

WE KNEW IT: 2 days to go and 'smart' city work deadline too impossible to meet

30 percent of the Smart City works are pending, promise to the court proving to be hollow

Team Herald

PANJIM: While the court was told that Smart City pending works would be completed by May 31, the hogwash of these promises are scattered all over Panjim, in the form of dug roads, deadly pits and other assorted injury traps.

It comes as no surprise though. No right thinking Panjimite expected the officials to be smart enough to

complete this.

Meanwhile, the monsoon is about to set-in and the deadline set by Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited (IPSCDL) for completing the works is expiring in another 48 hours.

The road stretches from Altinho slope to Bhatulem, road near Caculo Mall, roads in Mala are yet to be completed.

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Smart City work underway near Caculo Mall, Panjim

ROAD OPENING ANNOUNCED* FOR 3 ROADS BUT WHAT ABOUT OTHERS?

- ▶▶ Dada Vaidya Road
- ▶▶ From Singbal Book Store to Mahalaxmi Temple and General Bernardo Guedes Road
- ▶▶ From Woodland Store to Geeta Bakery to Government Printing Press

(*Pavement of some of these roads still not done properly)

NO SIGN OF COMPLETION

- ▶▶ 18th June Road stretch
- ▶▶ MG road
- ▶▶ Near People's High School

Two judges themselves roamed the streets and passed the order after speaking to various interested parties and this is the result. The whole world knows that the work is substandard and the end result is the looting of the taxpayers' money

—Armando Gonsalves, resident of Panjim

Even the lay people know that the work is not going to be finished in the next 15 days or even one month. Digging of roads in Ribandar is still on. Just wait for the monsoon and see the situation. We do not know whether the deadline is May 31, June 30 or September 30

—Wilson D'Sousa, resident of Ribandar

MLA's son present in Pune killer car: Maharashtra Cong

PTI, MUMBAI: Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole on Wednesday claimed some "high profile" persons, including an MLA's son, got drunk at a pub and travelled in the Porsche car which fatally knocked down two IT professionals in Pune ten days back.

According to police, a teenage son of a builder was driving the car after consuming alcohol in Kalyani Nagar area.

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Speaking to reporters, Patole also claimed a car race was going on at the time of the accident.

He reiterated the demand for a CBI probe and asked police to "reveal" the names of persons present in the car.

"A car race was going on. Some high-profile persons were travelling in that (Porsche) car after consuming liquor at a pub," the Congress leader said.

"Who is the minister who called up the police station and who is the MLA whose

TWO SASSOON HOSPITAL DOCTORS SUSPENDED, DEAN SENT ON LEAVE

PTI, MUMBAI: The Maharashtra government on Wednesday suspended two doctors of state-run Sassoon General Hospital and a staffer, two days after they were arrested in connection with the alleged manipulation of blood samples of the minor driver involved in the Porsche car crash in Pune.

Also, the Hospital Dean, Dr Vinayak Kale has been sent on compulsory leave and the additional charge is handed over to Dr Chandrakant Mhaske.

son was present in the car?" Patole asked and demanded that Chief Minister Eknaath Shinde speak up on the incident.

The minor driver of the car was sent to remand home till June 5 while his father and grandfather were arrested by the police for allegedly trying to scuttle probe.

At 46.8 degrees Celsius, Delhi records highest temp in 79 years

PTI, NEWDELHI: Delhi's primary weather station Safdarjung observatory today recorded a maximum temperature of 46.8 degrees Celsius, the highest in 79 years.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) data showed that Delhi's maximum temperature was 46.7 degrees Celsius on June 1945.

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NATURE GIVES IT BACK



A SEA FULL OF TRASH: Fishermen who were eagerly waiting for a massive catch, were shocked to net in plastic containers, liquor bottles, metal cans and other trash at Caranzalem beach, on Wednesday

UN's Gender Advocate of the Year award for Major Radhika Sen

PTI, UNITED NATIONS: Indian woman peacekeeper Major Radhika Sen, who served with the UN mission in Congo, will be honoured with the prestigious military gender advocate award by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on May 30 (Thursday), marking the International Day of UN Peacekeepers.

Created by the office of military affairs within the department for peace operations (DPO) of the UN in 2016, the United Nations military gender advocate of the year award acknowledges the dedication and efforts of an individual military peacekeeper in promoting the principles of UN Security Council resolution 1325 on Women,



Peace, and Security.

Major Sen served with the United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) from March 2023 to April 2024 as the Commander of MONUSCO's engagement platoon for the Indian rapid deployment battalion (INDRDB).

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Nightclubs get a class on people's anger, Assagao residents light candles to stop 'menace'

Loud music being played by the mushrooming illegal night clubs is disturbing peace of the village, say Assagao villagers

Team Herald

ASSAGAO: Over three hundred-odd people gathered outside Rumba nightclub in Assagao to hold a candlelight protest against the mushrooming of illegal night clubs disturbing the peace of the village with loud music being played.

The protesters alleged that most of these night clubs do not have construction license and demanded that these clubs should not be able allowed to operate. "There are many night



Residents of Assagao take out a candlelight march under the banner of Assagao-Badem Citizen Action Committee, on Wednesday

clubs which play loud music well into the night, thus disturbing our sleep. One of them is Rumba. I am happy that members of all commu-

nities got together to fight this nuisance," said 80-year-old Desmond Alvares.

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Guv, CM extend Goa Statehood Day greetings

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PANJIM: Governor of Goa P S Sreedharan Pillai and Chief Minister, Pramod Sawant extended their heartiest greetings and warm wishes to people of Goa on the momentous occasion of Goa Statehood Day.

Governor in his message said, "May 30 is indeed a memorable day in the political history of Goa, for it was on this day in 1987 when Goa became the 25th State of the Indian Union."

"In December, 1961, Goa was liberated from the colonial rule but major controversy arose as to whether Goa should remain a separate territory or should merge into neighbouring States of Karnataka or Maharashtra. Therefore, the opinion poll was held in 1967, the only referendum in Independent India which decided that Goa, Daman & Diu should remain a separate entity with the status of a Union Territory; the Governor said stated in a press release.

Thereafter, all major political parties sought Statehood for Goa. It was on 30th May, 1987 that erstwhile Union Territory of Goa was accorded status of State through the Constitution (56th Amendment) Act, 1987.

"Achieving Statehood was a long and much cherished dream of the people of Goa, which was rightfully fulfilled in a truly democratic manner. Statehood gave to the people of Goa a distinct identity and individuality," he said.

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Dwindling marine species are falling dead on Goa's coastline

Wildlife activists have raised alarm over recent incidents of dolphin deaths and other marine species

Team Herald

MARGAO: Wildlife activists have raised grave concerns over a recent spate of dolphin deaths and other marine species along Salcete's beaches.

The outcry comes in the wake of several such incidents that have been reported across the State in the last two months alone. This disturbing trend follows on the heels of a similar series of dolphin strandings in February, which had prompted an

uproar from conservationists previously too.

In this latest incident, while a dead porpoise was reported in Cavelossim on Tuesday, there were other incidents involving marine species too. On Wednesday, a dead turtle was found at Utorda.

"So much habitat is lost near the beach also. Terrestrial animals also are getting stranded at times," lamented a wildlife activist.

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A dead turtle found in Utorda



A dead porpoise at Cavelossim

It's not just dolphins, we've seen turtles and seabirds affected too. This calls for a broader look at our impact on marine ecosystems and immediate action to mitigate it

—Renata Fernandes, environmentalist

- MARINE SPECIES IN A DEATH TRAP**
- ▶▶ Spate of dolphin strandings, death of other marine species
 - ▶▶ Decomposed whale carcass found in Vagator
 - ▶▶ Dead porpoise
 - ▶▶ Injured birds at Zalor beach. Earlier, many sea birds were found injured on Salcete's coastline

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Pollution crisis at Velsao: Fisherfolk blame nearby fertiliser plant for fish kill

Traditional fishers protest at Velsao beach; say two pipes laid by Paradeep Phosphates directly release effluents into the sea; traces of ammonia found in seawater, rivulet; fishers associations GRE and GE demand compensation, ask Pollution Board to revoke permit to factory

Team Herald

VELSAO/MARGAO: A group of traditional fishermen gathered at Velsao Beach on Wednesday, to protest against the alleged release of chemical effluents into the sea via two pipelines from a fertiliser factory situated nearby. The fishermen, along with Velsao villagers, raised concerns about the traces of ammonia found in the Pale-Velsao bay and the Poie rivulet nearby, which they believe is linked to the death of fish and crabs along the coast.

"The fish are dying due to the pollution. We found traces of ammonia in the rivulet. The factory, Paradeep Phosphates (formerly Zuari) releases one pipe right into the ocean and the second underground pipe comes through

“ We need to consider the implications of this pollution on coastal communities who depend on fishing for their livelihood, and the health risks posed by the consumption of contaminated fish. The authorities must take immediate measures to rectify these lapses, including improvements to wastewater treatment infrastructure, stricter monitoring, and enforcement of environmental regulations

Agnelo Rodrigues, GRE President

our property. The pipes are about 500 metres into the sea. If we had united and taken some action last year, these fish would not have died," alleged local fisherman Alister Pinto.

Meanwhile, Goenchea Raponkaranchi Ekvott (GRE), a federation representing 80,000 traditional fishermen, has written a strongly worded letter to various authorities, including the Goa State Pollution

Control Board (GSPCB) and Goa State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), demanding immediate action against Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. They alleged that the company's operations have led to a significant increase in fish mortality in the water bodies and the sea at Velsao. GRE demanded that the consent given by GSPCB to the company be cancelled, and that the SDMA provide the affected fisherfolk com-



The viaduct allegedly releasing industrial effluents into the sea

pensation under the disaster management provisions.

In the letter, GRE President Agnelo Rodrigues pointed out that fish mortality is often an indicator of degradation in aquatic ecosystems, and the release of untreated or improperly treated industrial effluents can severely impact aquatic life.

A similar letter was sent to GSPCB by Goenchea Ekvott, the first complainants in the fish mortality crisis. GE emphasised that these rich fishing grounds are not only a

source of sustenance for the local OBC and ST community, but also an important breeding ground for salt and brackish water marine life.

The letter signed by GE founder Orville Rodrigues and GE Chairman Creson Antao mentions two possible causes - industrial effluent discharged through a viaduct into the sea, and wash down from the plant's yard contaminating the sea, rivulet and groundwater in Pale village.

The organisation also fears the fish mortality could be

“ Who will compensate us for the damages? Someone has to take responsibility. Zuari (now Paradeep Phosphates) has to compensate us

Cajetan Goes, Velsao fisherman

due to arsenic poisoning leading to further degradation of land and sea resources.

"Every year there is death of fish, it is not only happening this year. These pipes have been laid by Zuari Agro right from the start. At that time, in the village of Belem, the entire ground water was polluted, and the factory had to lay a pipeline to supply clean water to villagers. People working in the fields used to get boils," Pinto recalled.

Knife attack at Zuarinagar bar leaves two injured; one arrested, three at large

Team Herald

MARGAO: In a violent incident at a bar in Zuarinagar, four youths armed with weapons attacked Manjunath Navali, 28, and his nephew Sharvan Kumar, 22, with a knife and a glass tumbler, causing serious injuries. Both victims were taken to Goa Medical College (GMC) in Bambolim, with Manjunath, a kabbadi player, being hospitalised for treatment of his wounds.

Following a complaint lodged by Manjunath's brother Mallappa Navali, 34, the Verna police registered an offence under Section 326 read with Section 34 of the IPC. The incident occurred on May 28, around 11 PM.

CCTV footage of the incident shows the four men thrashing and stabbing the two victims. Sources say all of them were from the same neighbourhood in Zuarinagar, and

clashed over some previous enmity.

Verna police have arrested one of the accused, Rangappa Bhimappa Kamal, 42. Kamal was produced before the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) in Margao, and a two-day remand was granted for his interrogation. The other three accused, Shivanand Heregaur, Yuvraj Chimal, and Dipak Hiremati, all residents of Birla, Zuarinagar, are currently absconding.

The police are investigating the motive behind the attack and are on the hunt for the weapons used in the assault. The investigation is being led by PI Melson Colaco.

Narayan Naik, a senior citizen, expressed shock over the brutal attack. "Muscle power and goonda-agiri are on the rise. The police should keep strict watch on these elements and book them under preventive measures," he said.

