 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm, at Vaddie ground, Benaulim

Candolim Panchayat Cup: Calangute Association vs United Club of Verna, at Dr Gustavo Monteiro ground, Candolim, 4.45 pm

Anjuna Gymkhana Cup 2024: Pilerne SC vs Xetratal SC, Oxel, at Anjuna Gymkhana ground, Anjuna, 4.45 pm

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Abhishek's explosive 50 powers SRH to easy win

PTI, HYDERABAD: Abhishek Sharma bossed Punjab Kings bowlers with yet another explosive half-century as Sunrisers Hyderabad cruised to a four-wicket win in the IPL, here, on Sunday.

Opting to bat on a flat track, Punjab Kings posted an imposing 214/5 riding on Prabhsimran Singh's 45-ball 71 and skipper Jitesh Sharma's final over heroics.

But Sunrisers Hyderabad looked in complete control of the tall chase after losing Travis Head off the first ball and chased down the target with five balls to spare.

The win took them second place in the table with 17 points from 14 matches as they would need to wait for the result for the match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Rajasthan Royals.

Rajasthan, who have 16 points, can topple Sunrisers Hyderabad for the prized No. 2 spot with a win over Kolkata Knight Riders in Guwahati. Finishing inside top-two gives the teams an extra chance of making the final.

Abhishek went about his business with utmost nonchalance for a 21-ball fifty, his third half-century of the season. He smoked six sixes and five boundaries in his knock of 66 from 28 balls to completely tilt the equation in their favour.



Sunrisers Hyderabad's Travis Head is clean bowled by Punjab Kings' Arshdeep Singh during the Indian Premier League match at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad on Sunday

Henrich Klaasen (42; 26 balls) Rahul Tripathi (33; 18b) and Nitish Reddy (37; 25b) made handy contribution in their complete domination act. Shashank Singh dismissed Abhishek against the run of play with the batter getting beaten by a slower ball and ended up gifting a catch to Shivam

Singh at covers. But with SRH in top gear at 129/2 at the midway stage, the chase was just a formality and Klaasen continued their strong momentum, slamming three fours and two sixes.

Looking to seal the chase, the South African wicket-keeper-batter was bowled

by Harpreet Brar in the final over. But by then, SRH just needed seven runs from 10 balls and Sanvir Singh sealed the issue with a four in the first ball of the final over.

Earlier Arshdeep gave SRH an early blow, cleaning up the dangerous Travis Head for a golden duck.

After losing a wicket of the first ball, SRH showed little sign of panic with Rahul Tripathi seizing the momentum in a 18-ball 33.

Playing only his second match of the season, Tripathi took Rishi Dhawan to clearers with two fours and one six in a row that set the tone for their tall chase.

SCOREBOARD

Punjab Kings: Atharva Taide c Singh b Natarajan 46, Prabhsimran Singh c Klaasen b Vijaykanth 71, Rilee Rossouw c Samad b Cummins 49, Shashank Singh run out (Klaasen) 2, *Jitesh Sharma not out 32, Ashutosh Sharma c Singh b Natarajan 2, Shivam Singh not out 2. **Extras:** 10. **Total:** 214-5. **Fall of wickets:** 97-1, 151-2, 174-3, 181-4, 187-5. **Bowling:** Bhuvneshwar Kumar 4-0-36-0, *Pat Cummins 4-0-36-1, T Natarajan 4-0-33-2, Vijaykanth Vijaykanth 4-0-37-1, Shahbaz Ahmed 1-0-13-0, Nitish Reddy 3-0-54-0.

Sunrisers Hyderabad: Travis Head b Arshdeep 0, Abhishek Sharma c Shivam b Shashank 66, Rahul Tripathi c Arshdeep b Brar 33, Nitish Reddy c Shivam b Patel 37, Heinrich Klaasen b Brar 42, Shahbaz Ahmed c Shashank Arshdeep 3, Abdul Samad not out 11, Sanvir Singh not out 6. **Extras:** 17. **Total:** 215-6. **Fall of wickets:** 0-1, 72-2, 129-3, 176-4, 198-5, 208-6. **Bowling:** Arshdeep Singh 4-0-37-2, Rishi Dhawan 3-0-35-0, Harshal Patel 4-0-49-2, Rahul Chahar 4-0-43-0, Harpreet Brar 3-0-36-1, Shashank Singh 1-0-5-1, Atharva Taide 0.1-0-4-0.