ROAD TO PERDITION

SAGUN GAWADE



The lush village road leading to 'Kargil Basti', a slum area atop a hill in Curtorim, is marred by garbage dumped along the entire stretch. Strangely, the eyesore has not caught the attention of the village panchayat, which is responsible for garbage pick-up

Sealed biz owners cry foul, cite incomplete sewerage network

Team Herald

MARGAO: The owners of shops and restaurants in Margao are pushing back against the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) after their establishments were sealed or received notices for environmental violations. They blame the Sewerage Department for failing to provide necessary sewerage connections.

As the sealing drive began, some hotel owners approached the Collector, explaining their inability to obtain the necessary consent due to the incomplete sewerage infrastructure. They argued that the GSPCB would not issue the required consents without these connections, which were still under construction.

Some affected owners mentioned that they had already initiated the process of obtaining a sewerage connection, as the work of laying the underground sewerage pipeline was nearing completion. They criticised the authorities for sealing their businesses despite ongoing efforts to secure a connection, pointing out that the underground sewerage line had only recently been laid. They argued that the GSPCB's actions were unfair, as the authorities should have first established the necessary infrastructure for the hotels to obtain the connections.

It may be recalled that on Tuesday, the GSPCB, assisted by a team led by Salcete Mamlatdar, sealed hotels and restaurants discharging wastewater into drains. This

crackdown also targeted those businesses operating without the mandatory consents required under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

GSPCB Member Secretary Dr Shamila Monteiro emphasised in the show cause notices that operating without valid consent is a severe violation of environmental laws. This enforcement action was prompted by a PIL from Navelim villager Antonio Alves, who highlighted the rampant discharge of sewage and wastewater contaminating Salpem Lake and polluting the River Sal. Subsequent to that, MMC had identified over 200 establishments in the town lacking proper sewerage connections.

Verna bus accident: Two accused apply for bail

Team Herald

MARGAO: The District and Sessions Court on Wednesday heard arguments on the bail applications submitted by Abdulkhader Kukkangai from Kerala and Mehboob Subani Shaikh from Ponda. These individuals were arrested following the accident where four labourers were crushed to death by a mini-bus while they were sleeping in a roadside shanty at Verna.

The Verna police strongly opposed the bail requests during the court session, emphasising the necessity of keeping the contractor and supervisor in custody for further investigation. Initially, the Judicial Magistrate First Class in Margao had remanded the duo to five days of police custody.

The police have charged four individuals under Sections 279, 336, 338, and 304 of the IPC and Section 185 of the Motor Vehicles Act. Three of these suspects have been arrested, while the fourth remains at large. Sources indicate that a team of Verna police officers travelled to Kerala but were unable to locate the fourth accused.

Cutbona fishers end season on dejected note as govt fails to fulfil promise of toilets, breakwater facility

Team Herald

MARGAO: As the fishing season concludes on May 31, boat owners at Cutbona jetty express frustration over ongoing infrastructure problems that remain unaddressed. Despite promises made each year, significant improvements have not been seen, aside from the hot mixing of the jetty road.

Savio Da Silva, former president of the Cutbona Boat Owners Association, voiced disappointment with the Fisheries Minister and Director for not fulfilling their assurances. The fishermen particularly highlight the poor sanitation facilities at the jetty. Contrary to the Fisheries Department's claims during the last Assembly session that the toilets are adequate and function-



al, boat owners report a starkly different reality. Thousands of migrant crew members rely on a single Sulabh toilet block, and a proposed 50-seater toilet block has been delayed for a decade due to sewage treatment issues.

Da Silva said that Fisheries Minister Nilkanth Halarnkar needs to personally address these issues. Another major concern is the navigation problem at the mouth of the River Sal due to the sandbar. Despite meetings with local authorities, the slow

coordination between the Fisheries Department and the Captain of Ports (CoP) has delayed decisions on constructing a training wall at the river mouth. Although there is no longer a block from the National Green Tribunal (NGT), the government must obtain an Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) before proceeding with the work. The tender process is ongoing, with revised estimates being prepared.

The blocked navigational channel at the river mouth re-

stricts boat crossings to favourable tide levels. The fishing community has been advocating for a training wall and a breakwater facility to prevent hardships and losses experienced over the past decade. Additionally, the proposed breakwater facility by the Cutbona Boat Owners Union remains uncertain.

Infrastructure and logistical issues at Cutbona Jetty continue to be neglected. A decade-old proposal for an additional jetty at Cutbona brought initial optimism, but it remains unused and has become a dumping ground. Despite repeated calls for its inauguration and effective use to alleviate space issues, the new jetty has not been utilised. Other problems include deteriorating illumination and general disrepair at the jetty.

NGT directs coastal watchdog to hold fresh inspection of Colva construction

Team Herald

MARGAO: The National Green Tribunal's (NGT) Western Zone Bench in Pune has directed the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) to conduct a fresh hearing on construction activities at a Colva resort. This decision follows an appeal by the Colva Civic & Consumer Forum (CCF) challenging the partial discharge of a show-cause notice issued to the resort by the GCZMA.

In 2018, the CCF filed a complaint with the GCZMA alleging unauthorised renovation within the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) by the resort. Inspections revealed violations, including unauthorised ground+2 structures in the CRZ-II area and the lack of necessary CRZ approvals.

In response, the GCZMA issued a show-cause no-

tice in 2019 but partially discharged it in December 2022, stating that five cottages, a restaurant, a sewage treatment plant, a generator shed, and a swimming pool were in accordance with the approved plan. The CCF contested this decision before the NGT.

During the NGT hearings, the CCF argued that the resort undertook construction activities after acquiring the property in 2017 without the necessary GCZMA approvals. Satellite imagery from 2010 to 2020 showed changes in the property, raising concerns about additional unauthorised constructions, such as a basement below the swimming pool, lack of sloping roofs and an extra temporary floor added to the cottages. The GCZMA defended its order by presenting permissions grant-

ed to the previous owner between 1987 and 2001 for the cottages, restaurant, and swimming pool, claiming that these structures were pre-approved.

The NGT noted that the GCZMA failed to verify whether the constructions adhered to the approved plans and did not consider whether the current owner obtained necessary approvals post-2017. While some structures appeared to be pre-approved, there was no clear evidence of permissions for renovations or reconstructions by the present owner.

In its judgment, the NGT instructed the GCZMA to conduct a fresh site inspection and re-hear the matter within two months.

The resort owner maintains that all required approvals are in place and plans to contest the matter before the GCZMA.



WILL INCOMPLETE SMART CITY WORK CAUSE WATER LOGGING IN THE CAPITAL?

“ Panjim is a beautiful city built on the banks of the river Mandovi. After high tide, it is very difficult for the water to go out. They tried to complete the works due to repercussions and people's pressure, but many works are incomplete. The possibility of floods occurring is 101%. The May 31 target is fake. The government is only indulging in fottongpona. It is only out to fool the people, win elections and indulge in corruption. This is the biggest scam. The Smart City CEO is new, but although he is now an IAS promotee, what does he understand of engineering? The CEO has to be either an engineer or an architect. Somebody who is a resident of Panjim should be a CEO. Ward-wise people and businessmen should have been taken into confidence. This is not a one-man show. You have spoiled people's health, destroyed economic wealth and left us to fall in the ditch during the monsoon.

Rui Ferreira

Three 'Smart City' roads will be thrown open before the May 31 deadline. What about the other incomplete roads?

“ Only two days are left for the May 31 deadline. Drains have not been done up properly. If the drains are choked, there will be flooding. Sometime ago, a two-hour spell of rain was enough to cause flooding in Panjim. Some drains are left open and anyone can fall inside. People have already started throwing waste in the drains. They need to complete the roads they have taken up for digging. Near Café Bhosle and other places, sewage is overflowing from the new chambers. They are of third-rate quality. The work on footpaths is incomplete. Even incomplete roads have been thrown open. Some roads are still dug up, how will they complete these in two days? Panjim will definitely get flooded once the monsoon starts.

Avertino Miranda

“ They have opened some roads - but footpaths, parking, electricity cabling and other works are pending. Though they have taken up 70% of the work, of this 25% is not complete. MG Road, 18th June Road, Rua de Ourem road, Inox and market area roads have not even been taken up. So, 30% work has not been taken up. They won't meet the deadline this year, I think it is May 31, 2025. The work will be stopped for the monsoons and then begin again. I don't think that even the Calculo Mall to Sewage Treatment Plant stretch will be ready by 2025. For 8 years, Panjimites have been suffering. Panjim looks like a war zone. One cannot say what will happen during the monsoon.

Uday Madkaiar

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PREMISES WANTED

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4 BHK ROW VILLA AT GOGOL, behind Chowgle College, area 165sqmts at project Hacienda. Price 1.45Cr. Call: 9822485817

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PRIME PLOT FOR SALE 3,750m2 PLOT Settlement with 60% FAR with Clear Title and large road frontage, on main Road near Shinkre Steel & Chowgle Maruti Service on Rawanfond - Mandap Road, MARGAO. Call - 9225902518

Bar and Restaurant sale old Goa Highway price 1.25 cr, Navelim fully AC family Bar Restaurant 1.75 cr Borda Bar sale 1 cr, Khare band Bar road facing 80 lakh. Strictly buyers call 9011973443

Colva land 12500m2 with Sanad NOC to develop plots from TCP issued looking for builders, developers investors for more details contact 7066422463

Benaulim land sale 5000, 1650, Kesarval Riverview 39000, Loutolim 4400, Margao Heart of city 23000m2 commercial land sale No JV land ideal for mall, college, hospital, posh project, Commercial building very prime property Strictly buyers call 7066422463

Nuvem land sale 4000, 2700, Raia 919, 925, 920, Carmona 4400, 1500, 1800, Davorlim Nesai road touch 900, Rumdamol Davorlim 1000, Benaulim 11000, 800, Colva gandaulim 830, Betalbatim 2300, 2500, Strictly buyers call 9011973443

Nuvem Portuguese house land 2700, Raia Camurim huge bungalow 5 bhk land 1500, Raia damon house with plot 1800, Carmona Portuguese 1800 land, Varca terrace house 1450 land, Colva bungalow 2800 plot, Curtorim Macazana road touch bungalow 1100 plot, Strictly buyers call 9011973443

Bungalow sale seraulim 4bhk 3bhk, Benaulim with pool 4bhk furnished, Navelim Sinquetim 4bhk, Majorda Dongorim 4BHK, Row house Moddir Jakniband 3BHK, Dramapur 3BHK villa, Carmona 4BHK bungalow, Colva 2BHK small old house plot 200, Sernabatim 3BHK Terrace house, Strictly buyers call 9011973443

Beach touch land ideal for hotels, guest houses hall, Varca 16500, 24000, Colva 27000, Benaulim 20000, Sernabatim 16500, 12500, Velsao 18000, 1175, Cavellossim 4400, 16000, Varca 48000 with hotel approval Strictly buyers call 9011973443

Orchid land at Latambarc area 30000m2 touching Tillari Canal, has approval of Farm House plots of 4000m2 each having Cashew plantation, electricity, well, fenced for Sale @ 3500/- per m2. Broker's excuse. Contact: saiprestige@gmail.com. 9284970572.

2BHK Flats (104.41 Sq.mtr) for Sale at Dangui colium Duler Mapusa Bardez, Nearing completion (Broker's excuse). Contact: Samruddhi Builders 9822156800, saiprestige@gmail.com

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PROPERTIES WANTED

Property wanted Costal areas 400 to 600sq mtrs with 6m Road from Majorda to Cavellossim Only Owners call +918208512540

Wanted Plain Land on Rent surrounding Margao or South Goa, otherwise on the Main Road also (Property like Agriculture or Orchard) Call or Whatsapp the details Cont. no. 7262056774

Wanted Settlement Property for Development in Goa. Price should be reasonable. Cont. no. 9960741716

Wanted 300 sq mt - 2000 sq mt plot at Porvorim, Socorro, Salvador-Do-Mundo, Nachinola, Moira, Aldona, Kadamba Plateau, Bambolim, Alto-St Cruz, Dona Paula and surrounding areas for our ready clients. Call Property Space 9359955063.

Wanted Agriculture or Orchard Property in Goa. Cont. no. 9960741716

Wanted 1BHK, 2BHK & 3BHK in Dona Paula, Caranzalem, Taleigao & Miramar for outright purchase for our ready clients. Call Property Space 9359955063.

Well cleaning, house water tank, underground water tanks from sediment dirt bacteria, use clean water protection from waterborne disease 9272903878

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SITUATIONS VACANT

Urgent required at Verna. Auto-mobile/Diesel Engine service Technicians/Engineers, Service Advisors, Marketing Executives/CRE/CRM, drivers, recovery officer, store incharge. Having 3 years of experience in Automobiles and Generators, Electrical, Electronic Machinery. Email: hr@kamatengineers.com M-9765555937.

2024002994

Wanted a School Administrator for Fairyland Kindergarten and Primary School, PO Goa-Velha with Bachelor in Home Science (Human Development) and O1Teacher with Pre-Primary Teachers training to teach at Kindergarten. Interested candidate contact school office between 9:00am to 12.00noon on 9665657066 for the interview appointment.

2024002990

Wanted kitchen helper for a restaurant in Benaulim. Food n Accommodation & weekly off provided. Contact: 9881342959/8329852098

2024002995

EJob/career opportunity a reputed Multinational Co in Margao is hiring 20 candidates for their branch age: 30-70 qualification: min 10th pass. contact-9975859396

2024003013

Urgent requirement for Hotel Spring De Goa in Porvorim Vacancy following,1. Room boys, salary 12k to 15k, 2. Day Receptionist, 3. night Receptionist. 8108275222/8390442739/ 88055 11089

2024003015

Wanted trainee mechanic helper (IT) fresh passout & independent mechanic (knowledge of latest vehicle) for Maruti workshop in Betalbatim whatsapp 9326811763.

2024003021

Wanted boys/ girls computer Operators. SSLC/ PUC day/ night shift. Training will be provided. Salary: 12-15K. Contact: 6361709482. Drop your Resume @ # 303, Reliance Atria, Pajifond, near Bank of Baroda, Margao.

2024003025

Urgently required Air conditioner, Refrigerator, Technician, Assist Technician & Helper. Technician salary 18,000/- contact No: 9579873606

2024003027

St. Anne's Institute, Agonda requires one Computer Teacher (BCA/MCA/PGDCET) to teach computer on Maternity Leave upto 26.10.2024 with knowledge of Blender, Kojo, Scratch, GIMP softwares. Candidates registered with employment exchange can appear for interview on 05/06/2024 at 9.00am with an application and relevant documents.

2024003029

SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted experienced female staff for Costys Navelim Salcete with knowledge of internet, online apps, email, good typing speed, Coral draw, photoshop. working experience in digital designing will be preferred, Whatsapp resume 9765800904 for interview.

2024003031

Urgently required Goan cook, Tandoor cook, kitchen helpers & waiter for a restaurant in Margão Freshers welcome Ph: 9764368257

2024003032

Wanted sales girl in garments showroom Margao salary (10-12k). contact 8208513137.

2024003033

WANTED DRIVER WITH LMV LICENSE FOR PORVORIM FAMILY CANDIDATE AROUND PORVORIM AREA PREFERRED. CONTACT 9422057766

2024003041

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2024003030

TOURS & TRAVELS

Special Packages Bangkok + Pataya =25000 (4n/ 5days) Singapore +malaysia +Bangkok = 80000 (9n/ 10 days) Dubai = 45000 (4n/ 5days) all tours flight from Goa. (All inclusive) Contact: 7248913648 Nurvi holidays .

2024002755

VEHICLES AVAILABLE

Doctor driven SUV Honda CRV 2008 silver 78008km 14kmpit p/steering, p/windows, cd, c/locking new tyre rto passing done (exchange small vehicle consider) 9326811804 Margao.

2024003018

Doctor driven Swift vdi 2009 sunshine cooper 87008km 24kmpit new type p/steering, p/windows, cd, c/locking rto 2028 call 7769811763 Margao.

2024003019

VEHICLES WANTED

Wanted swift or Wagon r (2005 model onwards) for Goan catholic fly for outright purchase directly from owner (broker excuse) 7769811804.

2024003023

We buy all car's/ bike's. Maruti, VW, Renault, Toyota, Hyundai, Honda, Mahindra, Nissan, Tata etc. (Vintage Car's) spot payment 8381027157.



Goa witnessed 245 accidents, 28 fatalities every month from Jan-April this year

State reported 981 accidents from January to April this year against 982 accidents during the same period in 2023; fatalities report marginal decrease; 127 fatalities reported last year as against 113 this year

Team Herald

MARGAO: The gruesome accident on Saturday at Verna wherein five persons were crushed and six were injured and the accident wherein a pillion rider died after their motorcycle dashed into a trailer near the Titan junction at Verna, show both the nature and the frequency of horrifying accidents taking place in Goa.

In the first four months of the current year, 981 accidents were reported in Goa as against 982 accidents reported during the same period in 2023.

Incidentally, while the number of accidents have decreased by one, this year, fatalities have also decreased by 14 in 2024. In the first four months

of 2023 there were 127 fatal accidents reported as against 113 reported this year.

Verna has emerged as the killer spot as the highest number of accidents reported this year, namely 84 were registered here, followed by Porvorim where 69 accidents were registered.

In April this year, 245 accidents were registered in which 34 persons lost their lives in different parts of Goa. Of the 113 fatal accidents registered up to April end this year, the highest deaths were reported at Agasaim police station where nine persons died.

During the corresponding period in 2023, 127 persons died in accidents, with the highest number

ACCIDENTS REPORTED FROM JANUARY TO APRIL 2024			
Police Station	Accidents	Police Station	Accidents
Verna	84	Pernem	30
Porvorim	69	Colvale	29
Maina-Curtorim	60	Valpoi	27
Old Goa	59	Quepem	24
Panjim	57	Vasco	24
Ponda	53	Calangute	21
Cuncolim	50	Mardol	21
Mapusa	43	Curchorem	16
Bicholim	40	Mopa	14
Agasaim	39	Mandrem	10
Anjuna	38	Saligao	9
Canacona	38	Collem	9
Colva	36	Sanguem	7
Fatorda	36	Mormugao	5
Margao	33		

reported at Verna, where 14 persons had died.

Ponda, Maina-Curtorim, Verna, Cuncolim and Margao are the 'killing fields' (areas) as most

of the fatal accidents reported in South Goa in the last two years occurred in these areas. What is of concern is that nearly half the fatal accidents in-

FATALITIES REPORTED FROM JANUARY TO APRIL 2024			
Police Station	Fatalities	Police Station	Fatalities
Agasaim	9	Panjim	4
Bicholim	8	Porvorim	4
Cuncolim	7	Mapusa	4
Maina-Curtorim	7	Colva	4
Ponda	6	Colvale	4
Verna	6	Collem	4
Fatorda	5	Mopa	4
Pernem	5	Vasco	3
Mandrem	5	Margao	2
Old Goa	5	Curchorem	2
Valpoi	5	Quepem	1
Anjuna	4	Mardol	1
Canacona	4		

involved two wheelers

Accident prone areas identified in South Goa are under the jurisdiction of police stations at Ponda, Maina-Curtorim, Verna, Cuncolim, Canacona and Margao.

Margao resident Sandeep Pedneker highlighted the need for authorities to survey accident-prone areas to understand the causes and accordingly improve the infrastructure reduce

accidents. Police analysis indicate that most accidents occur during peak hours namely 6pm to 9pm.

Traffic accidents are a major source of death, injury and damage to property every year, said one retired traffic inspector adding that over speeding is also a main cause of casualties due to accidents.

Another cause of accidents is being distracted while driving, which can have serious consequences, said senior citizen Uhas Kerker.

"Using mobile phones while driving increases the risk of accidents as the driver is distracted and not concentrating on driving alone," he said, adding that use of brakes is affected and even traffic signs

are ignored. Sandeep Pedneker from Curtorim said consuming alcohol or other substances while driving increases the risk of fatal accidents.

Milind Raiker opined that over speeding and over taking is another reason for accidents. "There is a direct relationship between speed and accident and one has to be careful while driving and ensure that speed limits are maintained," he added.

A retired Traffic PSI said adhering to traffic rules like wearing safety belts, complying with speed limits, wearing helmets, and not driving under influence, is the need of hour for reducing injuries and even deaths.

FRESH START AHEAD

SAGUN GAWADE



A woman prepares ground for the new crop by setting fire to the weeds in a field at Caranzalem

Family has lucky escape as commercial vehicle rams into a house

Locals demand retaining wall on the under-construction Bethora-Borim road

Team Herald

PONDA: After the Vasco based bike rider died in a horrific car-bike collision on the sharp turn, another accident occurred on the under construction Bethora-Borim road early Wednesday morning at another sharp turn. In this accident, a Bole-ro jeep fell on a roadside house after losing control. The roof and walls of the house belonging to Vinu Gaude were damaged. The family members and the owner had a lucky escape since they were in another room.

The house owner said contractor of NH had assured to construct a retaining wall but has not



constructed it thus far.

The Bole-ro commercial vehicle was returning to Belgavi after unloading chicken at Ponda. When the driver reached the sharp turn he lost control and directly rammed into the house damaging its roof and wall.

Following this locals

have demanded retaining walls on sharp turns to prevent accidents.

The locals said the four lane work widening is in progress on the Bethora-Borim road. At present various works including hotmix carpeting is also in progress on the stretch, but no signboards have been put up to alert commuters about work in progress.

The locals have hit out at the contractor for not installing signboards to alert the commuters to drive slow on the under construction road. Since the four lane road has sharp turns, locals demand that the speed limit should be 50 km per hour to prevent accidents.

AGSSTA advocates against extending school hours in Goa

Team Herald

PANJIM: All Goa Secondary School Teachers Association (AGSSTA) President Savio Suraj Victoria, along with executive committee members, met the Director of SCERT Meghana Shetgaonkar and explained to her that there is no need to change the existing timings of the schools because the NCF (National Curriculum Framework) has proposed 34 working weeks with 180 days of instruction for the year of around 29 hours of instruction every week.

"This amounts to 986 hours of instruction for the year. The present hours of work in Goa is 33 hours per week with five and half hours of instruction per day with 200 days of instruction for the year with 37 working weeks for the year. This amounts to 1,221 hours of working time, which is more than the 986 hours of instruction proposed by the NCF and the 1,050 hours of instruction proposed by the Goa NEP Committee," the AGSSTA stated.

The AGSSTA argued that implementation of NEP can be done without increas-

Says teachers work for 33 hours per week and put in 200 days of instruction a year, which is more than that proposed by NCF and the Goa NEP Committee

ing the existing timings of the school since the NCF suggests reduction of the school hours and reduction of the content to reduce the burden on the students.

It will also give students to choose the activities of their choice after the school hours, as envisaged in the NCF, the association said.

Former AGSSTA President and legal advisor Datatray Naik pointed out that a teacher works for more than the minimum 45 hours of work per week (more than seven and half hours per week) as stipulated by the RTE Act 2009.

"Every day a teacher does more than three and half hours of instructional work as stipulated by Goa School Education Act, 1986. He or she works for more than two hours for supervised studies, remedial teaching, correction of classroom work and home work of pupils, correction of com-

position note books, science journals etc every day. He or she is also spending more than two hours every day for preparation of the lessons using their own devices," he said.

The AGSSTA in its memorandum brought to the notice of the Director of SCERT that the hours of work that the teacher spends for the co-curricular activities such as training/organising/accompanying the students for various competitions, programmes, social gatherings, annual days, national days, field trips, excursions, educational tours, school complex activities, supervision of mid-day meals etc. beyond the school hours which is not counted, while calculating the work load of the teachers, nor are they paid anything extra for it.

"On the contrary sometimes they have to spend from their own pockets. Besides this, the teacher also has to devote at least 50 hours every year for Continuous Professional Development (CPD) through DIKSHA portal and mobile app using their own devices," it said.

Bus driver sent to jail for 2 days for drunk driving, fined

Team Herald

PANJIM: Judicial Magistrate First Class, Mapusa, has sentenced a bus driver, hailing from Karnataka, to two days of simple imprisonment and fined him Rs 10,500 for driving his vehicle under the influence of liquor.

According to police, in

view of the recent accident at Verna in which four persons were killed by a bus driven by an alleged drunk driver, the Calangute Traffic Cell conducted a drive, where a bus driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol.

A case under sections 185 and 122 read with

177 was registered by PI Traffic Cell, Calangute and a report was submitted to the JMFC Mapusa.

PI Sachin Narvekar requested the court to imprison the accused Fazil Ahmed Farash, resident of Haveri, Karnataka. Presently the accused is lodged at Central Jail, Colvale.

Police to patrol Tilmol ground at night to keep away unruly elements

Locals pointed out that the ground has become a hazardous place for people, not only to play, but even for those who come for their regular walks

Team Herald

QUEPEM: Due to people's complaints, the Xeldem panchayat has cleared the Tilmol ground of the rubbish, including broken bottles. Additionally, Quepem police have reportedly promised to patrol the ground at night following an outcry by villagers over the wrongdoings on the ground, via social media.