Man-of-the-match: Abhishek Sharma

Rajasthan Royals finish third after rain plays spoilsport

PTI, GUWAHATI: Rajasthan Royals paid the price for their shoddy show during the business end as a washout of their final IPL league game against table toppers Kolkata Knight Riders on Sunday pushed them to third place behind Sunrisers Hyderabad.

While KKR finished the league engagements on 20 points with nine wins and two more solitary points courtesy wash-outs, SRH (17 points) pipped RR (17 points) by virtue of better Net Run Rate (NRR). SRH finished with NRR of 0.414 compared to RR's 0.273.

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Rajasthan Royals would blame themselves for getting into a nice little rut after an incredible run during the first half of the tournament when they had won eight out of

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their nine games.

But their campaign lost a bit of steam towards the back end as they lost four games on trot and with no Jos Buttler for crunch games, facing a marauding RCB in a winner-takes-all match could be a very tough proposition.

On the other hand, SRH, a team that redefined power-hitting with optimum use of 'Impact Sub', had one of their best chases on Sunday, albeit on a track that once again resembled a highway in terms of its placid quotient. The chase of 215 against a depleted Punjab Kings with five balls to spare also bolstered their NRR just when it was needed.

IPL STANDINGS

Team	M	W	L	N/R	NRR	Points
Kolkata Knight Riders (Q)	14	9	3	2	1.428	20
Sunrisers (Q)	14	8	5	2	0.414	17
Rajasthan Royals (Q)	14	8	5	2	0.273	17
Royal Challengers (Q)	14	7	7	0	0.459	14
Chennai Super Kings	14	7	7	0	0.392	14
Delhi Capitals	14	7	7	0	-0.377	14
Lucknow Super Giants	14	7	7	0	-0.667	14
Gujarat Titans	14	5	7	2	-1.063	12
Punjab Kings	14	5	9	0	-0.353	10
Mumbai Indians	14	4	10	0	-0.318	8

Satwik-Chirag win Thailand Open title

PTI, BANGKOK: In a confidence-boosting performance ahead of Paris Olympics, star Indian shuttlers Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty on Sunday won the Thailand Open

Super 500 badminton tournament with a straight-game win over Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi of China, here. Satwik and Chirag, the world number three pair, prevailed 21-15, 21-15 over Liu and Chen,

ranked 29th, for their ninth BWF world tour title in men's doubles.

It was also the second title of the season for the Asian Games champions following their triumph at the French Open Super

750 in March. They had also finished runners-up at Malaysia Super 1000 and India Super 750.

"It has been a lucky tournament for us. The journey started from here. We lifted this title in 2019

and again we are lifting it here now. After 2019, we went on to win many tournaments and, hopefully, it will give more boost to us in the upcoming important tournaments," Satwik said after the win.

LAKSHYA SEN CAN SPRING A SURPRISE, SAYS VIMAL KUMAR

G VISWANATH

Vimal Kumar is always hands-on with the sport of badminton. He won the 1988 and 89 men's singles titles, won the bronze medal at the 1986 Asian Games in Seoul and played in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. He has been the co-founder, Director and Chief Coach of the Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy, where he has mentored many players. He was the chief national coach from 2003 to 2006 and has held important positions in worldwide development programmes.

The Indian badminton team will practice at a 10-day camp in Marseille before the start of the Olympics in Paris. He is now a member of the senior selection committee of the Badminton Association of India. He believes that the men's doubles pair in Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have a bright chance for a podium finish, followed by men's singles (H S Prannoy and Lakshya Sen), women's singles (P V Sindhu) and the women's doubles (Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto).

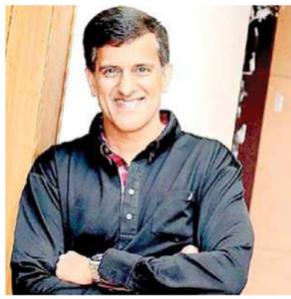
Q. Your thoughts on the men's singles field at the Olympics in Paris?