Former panchayat member Amey Chimulkar, alleged that the Tilmol ground is being misused by some unscrupulous elements for the last many months.

He accused the Xeldem panchayat of turning a blind eye to this misuse.

He said illegal activities were happening on the ground a few nights ago and pointed out that the ground has become a hazardous place for people, not only to play, but even for those who come for their regular walks.

"Empty alcohol bottles, some of them broken, are found all over the ground and this is very dangerous for people using the ground for the purpose it is meant for," Chimulkar said.

While cautioning that the rowdy elements,



who misuse the ground at night might turn their ire on the people living nearby, he asked the panchayat to take cognisance of this imminent threat to the people.

"It is truly unfortunate that at present, the ground

has become a haven for illegal activities such as gambling and romancing," he added.

Tilmol resident, Rocky Fernandes, lamented that malpractices can be seen happening even on the road beside the ground.

"It is quite difficult to pass on this road and it sends a very bad message to the community besides instilling fear in people," Rocky said.

While demanding an immediate stop to these unwanted activities, he

said the youth would be adversely affected and asked the police to take stringent action against the wrongdoers.

Xeldem Sarpanch Kavita Gauns while lamenting that Amey's wife, Meenakshi despite being a member of the panchayat did not raise up this issue with her, said the mess on the ground is now cleared. "We have also written to Quepem police to look into the matter," she said.

Panchayat secretary Palash Bhemere, added that police will start patrolling the ground from Wednesday onwards.

Ponda KTC bus stand gets washroom and drinking water facilities

Other basic amenities to be provided within two months

SANTOSH NAIK



Team Herald

PONDA: Government officials have already provided washroom and drinking water facilities at Ponda bus stand, while other facilities will be provided within two months. This was decided at a meeting chaired by Ponda Additional Deputy Collector Pundalik Khorjuvekar with officials of different departments along with NGO GoaCan, on Wednesday. The meeting was held to discuss the lack of proper facilities at KTC bus stand Ponda.

GoaCan Coordinator Roland Martins had complained and listed out the lack of basic facilities, including toilets, two weeks ago.

After meeting, Roland Martins told media that Ponda Additional deputy collector Pundalik Khorjuvekar chaired the meeting with officials of various department including Fire, RTO, Civil Supply etc. The officials of PWD were absent. The officials assured their action plan to fulfill various other facilities would be implemented. This includes installation of signages and destination boards at bus bays. There are 14 routes oper-

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The review of all the pending works will be taken in a meeting two months later. It was also decided to clear the garbage at the bus stand on a daily basis by signing agreement with KTC and local Bando-ra Panchayat or the Ponda Municipality. Roland Martins appreciated the officials of various departments for their cooperation and thanked the media for highlighting problems at the bus stand.

CONDOLENCE

We Deeply Mourn
The Sad And Untimely Demise
Of Our Friend

AUSTINO XAVIER FERNANDES

And Convey Our Heartfelt Sympathies

To His Bereaved Family.

May His Soul Rest In Peace.

From:



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The Voice of Goa - since 1900

At 37, introspect, plan and pursue

Goa turns 37-year-old today as a State and, as every middle-aged youth would, every Goan should reflect on the achievements and plan for the future.

As an independent State, the smallest in the country, Goa has prospered to be amongst the top two States in terms of per capita income and literacy. Often called the Rome of the East, Goa is the most sought after destination not only by tourists but also for a second home. However, like every success story, Goa too has its flip side.

The most prominent in the recent years has been the growing unemployment and under employment within the State. At 13%, Goa's unemployment rate is almost four times the national average of 3.17. After the closure of the mining industry, Goan youth have often taken the exit route looking for greener pastures either in the European countries or in the shipping industry.

While there is a lot of tom-tom about some of India's premier institutes opening up their campuses in the State, the elementary education of the Goa has come under scrutiny. As per the National Achievement Survey, Goan students performed below the national average in basic math, science and social sciences.

Recently, the Chief Minister said that no new English medium schools will be granted permission. As a policy decision, this requires critical analysis as English as a language is being used globally. Even those countries, where non-English speaking populations study in their vernacular languages, have adopted a two-language education policy. For Goa, the problem is not the language but rather the standard of the schools and the quality of education provided in the government-run institutions. Goa perhaps is the last State created on the basis of language, but despite being the official language the use of Konkani in administrative work is next to invisible. Goans often have a problem with migrants from other States who wish to settle in Goa, but the home States of all these migrants not only have their State language as the medium of instruction but also extensively use their mother tongue in the State's administration.

That leads to another important issue that Goans have been struggling to preserve for years - cultural identity. There is very little effort for the promotion of culture and traditions. During the summer, there have been a lot of fests and festivals organised in the State and the public sentiment is that, barring a few moments, all the festivals were bereft of Goa's indigenous culture and folklore. Even the local musicians and artistes were sidelined or given very little time in comparison to those from outside the State. The nail in the coffin is the playing of Bollywood songs mixed with trance music at these festivals and also at all the tourism-related activities, including the river cruises in the Mandovi river.

Finally, the most important aspect, availability of which is limited, is Goa's land resource. There has been a perennial struggle between the activists and the land sharks who want to occupy every bit of Goa's land for commercialisation. The struggle for a 'Special Status' for Goa is a long one. The BJP in its 2012 election manifesto had promised Special Status to the State. The Goa Assembly also unanimously passed a resolution seeking Special Status for Goa to regulate ownership and transfer of land and to protect Goa's identity. The State has been demanding a Special Status to preserve its culture and heritage as against the financial powers sought by other States. However, the issue had got diluted over the years.

The latest example of this struggle is the issue highlighted by the people of Bicholim and Sanquelim, who are up in arms against a mega housing project being developed at Karapur which has been given approval to subdivide the land into nearly 1,400 plots.

In 2015, the then Chief Minister, Laxmikant Parsekar, had said that special status is a mirage and during the subsequent years of governance Special Status has only remained a political tool. And in the run-up to the recent Lok Sabha polls, the Chief Minister earlier this month said that special status does not matter for Goa.

At the age of 37, after analysis, like anyone would do while planning for the future, the Goa government needs to pursue better policies for the future of Goans. And, above all, preservation of land for future generations is of prime concern.

comment



LUIS DIAS

Life's a ditch in Panjim

Panjim used to be an eminently walkable and cyclable city. Except for Alinho and Dona Paula, the rest of Panjim and its suburbs are ideally suited for walking and cycling, the best form of exercise and the most environment-friendly means of getting from one place to another.

As school children we either walked or cycled to school. I carried on cycling to Dhempe College in secondary school (11th and 12th standard). I even cycled in the initial years of medical school if lectures or clinics were in Panjim, and only took the bus to Bambolim or Ribandar.

We all tend to look at our past with rose-tinted glasses, so it is necessary to state that things were never idyllic in Panjim or Goa in my childhood and youth, the 1970s and 1980s. This is the 40th anniversary year of 'Goan Crazy', the landmark cassette album released by iconic Goan popstar Remo Fernandes (now probably Goan Crazy in faraway Portugal) in which all vocal and other tracks were performed by him. His 'Rock'n'Road' is a testament to our deplorable roads even then: There were 'roads on the rocks and rocks on the road'.

But four decades on, giving the lie to this government's slogan 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas',



things have deteriorated so abysmally that it is scandalous we as citizens continue to endure such a travesty to our living standard and quality of life. Instead of progress, we have depressing regression.

Yet we seem to shrug our collective shoulders and carry on with our lives. Because we feel helpless. We give vent to our feelings in the Press or through civic action or through the ballot box. But still nothing seems to change. Any change that does happen is only for the worse, never for the better.

Wherever you go or look, there are heaps of mud or rubble or gravel, deep trenches, very few cordoned off with any thought for an unwary human or animal that could fall in and do themselves an injury. God

help you if you are elderly, infirm or differently-abled. A road or pavement open today is dug up tomorrow, with no warning on how to get past or around it.

Closer to my home, can anyone enlighten me what is going on in the Mermaid Garden? It is not only cordoned off for months, but there seems to be ominous construction work afoot in what is a vital green lung for my area of Panjim.

The right to breathe clean air, to move freely and get exercise are basic human rights but all these are being inexorably infringed upon while we have been reduced to a silent shoulder-shrugging citizenry. There is a direct link between exercise and good health, be it physical, emotional or mental.

The only reason I switched from walking or cycling within Panjim city limits to a motorised vehicle is not out of laziness but because it is either inconvenient or dangerous to walk or cycle except within a small radius from my home. A good public transport system would have been the most efficient and economical solution, but successive governments want to push us into air-polluting vehicles instead, and compound already beleaguered parking by pandering to the casino industry, which has also been 'permitted' to gobble up and vulgarise a once-beautiful promenade.

My son is in his mid-teens, about to finish school, and has rarely experienced the thrill of exploring the city by-lanes or doing the school commute by bicycle, alone or with friends, as I did. But as a responsible parent, dare I let him loose on our roads when I know there could be sudden road closures, forcing one into denser traffic as a diversion, or an inebriated tourist driving a rented vehicle at full speed into oncoming traffic? It has happened too often in front of me with horrific results, so I'm not being paranoid. It hurts and saddens me to think that such an innocent, no-cost childhood pleasurable experience is now fraught with such life-threatening danger.

In today's Panjim, life's a ditch. And they could kill you.

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people's edit

LET US RESOLUTELY FIGHT FOR GOA AFTER ELECTION RESULTS

JOSE MARIA MIRANDA

Today, Goa celebrates its Statehood Day. Despite being a State, with greater autonomy than a Union Territory that it was until 1987, Goa has been subject to the dictates of the Centre, with much destruction of our State, our culture and livelihood, which even perhaps our local leaders are not in agreement with. But it is not that everything is directed solely by the higher ups from Delhi.

Some of our own, who we can consider as degenerate sons of Goa, are also busy in making hay while the Sun shines, earning curses from the present and future generations of Goa by their decisions, which will seriously adversely affect Goa's environment and demography.

Meanwhile, we await with bated breath the results of general elections. While some major Opposition parties surprisingly came together in response to the frustration of the people and the autocratic rule at the Centre and are genuinely awaiting the defeat of BJP, the suspicions about EVMs being tampered, voters' names deleted, people voting more than once, percentage of voting being changed, etc, leave people in doubt whether this was a fair election or a farce. But Modi & Shah will never allow power to slip from their hands so easily.

The SC, in its wisdom, decided against the petition of ADR and the earlier one on EVMs. Unlike the Government appointed ECI, the petitioners' intentions were solely to ensure free and fair elections, in tune with democratic traditions of the country. Lower courts decisions are subject to appeals to higher courts and often they are reversed, even with an element of criticism, censure and even strictures.

Hence, it is obvious that they can and do err. Even recently SC rapped the Calcutta HC on a bail petition. Surely, disobedience of Court orders should be treated as contempt. Yet, the Goa Government dared disobey HC orders to declare a Tiger Reserve in Mhadei Wildlife sanctuary and a contempt petition is still pending with HC. Despite holding most of our High Courts and the Supreme Court in high respect and esteem, differing from these or other Courts decisions or opinions and expressing them, cannot and must not be treated as contempt. Courts must understand that they are headed by humans, who are bound to err. They are not some super-humans or Gods, who are infallible.

Modi's desperation is evident in his calumnious statements against other parties, which do not behave the PM of a prestigious country like India. We may have to meekly submit to whatever results we get, considering that neither the Courts nor the President will come to our rescue.

In such a case, it is imperative for us in Goa to come together, irrespective of political or any other affiliation and united fight for the issues plaguing Goa like coal, double tracking, film city, Bhoma, Morjim, Loutolim, nationalisation of rivers, sea pollution in Velsao, to name only a few. While the government in power might come out with greater vengeance to implement its evil designs, we too must resolutely and intransigently stall the destruction of our beautiful State and the health, lives and livelihood of our people.

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Dereliction of duty in Porsche tragedy

This refers to the editorial 'Broken system leaves broken lives' (May 29). Following the tragic Porsche accident in Pune where a teenager's car collided with a motorcycle killing two young engineers, the unimaginable dereliction of duty at all levels, from police officers to even doctors has shocked the nation. How did the two senior doctors attached to Pune government hospital ever think of replacing the blood samples of the minor accused to prove no traces of alcohol in the blood?

What must baffle the society is the willingness of the doctors to give in to inducements and become part of a crime for the sake of money. It was incumbent upon them to stand by the law and ensure justice is done, instead they betrayed it. This will go down in history as an incident which brought disrepute to the noble profession.

This is normally the case of higher and influential people who with the power of money evade arrest after grave crimes leaving innocent victims to the mercy law. The last year's tragic accident at Banastarim, where a real estate developer killed three people and injured several, is still fresh in memory.

Gregory Fernandes, Mumbai

Seed bombing technique a fun outdoor activity

It must be said that deforestation is taking place in a big way in Goa which is blessed with a lot of greenery. Our green land is making way to concrete jungles. Even in our cities trees are being cut ostensibly to broaden the roads.

However, no adequate replantation drive is being carried out in order to replenish the green cover. Vanmahotsav, which means 'Forest festival', is an annual one-week

tree-planting festival in India, which is celebrated in the first week of July.

It is a great Indian tradition to honour and love mother earth by planting trees, by creating awareness of nature's beauty. By planting more trees, we can help mitigate the impact of climate change, protect the environment, and promote human well-being. With the monsoon at our doorsteps, it is an opportune time to carry out tree-plantation drives. By nature, children are lovers of plants and greenery. It is necessary to introduce school children to tree plantation, seed bombing and grafting methods as an outdoor fun activity. A seed bomb is a little ball of clay compost and seeds.

They can be thrown on the ground and when it rains the seeds will germinate and grow into trees. In Goa the technique can be used to plant fruit-bearing trees like mango, jackfruit, cashew, etc.

Alternatively children can use a catapult to propel seeds to a distance where it will germinate in the rainwater.

Adelmo Fernandes, Vasco

Make fastening seatbelts in aircraft compulsory

Many instances have been recorded recently where plane passengers have been injured or died due to sudden onset of turbulence during flights.

The most current case involved a Singapore Airlines flight encountering severe turbulence over Myanmar due to which 30 passengers were injured and one died of a suspected heart attack.

A Qatar Airways Doha-Dublin flight cruising over Turkey hit undetected air pockets, which resulted in rapid descent of the

aircraft and injuries to 12 passengers. There is both detectable and undetectable turbulence (clear air turbulence), the latter being more dangerous because it is invisible to both radar and satellites.

Injuries due to aircraft encountering adverse weather conditions could range from bruises, cuts and concussion to fractures and spinal trauma. Climate change leading to increased temperature differences between different atmospheric layers, jet stream activity, chemtrails and thunderstorm activity also has a significant role to play in frequent occurrence of intense turbulence.

Aviation authorities should formulate laws making it mandatory for air travellers to keep their seat belts fastened at least for all short haul flights; this might go some way in preventing trauma and casualties.

Vinay Dwivedi, Benaulim

Keep a tab on illegal constructions

Recently, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant made statement on any structure erected on government land pumping in Mayem evacuee property must be demolished.

The rising urbanisation has triggered unbridled construction activities to meet the needs of the growing population. Government land or other land cannot be allowed to be encroached upon. Any unauthorised or illegal construction on government land or on another's property should always be demolished.

If the officials concerned are not dealt with appropriately, the menace of illegal construction cannot be arrested, and it is only a matter of time within which the city will have more unauthorised constructions than authorised ones.

The citizens cannot argue that

they will do mass scale encroachment on government land and thereafter seek regularisation of encroachment and constructed buildings allegedly on the ground of their policy.

The competent authority should prepare SOPs for officials to check illegal construction at initial stage.

K G Vilop, Choro

Include more professions for OCI Card holders

Currently, as per the Rules, Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card holders can pursue seven professions in India. They are advocates, doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, architects and chartered accountants. Besides those with OCI are also eligible for appointment such as teaching faculty in IITs, NITs, IIMs and Central Universities.

Maybe the government should consider widening the ambit by allowing some other professions. To start with, engineers and researchers could be in the zone of consideration of professions that OCI card holders could pursue in the country of their origin.

An OCI card acts as a powerful tool for those of Indian origin to maintain their heritage and contribute to India's growth while navigating the legal framework with due diligence and respect for the rules, laws and prevailing regulations.

Further, an OCI card should be a very valuable asset that bridges our life between India and the country of our residence and continues to have benefits to individuals and to India. It is crucial for OCI cardholders and applicants to have a clear understanding of both the rights granted and the restrictions imposed. By doing so, we can

maximise the benefits of our status while scrupulously remaining within the legal precincts set by the Indian government.

Aires Rodrigues, Ribandar

Poor kids deserve better

Right to education is a fundamental right that was brought into being through the 86th Constitutional amendment in 2002.

Every child is entitled to education and it is the duty of the government and the local bodies to ensure so. Article 21-A of the Constitution has declared that the State government shall provide free and compulsory education to all children in the 6-14 age group.

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009, came to vogue in 2010, looks perfect on paper. But poor implementation of the rules has made sure that compulsory education to poor children in the country is still a far cry. Also, India's government schools are largely unkept with no stakeholder genuinely interested in pumping life into them.

At the same time, the government-aided private schools are minting money by charging students excessively. As a rule of thumb, socio-economically challenged children opt for aided schools though gaining admission into unaided private schools is their dream. Such children cannot afford to be taxed heavily. But the government should see to it that aided schools do not face scarcity of funds.

The private educational institutions, that are expected to reserve 25 percent of the seats to children of weaker sections, are not doing so much to the detriment of such students. Under the circumstances, the State governments should take urgent stock of the situation.

Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

Twitter World

P Chidambaram @PChidambaram

I was appalled by Hon'ble Prime Minister's comment that "The world did not know about Mahatma Gandhi until Richard Attenborough made the film Gandhi". Has Modi heard of the name Albert Einstein? Does Mr Modi know Albert Einstein said of Mahatma Gandhi?

Tushar Gandhi @TusharG
Ignorant Modi claims that no

one knows Gandhi like the world knows about Rev M L King & Mandela. Just to dispel his ignorance, both the names he has taken were inspired by Gandhi long before the film Gandhi was made and exhibited.

Rishi Sunak @RishiSunak
Growing apprenticeships. Cracking down on rip-off degrees. Delivering a more secure future for your children. That's our clear plan



Iltija Mufti, daughter of PDP prez Mehbooba Mufti, shows the FIR copy registered against her mother at a press conference in Srinagar, J&K



Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi at a public meeting in support of the party candidate for Mandi constituency Vikramaditya Singh, in Kullu, Himachal Pradesh



Police personnel check a vehicle ahead of the last phase of Lok Sabha polls, in Patna, Bihar



Kerala Govt Arif Mohammed Khan at the convocation ceremony conducted by the Kerala Agricultural University at the College of Agriculture, in Thiruvananthapuram

Pune: Man shot dead by two persons on bike

PTI, PUNE: A 35-year-old man was allegedly shot dead by two unidentified bike-borne persons in Sangvi area of Pimpri Chinchwad in Pune district on Wednesday evening, police said.

The incident occurred when the victim, Deepak Kadam, was standing in front of a shop. "After the incident, he was rushed to the hospital but declared dead on arrival," he said.

16 cars gutted in east Delhi

PTI, NEW DELHI: Sixteen cars were gutted by a fire that broke out at a civic authority-run parking lot in east Delhi's Madhu Vihar

area on Wednesday, officials said. No one was injured in the incident. More than 100 cars were parked in the facility, but

timely action by the police and fire department saved the rest of the vehicles, Deputy Commissioner of Police (east) Apoorva Gupta said.



The incident was reported at 1.17 am. Nine fire tenders were pressed into service and they controlled the blaze in four hours, an official from Delhi Fire Service (DFS) said. A case has been registered in the incident and investigations are underway, police said. The cars belonged to the locals who used to park their vehicles in the parking lot on rent basis, the officials said. Earlier, the officials said that 17 cars were gutted but Madhu Vihar SHO Rajesh Sinha later confirmed that 16 vehicles were damaged in the fire. "Some vehicles were damaged but we managed to save the rest. There

POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable property) [See rule 8(1)]

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 13/03/2024 calling upon the borrower MR. RAJESH VISHWANATH CHALWADI (Borrower) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 24,89,842 (Rupees Twenty Four lakhs Eighty Nine Thousands Eight Hundred Forty Two Only) as on 13/03/2024 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this 28th day of MAY of the year 2024.

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda Vasco Da Gama Branch for an amount of Rs. 24,89,842 (Rupees Twenty Four lakhs Eighty Nine Thousands Eight Hundred Forty Two Only) as of 13.03.2024 (excluding of Unapplied / Unserviced Interest and other charges since 29/11/2023 and further interest and other charges thereon).

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Details Of Mortgaged Properties With Boundaries Schedule

All that Flat bearing No F-1, 2nd Floor, Hayat Residency Building, bearing Survey No 4, admeasuring 68.79 sq. mtrs, situated Near Karma Residency Group, Dalolim, along with parking No 2 built on the Plot No A-1 of the large property known as ASSOY, situated at Chikalim, South Goa, 403802. On the North: By common passage, On the South: By public road, On the East : By Public Road, On the West : By commonidade property.

Date : 30-05-2024
Place : Vasco Da Gama
AUTHORISED OFFICER

CHANGE OF NAME

I, No. 15691319P HAV GANESH GUDAGANATTI R/o Govt. Md Accn 5TTR, Bambolim Camp & permanent resident of Vill. Godachinamalki, Tq. Gokak, Dist. Belagavi, Karnataka - 591122. I have changed my sons names from SHREYAS to SHREYAS GUDAGANATTI and another is AYUSH to AYUSH GUDAGANATTI. Hereafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known by the name of SHREYAS GUDAGANATTI and AYUSH GUDAGANATTI.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that, I am scrutinizing the title of the scheduled plot, which my client intends to purchase and acquire from Mrs. MARIA SONIA ELVIRA ANUNCIACAO VIEGAS E LEMOS alias SONIA MARIA LEMOS d/o late Shri. Ciro de Santa Cruz Fernando Anunciacao Viegas and widow of late Shri. Jose Manuel Lemos, resident of "Vivenda Lemos", 52, Siquinquer, Candolim, Bardez, Goa, (hereinafter referred to as "Said Owner").

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT landed Plot of land known as MALIACHEM TOLEM admeasuring 476.00 Sq. Meters, now forming an independent and separate property in itself surveyed under Survey No. 1133-B of Colva Village, erstwhile identified as Plot A-4 and erstwhile formed part of the bigger property known as "MALIACHEM TOLEM", then admeasuring 2850.00 Sq. Meters, situated at Colva Village, within the limits of Village Panchayat of Colva, Taluka and Sub-District of Salcete, District of South Goa, State of Goa, surveyed under Survey No. 1133-C of Colva Village and the plot under scrutiny is bounded as under: East: by Nullah; West: Partly by Survey No. 1133-B and partly by Survey No. 1133-F both of Village Colva; North: by property under Survey No. 1133-C of Village Colva; and South: Partly by Survey No. 1133-F and partly by road.

It is represented that by the Said Owner that the said Property is owned by her in pursuance to the allotment made to her vide Order dated 15/12/2014 passed in Special Inventory Proceeding No. 35/2014/II by Ind Adl. Civil Judge Senior Division, Margao, instituted upon the death of her parents Mr. Ciro de Santa Cruz and Mrs. Filomena Bernadette de San Jose Fernandes. It is further represented that no right to the scheduled property devolved upon her husband as he predeceased her parents.

Now, thus, in the course of title scrutiny, all persons having or claiming any right, title, claim, interest, by way of inheritance, share, law of pre-emption, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the scheduled property hereinabove described or any person having any boundary dispute or dispute as regards the title or documents as referred above or as to the title of the predecessors of Said Owner, are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claims, if any, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which I shall be at liberty to conclude that the title of the Said Owner to the scheduled property is clear, clear, subsisting and marketable and my client shall be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the said scheduled property and shall be always considered as bonafide purchaser in good faith.

Date: 29.05.2024 Place: Margao (Sarpanch)
Adv. Nilaksh A. S. Marathe
Office No. B-305, 301, 3rd Floor, Reliance Centre, Near Hotel Nanuteil, Margao-Goa.

CHANGE IN NAME

I, FRANCIS XAVIER MANUEL FERNANDES, R/o. 209, Bhallichall, Bogmalo, South Goa, holder of Indian Passport No. G5253955, do hereby change my name from FRANCIS XAVIER MANUEL FERNANDES to FRANCISCO XAVIER MANUEL FERNANDES.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform, the general public that my client intends to purchase from Miss. Remedios D'Souza, residents of H. No. 617/C, Chinchgaon, Xeldem, Quepem, South Goa 403705 an Immovable property described in detail in the SCHEDULE given below.