A. Looking at the men's singles field at the Olympics in Paris, the competi-

tion is wide open. The top 20 players, including the top 16 who have qualified for a direct entry, all stand an equal chance. This year, no one has shown consistent dominance. Even Anders Antonsen (Denmark), who has been relatively more consistent, suffered a loss to Hong Kong's Long Angus Ng in the first round of the Thailand Open. India's men's singles players H S Prannoy and Lakshya Sen will have a decent chance if they get a good run. I am more hopeful of Lakshya because he is younger. So that's the state as far as men's singles is concerned.

Q. The Asian players are likely to dominate the show in Paris. Quality players from China, Indonesia, Japan, and other countries are present. Viktor Axelsen and Antonsen, two strong players from Denmark, are also present.

A. Well, Denmark is also equally strong. Axelsen won the gold at the Tokyo Olympics, and before that, it was China's Chen Long (Rio 2016). But this year, as I said the field is open. Earlier, the favourites were Viktor (Axelsen) and China's Shi Yuqi (his record is 16 wins and two losses this year, and he won the India Open and French Open and was runner-up to Axelsen in the Malaysian Open). He has been consistent. There's also



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Indonesia's Jonatan Christie (he won the All-England, defeating fellow countryman Anthony Ginting in the final). But things change quickly at the Olympics; some peak very early. I think it's going to be a tight contest. But if you look at the consistency this year, I would rate Shi Yuqi as the No. 1 contender, followed by maybe Antonsen. Yuqi is better than many skill-wise; he has a complete game. But he is temperamental and can lose early. Antonsen had a very good European championship. And then there is Victor Axelsen; he has that experience; he can click anytime. Then there are Kunlavut (Vithidsarn) of Thailand and China's Li Shifeng.

They are all tournament-class players. They are all contenders.

Q. You said it will be very open in the men's singles. Eight players have won titles this year, with Shi Yuqi and Antonsen winning two each.

A. Christie also won the Asian title and the All-England, so that's two for him, too. Christie has won the real big ones in the last two and a half months.

Overall, the top twenty players are about the same level, whereas Lin Dan and Lee Chong Wei, during their time, were one step ahead of the others. During their time, the women's field was stronger; there were many more good players. China was strong

then with Lin Dan and Chen Long. And Malaysia's Lee Chong Wei.

Japan's Kento Momota was supposed to win at Rio, but he was banned unnecessarily. He was in his prime at that time. He was consistent. After four years, he was a big disaster (he was involved in a car accident).

Q. You said Lakshya has a good chance of a medal?

A. If he plays to his potential, he can win a medal. He can spring a surprise. He will be one of the dark horses. He has beaten all the top-notch players. He has looked vulnerable against Axelsen, but he has beaten him. He's quite okay, so you never know.

Q. What about Prannoy? He had a good run last year (2023), winning 37 of the 56 matches. He won the Malaysian Masters.

A. He is very comfortable against players like Viktor Axelson. Maybe Viktor is fearful of Prannoy. Most of the top players find the Indian tricky. Prannoy has deception, and he plays clever badminton. He has managed himself very well after the stomach injury. He appears to be fatigued towards the end of a tournament. Maybe that's because of the injury.

Q. What's majorly happened since the Tokyo Olympics (2020 held in 2021). It's been only three

years and another Olympics.

A. Too many tournaments; it's become a rat race in the last one and a half years. They have played 23 to 25 tournaments in a year. That's too much. The Olympic qualification for badminton is one of the toughest compared to any other sport like tennis or even athletics or wrestling, where they have one or two bouts and qualify. Even in swimming, you have one race, try and achieve the timing, and you are eligible. But in badminton, you have to play so many of these tournaments. The qualifications standard for badminton is the most difficult. It's tough for the players to cope and play so many tournaments and then qualify.

Q. From now onwards, at least half a dozen BW tournaments lead to the Olympics. How will the players plan?

A. When some players lose early in a tournament, they want to play more matches. If you look at all these players in their respective countries, they don't get that sort of competition. So, they only get their match practice in tournaments. Because this is the Olympics year, this is bound to happen. Otherwise, the players also need to plan tournament schedules better.