Any person/institution/bank having any claim right, title or interest in or to the said property or having any objections to the proposed sale is requested to make the said objections/claim known to the undersigned at the address given below in writing with the necessary documents in support thereof within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal and practical purposes and shall not be entertained thereafter and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the said property.

SCHEDULE - I

All that immovable properties known as "RODRIGUES BATTA" also known as "GOR BHAT" and "OLIVENCHEM BATA" Surveyed under Survey No. 8 Sub Division No. 3 having area of 3850 sq. meters of the Village Nachinola Bardez Goa, described in the Land Registration office under No. 18444 at folio 1 overleaf and folio 2 of Book No. B-48 and Inscribed under No. 13313 in the Taluka Revenue Office, and is bounded as under:

On the East: By property survey no. 8/2; On the West: By Properties Survey no. 8/1 and Survey no. 6/2 On the North: By Road; and On the South: By property survey no. 6/3.

Place: Mapusa - Goa. Date: 29.05.2024.
Sd/- Adv. Rupesh Chodankar
T-9, 3rd Floor, above Ma Ashapura Stationary, Mapusa Heights Building, Altinho, Mapusa - Goa.
Ph.No. : 98234452745

CHANGE IN NAME

I, NIDHI CHATURVEDI, resident of Flat No. C335, New Quarters, BITS Pilani Goa Campus, Zuarinagar, South Goa, Goa 403726, like to change my name from NIDHI CHATURVEDI to NIDHI DUBEY. Hereafter in all my dealings & documents, I will be known by my name NIDHI DUBEY.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAVITA GANESH GUDAGANATTI w/o HAV GANESH GUDAGANATTI, R/o Govt. Md Accn 5TTR, Bambolim Camp & permanent resident of Vill. Godachinamalki, Tq. Gokak, Dist. Belagavi, Karnataka - 591122. I have changed my name from SAVITA to SAVITA GANESH GUDAGANATTI and D.O.B 22.03.1990 to 19.03.1990 as per my document. Hereafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known by the name SAVITA GANESH GUDAGANATTI and D.O.B is 19.03.1990.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAMATA SHIT HAZRA wife of Nk. BASUDEB HAZRA, R/o Govt. Md Accn 5 Tech Trg Regt, Bambolim Army Camp, Goa & permanent resident of Chemaguri, Paschim Para, West Bengal - 743373. Have changed my name from MAMATA HAZRA to MAMATA SHIT HAZRA. Hereafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known by the name MAMATA SHIT HAZRA.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, INACINHA CARDOZO, R/o. H.No-111/14/2, Velvaddo, Queoosim, Cortalim, Goa, would like to change my name from INACINHA LUCAS to INACINHA CARDOZO. Hereafter in all documents and dealing will be known by the name INACINHA CARDOZO.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client is desirous of purchasing 385K Flat bearing Flat No. B53 admeasuring an area of 120 sq. mtrs meters in Block B, Building "Dcosta Palms" situated on the Second Floor, constructed on the Property known as "Ghar Bhat" situated at Siolim, within the limits of the Village Panchayat of Siolim Marna Taluka and Sub District of Bardez, District of North Goa State of Goa bearing Survey No. 7614 of Village Siolim having total area of 3075 sq. mts and it is bounded on East: By property bearing Survey No. 7740, West: By property bearing Survey No. 762 and 5, North: By Public road and Survey No. 763 and South: By property bearing Survey No. 7610, 11 and 12.

Any person or persons claiming any interest on the said Flat or having any right, claim or objection to the sale of the said Flat or any part thereof to my client, is hereby required to submit their claims / objections to the undersigned in writing, supported by documentary evidence within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which, the said sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim, objection or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived to intent and purposes.

Sd/- Adv. Anupama R. Valvaikar
Sai Dwarika, 1804, Porvorim, Bardez, Goa
Mob: 7517900460

The incident was reported at 1.17 am. Nine fire tenders were pressed into service and they controlled the blaze in four hours, an official from Delhi Fire Service (DFS) said.

A case has been registered in the incident and investigations are underway, police said. The cars belonged to the locals who used to park their vehicles in the parking lot on rent basis, the officials said. Earlier, the officials said that 17 cars were gutted but Madhu Vihar SHO Rajesh Sinha later confirmed that 16 vehicles were damaged in the fire. "Some vehicles were damaged but we managed to save the rest. There

UP: Two knocked dead by SUV in convoy of Brij Bhushan Sharan's son

PTI, GONDA: Two cousins were killed and a woman was injured after being hit by an SUV that was allegedly part of the cavalcade of BJP's Kaiserganj candidate Karan Bhushan Singh here on Wednesday. The car driver has been arrested, police said.



Police personnel near the wreckage of an escort vehicle, part of the convoy of Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh's son and BJP leader Karan Bhushan Singh, that allegedly hit a biker, in Gonda, on Wednesday

Karan Singh is the son of sitting Kaiserganj MP and former Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

Police personnel have been deployed in the area to maintain law and order. Station House Officer, Kernalganj, Nirbhay Narayan Singh said Rehman Khan (17) and Shehzad Khan (20) were travelling on a motorcycle when they were hit by the SUV near a school. Both of them died on the spot.

The driver of the SUV that hit the duo lost control of the vehicle and also hit Sita Devi (60) who was walking on the roadside, the SHO said. The driver, Lav Kush Srivastava, has been arrested and his vehicle

seized. The bodies were handed over to the family members of the deceased after the completion of formalities, police said. An FIR has been registered at the local police station under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Motor Vehicles Act in the matter, police said.

Sita Devi is undergoing treatment at the medical college, they said. There were four vehicles in the convoy of Karan Bhushan Singh, also the president of the Uttar Pradesh Wrestling Association, who was sitting

in the first vehicle, said a police officer on condition of anonymity. The vehicle that hit the motorcycle was at the end of the convoy. The speed of the vehicles in the convoy was above 100 kmph, said the officer who inspected the accident spot.

"The speed of the vehicle which went out of control after hitting the motorcycle can be estimated from the fact that more than a dozen cemented poles erected in fields along the road to keep out stray animals were badly damaged.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client wish to purchase an immovable property described in the schedule III hereunder from 1. Geetanjali Ravindra Thaly, widow of late Mr. Ravindra Thaly and legal heirs of late Mr. Ravindra Thaly i.e. his children and their respective spouses namely (i) Mr. Neelaj Ravindra Thaly and his wife Richa Neelaj Thaly, both residing at C-704, Samadrum Lake, Breeze, Varthur Main Road, Opp Mainland China, Siddapura, Thubarahalli, Whitefield, Bengaluru, Karnataka, 560066. (ii) Mrs. Niketa Ravindra Thaly alias Niketa Vasudev Sinari and her husband Mr. Vasudev Sinari, both residing at 86, Patto, Ribandar, Chimbel, Goa.

Therefore by this public notice people at large are made known that if any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in respect of the Property described in Schedule III or any portion thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, gift, trust, inheritance, bequest, possession, lease, tenancy, lien, pendente, maintenance, easement or under any memorandum of understanding, agreement for sale or development agreement or power of attorney, option, right of first refusal or pre-emption or otherwise however, is hereby required to notify the same in writing (with notarized documents) to the undersigned within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of this notice, failing which the right etc. will be considered as knowingly waived and will proceed to finalized the sale.

SCHEDULE - I (Description of said property)

All that property known as "Ounem Rosavado", situated at Calapur Village, Santa Cruz, within the local limits of village Panchayat of Santa Cruz, Taluka Tiswadi and Registration Sub-District of Ilhas, State of Goa, which property bears Land Registration No 183 of Book B-1 (new) and Land Revenue no 324 of Calapur Village and has been surveyed during the recent survey under Suvvey Nos 86, 87, 88 and 129 and admeasuring an area of 4,89,900 sq mts and is bounded as follows:

EAST: By hilly property known as: Mochicho Chouto and hill property belonging to Comunidade of Calapur. WEST: By paddy field 'Condi' Paddy fields belonging to Santa Cruz Church and Paddy fields belonging to Cujira Comunidade situated in lake Bondoul; NORTH: By Plot of land leased to Rulo Comotim and Daman Camolim; SOUTH: By hilly property belonging to the Comunidade of Calapur and Rivulet.

Schedule-II hereinabove referred to (Description of the said Portion)

ALL that portion of the said property described in the above said schedule I hereinabove, which portion admeasures 80,164 sq mts in area which portion is bounded as follows:

EAST: By hilly property known as Mochicho Chouto and hill property belonging to Comunidade of Calapur. WEST: By property bearing survey no 129/1 (part); NORTH: By the portion of the property bearing survey no 87/1 (part); SOUTH: By hilly property belonging to the Comunidade of Calapur and Rivulet.

SCHEDULE (III) HEREINABOVE REFERRED TO Description of "the said Plot"

All that plot of land known as "Plot No 90" which plot admeasures an area of 625 sq mts and forms a part of the said portion described in the Schedule (II) hereinabove written of the said property described in the Schedule (I) hereinabove written, the said plot is bounded as follows:

EAST: By 10 mts wide internal road and partly by original area R.G.3 now converted into Plot No 38; WEST: By internal road 6 mts wide road and plot earlier numbered as plot No 91; NORTH: By original area R.G. 3, now converted into plot no 39; SOUTH: By 6 mts wide road and partly by 10 mts wide road.

Sd/- Pritivi Bandekar e Shirali (Advocate)
FF/05, B Wing, 5th Floor, Navelkar Arcade, Mr BJP Office,
Above Monginis Cake Shop, Panaji, Goa 403001
Cell Phone No- 9890251799E Mail: bandekarprithivi@gmail.com

Union Bank of India

Margao Branch 1, Salgaonkar Building, Rua Luis De Miranda, Margao, Salcete, Distt. South Goa, Phone No : 0832-2705448
Email:ub0532509@unionbankofindia.bank

Ref:UBI/MARG/NPA/SARFAESI/3/2024 Date:15.05.2024

Demand Notice issued u/s. 13(2) of SARFAESIA, 2002

Regd AD

To, Mr. Prakash Bapu Patil, House No A2 T3 Kurtarkar Classics Opp Lawande Hospital Power House Aquem Margao Goa 43601.
Mrs. Poonam Patil, House No A2 T3 Kurtarkar Classics opp Lawande Hospital Power House Aquem Margao Goa 403601.

Sir/Madam,
Sub: Enforcement of Security Interest Action Notice - in connection with the credit facilities being enjoyed by account - Mr. Prakash Bapu Patil and Mrs. Poonam Patil with our Margao branch Classified as NPA

We have to inform you that your Term Loan Accounts with our Margao Branch has been classified as Non Performing Asset as on 29.01.2024 pursuant to your default in making repayment of dues / interest. As on 31.12.2023, a sum of Rs. 3,13,460.32 (Rupees Three lakhs thirteen thousand four hundred sixty and thirty two paise Only) is outstanding in your account as shown below:

Name of Facility	Amount Due (including interest charged up to 31.05.2021)
Term Loan- Union Mortgage (32500680000022)	Rs. 3,13,460.32 (Rupees Three lakhs thirteen thousand Four Hundred Sixty and Thirty Two Paise Only)

In spite of our repeated demands you have not paid any amount towards the amount outstanding in your account / you have not discharged your liabilities.

We do hereby call upon you in terms of section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (SARFAESIA), 2002 to pay a sum of Rs. 3,13,460.32 (Rupees Three lakhs thirteen thousand four hundred sixty and thirty two paise Only) together with contractual rate of interest from the date of NPA with monthly rest as per terms and conditions of loan documents executed by you and discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which, we shall be constrained to enforce the following securities created by you in favor of the Bank by exercising any or all of the rights given under the said Act.

All that Flat identified as Flat No T-3 located on the third floor of Building A 2, admeasuring 69.90 sq open terrace 14.70 sq.meters super built up in the building complex Kurtarkar Classic situated at Aquem, Margao Goa. The same is bounded as under: North: Entry, staircase and Flat No T-4 on the same floor, South: Part of the same building A2 having separate entrance, East: On ground road and Lawande Hospital, West: Open space and approach to other building.

Please note that if you fail to remit the dues within 60 days and if the bank exercises all its rights under this act and if the dues are not fully satisfied with the sale proceeds of the secured assets, we shall be constrained to take appropriate legal action against you in the court of law/ Debt Recovery Tribunal for recovery of the balance amount from you.

You are hereby put on notice and your attention is invited to the provision of SARFAESI Act that as per section 13(8) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with rule 3(5) of Security Interest (Enforcement)(Amendment) Rules, 2002, you can tender the amount of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of the notice for public auction or by inviting quotations or tender from public or by private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets. Please also note that if the amount of dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the secured creditor is not tendered before the date of publication of notice for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets by public auction or by inviting quotation or tender from public or private treaty as stated above, you shall not be further entitled to redeem the Secured Asset(s).

You are requested to note that as per section 13 (13) of the Act, on receipt of this notice you are restrained/prevented from disposing of or dealing with the above securities except in the usual course of business without the consent of the bank. Please also note that any violation of this section entails serious consequences.

(Mr. Om Prakash Gupta)
AUTHORISED OFFICER

Yours Faithfully,

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

On behalf of Regional Railway Manager, Karwar, Regional Signal & Telecom Engineer invited Open Tender through Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) for: Sr No. 1: "Zonal Rate Contract for petty works, repairs & maintenance in KARWAR region under ASTE/MADGAON for Two Years." (Tender No. KR/KAWR/SG/ET/2024/04 Date: 30/05/2024). Cost of work: ₹ 48,60,354/- (Including GST). Last Date & Time for Submission of Bid: 19/06/2024 upto 15:30 hrs.

Sr No. 2: "Zonal Rate Contract for petty works, repairs & maintenance in KARWAR region under ASTE/UDUPI for Two Years." (Tender No. KR/KAWR/SG/ET/2024/05 Date: 30/05/2024). Cost of work: ₹ 48,51,690/- (Including GST). Last Date & Time for Submission of Bid: 19/06/2024 upto 15:30 hrs.

For further details please visit: www.ireps.gov.in Place: Office of Regional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Konkani Railway Corporation Ltd., Shirwad, Karwar-581306 (Karnataka State).

GOVERNMENT OF GOA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
WORKS DIVISION XXI,
PWD, FATORDA-GOIA

Tender Notice No. PWD/WDXII/F.3012/01/2024-25/17 Dated: 28/05/2024

1. Last date of online application: 04/06/2024 upto - 15.00 hrs.

2. Last date of online submission of tender: 04/06/2024 upto - 15.00 hrs.

3. Date & Time of Opening of Online Tender: 07/06/2024 after - 11.00 hrs.

For more details please contact the office of the Executive Engineer Works Division XXI, PWD, Fatorda, Margao-Goa.
Website: www.pwd.goa.gov.in or https://eprocure.goa.gov.in/ DI/Adv97/2024

CHANGE IN NAME

I, Maria Rohini Margarita Coutinho r/o H.No. 375 Xetmallem Carmona, South Goa Pin 403717, Goa, India hereby change my name from Rohini Matos to Maria Rohini Margarita Coutinho. Hereafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known as Maria Rohini Margarita Coutinho

Sd/-
Maria Rohini Margarita Coutinho

CHANGE IN NAME

I, Olivito Conceicao Xavier Dos Matos, r/o H.No. 375 Xetmallem Carmona, South Goa Pin 403717, Goa, India hereby change my name from Olivito Conceicao Xavier Dos Matos to Olivito Conceicao Xavier Dos Matos. Hereafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known as Olivito Conceicao Xavier Dos Matos

Sd/-
Olivito Conceicao Xavier Dos Matos

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take note that Siddharth Parasmal Jain resident of By the bay, Miramar Tiswadi Goa has misplaced original registered Deed of sale dated 3-7-2003 registered under no. 1859 at pages 169 to 199 of Book 1, vol. 1223 dated 7-8-2003 in the office of sub registrar of Panaji Goa.

That Siddharth Parasmal Jain has on 28-5-2024 has complained the said loss to Valpoi station and obtained Loss certificate dated 28-5-2024 issued by Valpoi Police Station for the loss of original registered Deed of sale dated 3-7-2003 registered under no. 1859 at pages 169 to 199 of Book 1, vol. 1223 dated 7-8-2003 in the office of sub registrar of Panaji Goa.

Any person/persons/firm/Company/Bank/ Financial Institution having any claim or interest in the said property is hereby called upon to put the claims along with supportive documents before the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this Notice failing which the transaction shall be concluded and no objections shall be entertained thereafter.

Panaji Goa
29-05-2024
Sd/- Adv. Siddesh L.S. Navelkar
FF-9, B-Block, Campal Trade Centre, Campal, Panaji-Goa
Mob. 9422386591
Email: navelkarsiddesh@gmail.com

Thousands affected by floods in Manipur

PTI, IMPHAL: Thousands of people were affected by floods triggered by heavy rains in Manipur's Imphal Valley, officials said on Wednesday.

The overflowing Imphal river inundated several areas, with water entering hundreds of houses, as a result, people took shelter at nearby community halls, they said.

Flooding was reported from at least 86 areas in Imphal West district, including Khuman Lampak, Nagaram, Sagolband, Urripok, Keisamthong and Paona areas due to the overflowing Nambul river, they added.

"Due to incessant rainfall, the bank of Imphal river has been breached near Keirang, Khabam and Lairiyengbam Leikai areas in Imphal East district and water gushed into several areas, inundating hun-

dreds of houses. "Several areas in Heingang and Khurai assembly constituencies in Imphal East district have been badly affected, with floodwater at chest level in many parts," an official said.

A team of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) arrived in Imphal by a special Air Force flight around 10 pm to lead the rescue operations, officials said. Chief Minister N Biren Singh said, "Due to breach in river-bank in several areas, many people and livestock have been affected. All authorities concerned, including state government officials, security and NDRF personnel and local volunteers, are working tirelessly to provide assistance to the affected people. Those stranded are being relocated to safe areas by boats."

APPOINTMENTS

NKG School
Verem, Goa

Vacancy for contractual Staff

Balvatika 1 - XII Pass with 50% marks and Montessori qualification with experience

Balvatika 2 & 3 - Graduate with Montessori Qualification and preferably 1 yr experience.

Age 21-30 yrs relaxable for suitable candidates.

Interview Date -
04 Apr 2024 at 09:30h
Contact No - 8446500535
Written test followed by Interview and Demo class.

businessday



President of the African Development Bank, Akinwumi Adesina delivers his speech at the opening of the African Development Bank annual meeting in Nairobi, on Wednesday

Tata Steel Q4 net profit falls 64% to Rs 554 cr
NEW DELHI: Tata Steel on Wednesday reported a 64.59% decline in its consolidated net profit to Rs 554.56 crore during the March 2024 quarter on lower realisations and certain exceptional items. It had posted a profit of Rs 1,566.24 crore in the year-ago period, the company said in a regulatory filing. Total income plunged to Rs 58,863.22 crore from Rs 63,131.08 crore in the January-March period of FY23. The company's expenses were at Rs 56,496.88 crore as against Rs 59,918.15 crore a year ago. Its revenues decreased by 6% due to lower realisations partly offset by higher volumes in India.

currency		bullion	
US Dollar	83.34	Silver (Rs/Kg)	95,600
British Pound	105.93	Gold (Rs/10gm)	72,072
Euro	90.11	markets	
Russian Ruble	00.92	Sensex	74502.90
Kuwaiti Dinar	271.51	Nifty	22704.70
Bahraini Dinar	221.66		
Qatari Riyal	22.89		
Emirati Dirham	22.69		
Omani Rial	216.53		

S&P ups India's outlook to positive

Raises hope for ratings upgrade provided govt continues reforms & keeps fiscal deficit under check

PTI, NEW DELHI: After a gap of about 10 years, S&P Global Ratings on Wednesday upped India's outlook to positive from stable on robust growth prospects for next three years and public spending, and raised hopes for an upgrade in two years provided the government continues reforms and policies to keep fiscal deficit under check.

S&P GLOBAL OUTLOOK

While retaining India's sovereign rating at the lowest investment grade of 'BBB-', S&P said its expects broad continuity in economic reforms and fiscal policies, irrespective of the election outcome.

Results of the ongoing general elections will be announced on June 4.

"India outlook revised to positive on robust growth and rising quality of Government spend," S&P said, while affirming long-term rating at 'BBB-'.

The ratings are looked at by investors as a barometer of the country's

creditworthiness and has impact on borrowing costs. Last in 2014, S&P had upped India's outlook to stable from negative.

"Our positive outlook on India is predicated on its robust economic growth, pronounced improvement in the quality of government spending, and political commitment to fiscal consolidation. We believe these factors are coalescing to benefit credit metrics," S&P said.

Respective of the June 2024 general election results, S&P expects the incoming government to carry on economic reforms to support the "growth vigor", continued infrastructure investment drive, and commitment to fiscal consolidation.

The finance ministry has been pushing for a rating upgrade on the back of improved fiscal management and strong economic fundamental, including high foreign exchange reserves.

S&P's rating commentary comes within a week of RBI's record Rs 2.10 lakh crore dividend transfer to the government. The funds may be used to

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— S&P Global Ratings

reduce the Centre's fiscal deficit.

The government hopes to bring down fiscal deficit to 5.1% of GDP by March 2025 and further to 4.5% by March 2026.

"We expect sound economic fundamentals to underpin the growth momentum over the next two to three years. Regardless of the election outcome, we expect broad continuity in economic reforms and fiscal policies," S&P said.

It said the composition of government spending has been transformed, with an increasing share going to infrastructure. This will ease bottlenecks to put the country on a higher growth trajectory.

S&P said India's robust economic expansion is having a constructive impact on its credit metrics.

"We expect sound economic fundamentals to underpin the growth

"remarkable comeback" from the pandemic. It forecasts India's real GDP growth at 6.8% this year, which compares favourably with emerging market peers amid a broad global slowdown.

The agency estimates real GDP growth in the past three years to have averaged 8.1% annually, the highest in the Asia-Pacific region.

It expects these growth dynamics to continue to play out in the medium term, with GDP expanding close to 7% annually over the next three years which will have a moderating effect on the ratio of government debt to GDP despite still wide fiscal deficits.

S&P said the quality of government spending has improved in the past four to five years and public investment and consumer momentum will underpin solid growth prospects over the next three to four years.

The Modi administration has increasingly shifted budget allocation to infrastructure spending. Capital expenditure is scheduled to increase to

Rs 11 lakh crore, or about 3.4% of GDP in fiscal 2025. This is almost 4.5x from a decade before.

S&P believes that the improvements in infrastructure and connectivity in India will remove chokepoints, which are hindering long-term economic growth.

India's weak fiscal settings had always been the most vulnerable part of its sovereign ratings profile.

All three major global rating agencies -- S&P, Fitch and Moody's -- have accorded the lowest investment grade rating to India. Fitch and Moody's still have a stable outlook on India.

S&P said it may raise the ratings if India's fiscal deficit narrows meaningfully such that the general government debt falls below 7% of GDP on a structural basis.

"We may also raise the ratings if we observe a sustained and substantial improvement in the central bank's monetary policy effectiveness and credibility, such that inflation is managed at a durably lower rate over time," it said.

IRDAI directs health insurers to decide on cashless authorisation in 1 hour

PTI, NEW DELHI: Regulator Irdai on Wednesday released a master circular on health insurance specifying that an insurer will have to decide on cashless authorization within one hour of request.

The master circular on Health Insurance products repeals 55 circulars issued earlier and it is a significant stride towards reinforcing the empowerment of policyholders and bolstering inclusive health insurance, Irdai said in a statement.

"The circular has brought in one place the entitlements in a health insurance policy available to a Policyholder/prospects for their easy reference and also emphasizes measures towards providing

seamless, faster and hassle-free claims experience to a policyholder procuring health insurance policy and ensuring enhanced service standards across the health insurance sector, it said.

Sharing salient features of the master circular, it said, wider choice to be provided by the insurers by making available products/addons/riders by offering diverse insurance products catering to all ages, regions, medical conditions/ all types of Hospitals and Health Care Providers to suit the affordability of the policyholders.

It also specifies Customer Information Sheet (CIS) which is provided by the insurer along with every policy document.

DREAM CAR



People visit the booth of Chinese automobile manufacturer BYD during the Indonesia International Motor Show (IIMS) in Surabaya, on Wednesday

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SITUATIONS VACANT

Urgent required at Verna. Automobile/Diesel Engine service Technicians/Engineers, Service Advisors, Marketing Executives/CRE/CRM, drivers, recovery officer, store incharge. Having 3 years of experience in Automobiles and Generators, Electrical, Electronic Machinery. Email: hr@kamatengineers.com M-976555937.