Manchester City win historic fourth straight Premier League title

AFP, MANCHESTER: Manchester City created English football history on Sunday, overcoming West Ham 3-1 to win their fourth straight Premier League title and break Arsenal's hearts as Jurgen Klopp made an emotional Liverpool exit.

Phil Foden scored two early goals at an expectant Etihad to put his side on the brink of the title before Mohammed Kudus pulled one back with a spectacular overhead kick.

But Rodri struck just before the hour to restore Man City's two-goal cushion and the home side rarely looked troubled as they coasted to the win. Arsenal started the day two points behind their rivals and praying for a miracle to deny Man City their coronation, knowing that a win against Everton would not be enough if the champions won on home turf.

The Gunners, without a Premier League title since 2004, came from a goal down to beat Everton 2-1 but had to content themselves with second in

the table for a second straight season. City, who have now won six titles in seven years, stand alone as the only English team to have won four straight top-flight titles, eclipsing the achievements of the great Liverpool and Manchester United teams of the past.

"It is so hard to put into words what we've done today," Foden told Sky Sports. "No team has ever done it (won four in a row). We have put ourselves into the history books. You see what it means to the fans and to us players working all year for this moment. A special moment to share it with the fans."

Erling Haaland won his second Premier League Golden Boot in as many seasons in England. The Norwegian striker was absent for two months of the season through injury and struggled to match the heights of his debut campaign at City when he struck 52 times in all competitions, including a Premier League record 36.



Manchester City's English defender #02 Kyle Walker holds aloft the Premier League Trophy during the presentation ceremony following the English Premier League match against West Ham United at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, England, on Sunday. Man City created English football history, beating West Ham 3-1 to win an unprecedented fourth straight Premier League title

RESULTS: Arsenal 2 (Tomiyasu 43, Havertz 89) Everton 1 (Gueye 40), Brentford 2 (Janelt 48, Wissa 70) Newcastle 4 (Barnes 21, Murphy 36, Isak 38, Guimaraes 77), Brighton 0 Manchester United 2 (Dalot 73, Hojlund 88), Burnley 1 (Cullen 72) Nottingham Forest 2 (Wood 2, 14), Chelsea 2 (Caicedo 17, Sterling 48) Bournemouth 1 (Badiashile 49-og), Crystal Palace 5 (Mateta 9, 39, 63, Eze 54, 69) Aston Villa 0, Liverpool 2 (Mac Allister 34, Quansah 40) Wolves 0, Luton 2 (Morris 45+1-pen, Doughty 55) Fulham 4 (Traore 43, Jimenez 45+3, 49, Wilson 68), Manchester City 3 (Foden 2, 18, Rodri 59) West Ham 1 (Kudus 42), Sheffield United 0 Tottenham 3 (Kulusevski 14, 65, Porro 59)

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Man City	38	28	7	3	96	34	91
Arsenal	38	28	5	5	91	29	89
Liverpool	38	24	10	4	86	41	82
Aston Villa	38	20	8	10	76	61	68
Tottenham	38	20	6	12	74	61	66
Chelsea	38	18	9	11	77	63	63
Newcastle	38	18	6	14	85	62	60
Man Utd	38	18	6	14	57	58	60
West Ham	38	14	10	14	60	74	52
Crystal Palace	38	13	10	15	57	58	49
Brighton	38	12	12	14	55	62	48
Bournemouth	38	13	9	16	54	67	48
Fulham	38	13	8	17	55	61	47
Wolves	38	13	7	18	50	65	46
Everton	38	13	9	16	40	51	40
Brentford	38	10	9	19	56	65	39
Nottm Forest	38	9	9	20	49	67	32
Luton	38	6	8	24	52	85	26
Burnley	38	5	9	24	41	78	24
Sheff Utd	38	3	7	28	35	104	16

(Played, Won, Drawn, Lost, Goals For, Goals Against, Points)

Notes: Top four teams qualify for the Champions League, fifth-placed team enters Europa League, bottom three relegated

*Everton deducted eight points for breaching profit and sustainability rules (PSR)

**Nottingham Forest deducted four points for breaching PSR