2024002994

Wanted a School Administrator for Fairlyland Kindergarten and Primary School, PO Goa-Velha with Bachelor in Home Science (Human Development) and O1Teacher with Pre-Primary Teachers training to teach at Kindergarten. Interested candidate contact school office between 9:00am to 12:00noon on 9665657066 for the interview appointment.

2024002990

Wanted kitchen helper for a restaurant in Benaullim. Food n Accommodation & weekly off provided. Contact: 9881342959/ 8329852098

2024002995

Ejob/career opportunity a reputed Multinational Co in Margao is hiring 20 candidates for their branch age: 30-70 qualification: min 10th pass. contact-9975859396

2024003013

Urgent requirement for Hotel Spring De Goa in Porvorim Vacancy following, 1. Room boys, salary 12k to 15k. 2. Day Receptionist, 3. Night Receptionist. 8108275222/ 8390442739/ 88055 11089

2024003015

Wanted trainee mechanic helper (TT) fresh passport & independent mechanic (knowledge of latest vehicle) for Maruti workshop in Betalbatim whatsapp 9326811763.

2024003021

Wanted boys/ girls computer Operators. SSLC/ PUC day/ night shift. Training will be provided. Salary: 12-15K. Contact: 6361709482. Drop your Resume @ # 303, Reliance Atria, Pajifond, near Bank of Baroda, Margao.

2024003025

Urgently required Air conditioner, Refrigerator, Technician, Assist Technician & Helper. Technician salary 18,000/- contact No. 9579873606

2024003027

St. Anne's Institute, Agonda requires one Computer Teacher (BCA/MCA/PGDCET) to teach computer on Maternity Leave upto 26.10.2024 with knowledge of Blender, Kojo, Scratch, GIMP softwares. Candidates registered with employment exchange can appear for interview on 05/06/2024 at 9.00am with an application and relevant documents.

2024003029

SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted experienced female staff for Costys Navelim Salcete with knowledge of internet, online apps., email, good typing speed, Coral draw, photoshop, working experience in digital designing will be preferred. Whatsapp resume 9765800904 for interview.

2024003031

Urgently required Goan cook, Tandoor cook, kitchen helpers & waiter for a restaurant in Margao Freshers welcome Ph: 9764368257

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Doctor driven SUV Honda CRV 2008 silver 78008km 14kmpit p/steering, p/windows, cd, c/locking new tyre rto passing done (exchange small vehicle consider) 9326811804 Margao.

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VEHICLES WANTED

Wanted swift or Wagon r (2005 model onwards) for Goan catholic fly for outright purchase directly from owner (broker excuse) 7769811804.

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We buy all car's/ bike's. Maruti, VW, Renault, Toyota, Hyundai, Honda, Mahindra, Nissan, Tata etc. (Vintage Car's) spot payment 8381027157.

TEPC exploring global markets for exports

PTI, SINGAPORE: The Telecom Equipment & Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC) is exploring global markets and has set up a regular participation schedule in international trade shows to promote Made in India products, its Director General Arun Gupta said on Wednesday.

He further said the region-wise market development focus is on ASEAN, Africa, Europe and other developing economies.

TEPC has been set up by Government of India to promote and develop export of telecom equipment and services.

Gupta said the aggressive marketing campaign is aimed at generating 15% year-on-year annual growth to achieve USD 100 billion telecom equipment exports by 2047.

IMF revises China's GDP to 5% this year

Growth may decelerate to 3.3% by 2029, says Gita Gopinath

PTI, BEIJING: The IMF on Wednesday projected China's economic growth at 5%, up from its earlier forecast of 4.6%, but cautioned it of a slowdown to contract to 3.3% by 2029 due to ageing and slower productivity growth and suggested to boost productivity to continue with economic reforms.

The 5% growth revision by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is in line with the target set by the Chinese govt for the world's second-largest economy which is grappling with a slowdown triggered by the crippling property sector crisis and industrial overcapacity.

China's economic growth is projected to remain resilient at 5% in 2024 and slow to 4.5% in 2025, IMF's First Deputy MD **Gita Gopinath** told the media here after the IMF's annual review of China's economic policies.

The Chinese economy grew at 5.3% in the first quarter amid the downturn of its property market and subdued domestic demand.



The revisions of 0.4 percentage points for both years compared to the April projections are driven by strong Q1 GDP data and recent policy measures, said Gopinath, who along with other IMF officials, held meetings with China's top officials of the finance ministry and Chinese banks to discuss the state of China's economy.

Over the medium term, growth is expected to decelerate to 3.3% by 2029 due to ageing and slower

productivity growth, she said.

China's property sector, the dominant component of the Chinese economy in the last few years, remained on its Achilles heel causing widespread crisis.

Earlier this month after prolonged dithering, China finally moved in to address the near collapse of its mammoth property sector by allotting billions of dollars to buy back unsold homes and repurchase idle lands to resurrect its bankrupt real estate sector, which once constituted the mainstay of its economic growth.

The People's Bank of China has established a 300-billion-Yuan (about USD 42.25 billion) re-lending facility for the government-subsidised housing project.

Gopinath said, The ongoing housing market correction, which is necessary for steering the sector towards a more sustainable path, should continue.

The IMF review of the health of the Chinese economy comes ahead

of the meeting of the ruling Communist Party of China's plenum to discuss measures to boost the economic outlook in the country.

Gopinath said achieving high-quality growth, the buzzword of Chinese President Xi Jinping, will require structural reforms to counter headwinds and address underlying imbalances.

Key priorities include rebalancing the economy towards consumption by strengthening the social safety net and liberalising the services sector to enable it to boost growth potential and create jobs, she said.

She also highlighted China's role in restructuring the debt owed by several smaller countries. The Fund looks forward to continued cooperation with the authorities in this regard, she said.

The Communist Party's high-powered political bureau last month announced the delayed meeting of the plenum to be held in Beijing in July.

Investor wealth erodes by Rs 5.12 lakh cr in 4-day fall in stock markets

PTI, NEW DELHI: Investors' wealth eroded by Rs 5.12 lakh crore in four straight days of fall in the equity markets which witnessed profit-taking after a record-breaking rally and caution ahead of the results of the LS polls.

CAUTIOUS MODE

The 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 667.55 points or 0.89% to settle at 74,502.90 on Wednesday. It fell below the 75,000-mark during the day and

tanked 715.9 points or 0.95% to 74,454.55.

The barometer fell amid selling in bank stocks and weak global trends.

In four sessions since May 24, the benchmark gauge dropped 915.14 points or 1.21% amid profit-taking by cautious investors. The BSE benchmark Sensex hit an all-time high of 76,009.68 on May 27.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies eroded by Rs 5,12,921.96 crore to Rs 4,15,09,713.94 crore (USD 4.98 trillion) in the four sessions to

Wednesday.

From its all-time peak, the BSE benchmark is down 1,506.78 points or 1.98%.

The combined market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies hit the USD 5-trillion milestone for the first time on May 21.

The NSE Nifty declined 183.45 points or 0.8% to 22,704.70.

"Nifty dropped by 183 points, marking the fourth consecutive decline as election jitters triggered intense selling. The Sensex fell by nearly 668 points to 74,503," said Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Eq-

uities Ltd.. From the Sensex pack, Tech Mahindra, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finserv, HDFC Bank, UltraTech Cement, Axis Bank, Reliance Industries and Infosys were the biggest laggards. Power Grid, Sun Pharma, Nestle, ITC and Bharti Airtel were the gainers.

"Nifty opened gap down and remained under pressure throughout the session to finally close with a loss of 183 points at 22,704 levels. Weak global cues along with uncertainties surrounding election outcome seemed to have led to this sharp

fall over the last 14 trading sessions," Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said.

The BSE midcap gauge declined 0.38% while smallcap index climbed 0.23%.

Among the indices, bankex declined 1.37%, financial services (1.32%), oil and gas (0.95%), realty (0.88%) and services (0.6%).

Healthcare, industrials, telecommunication, capital goods, metal and power were the gainers. As many as 2,136 stocks declined while 1,680 advanced and 113 remained unchanged on the BSE.

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THINGS THAT HELP SURVIVE A LONG NONSTOP FLIGHT IN ECONOMY



IN SEARCH OF FLAMINGOS

Celebrating the youth of Goa on Goa Statehood Day

Every year on May 30, Goa Statehood Day remembers a significant turning point in the history of Goa. With the Goan youth holding the power to take Goa forward in every sphere of life, they share what they would preserve for the future generations

Meliston Fernandes

May 30 honours the transition of Goa, then a Union Territory, into a sovereign state inside the Republic of India. Goa was eventually given statehood on May 30, 1987, following years of political support and negotiations. For Goans, this shift was a major accomplishment that signaled the start of a new phase of self-governance and growth. The occasion highlights Goa's cultural and historical journey in addition to administrative developments. Goa is a territory known for its distinct fusion of Indian and Western history. The youth, who are often predicted to carry the torch of change, form a significant demographic in Goa. Their energy and forward-looking approach contribute to progress in various fields. On the occasion of Goa's Statehood Day, it is appropriate to look at the youth as the contributors to the socio-economic and cultural landscape of the state.

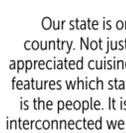
Our Goa offers a lot to explore. The beaches, places of worship, World Heritage-listed architecture and active nightlife. Our traditional lifestyle includes folk songs, lively musical instruments, traditional dances, peppy music, well-seasoned cuisines and colorful festivals. Goa is a paradise for food lovers as well. One can satisfy their taste buds with mouth-watering seafood items along with the popular delicacies in Indian and Goan cuisine. As youth, we need to preserve these culinary delights for the future, the mantra of unity in diversity in Goan culture.

Ashyl Pereira, Navelim



Mankulem amchem Goem, sundor amchem Goem. Indeed Goa, although small, is enormously rich in its beauty entangled with scenic beaches, breathtaking architecture, vibrant forests and wildlife and unique blend of Indian and Portuguese culture. It is a popular tourist destination attracting visitors from all around the world. The Goans are mostly peaceful, loving people who are God fearing and enjoy unity with brethren irrespective of one's religion. This is the most important value that I cherish, being able to be one with all and as a youth I want this sentiment to continue in our state.

Nyron Naik, Nuvem



Our state is one of the most unique states in this country. Not just in its rich culture, worldwide appreciated cuisine and monuments. One of the features which stands out the most in our state is the people. It is still fascinating to me how interconnected we are. Celebrating every festival no matter what your religious ideologies are. I remember going to different houses as a kid when they had 'Saibin' at their home. I also remember my tuition teacher who was a Christian coming to visit during Ganesh Chaturthi. As a youth, I am constantly an active participant in the mission of stopping religious hatred towards any communities. Goa was always known for being a peaceful state. And I would like it to be that way.

Arman Vishwanath Chopdekar, Betim



Goa's beauty lies within its different beautiful cultures, from Portuguese colonial influence to indigenous traditions, which create diversity. As a youth from Goa, we can volunteer for local conservation projects, participate in beach clean-ups, or advocate for sustainable development practices to protect Goa's unique ecosystems, including its coastal areas, forests,

wildlife and our lush green fields. By taking action to safeguard Goa's environment, we can contribute to a healthier and more sustainable future for our community and generations to come. I want to protect our environment for the future.

Juel D'Souza, Mapusa

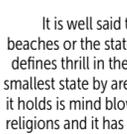
Our state is the smallest state but at the same time it is a famous land around the world. It is known for its scenic beauty and the hospitality of Goans. Our state is culturally and ecologically rich in its heritage, where people with different religious beliefs and social class stay together in harmony since time immemorial. The Goan identity is also centered on the ecological setting, as our Goan cuisine is incomplete without fish and coconut being a part of its many dishes. I want to preserve all the natural resources of my state and work for its protection: its fields, mountains, springs, rivers, forests and wildlife. I want to carry forward our rich cultural heritage such as our cuisine, festivals, practices and folklore. I want to protect the harmony in Goan society and the peace of every Goan.

Ryan Mascarenhas, Loutolim



Music and dance play a big role in Goan culture. The state is known for its lively music, including traditional folk and dance music. Traditional dances like the Dekhni, Manddo, Dhalo and Fugdi show Goa's cultural diversity. Festivals such as Carnival, Shigmo, and Sao Joao are celebrated with great enthusiasm, showcasing Goa's rich traditions. I would love to protect these traditions that we have, as they are an important part of our identity.

Vaibhavi Joshi, Mandrem



It is well said that Goa is not only the land of beaches or the state of churches, it is a feeling that defines thrill in the most amazing way. Goa is the smallest state by area yet the amount of uniqueness it holds is mind blowing. Goa sees a mix of different religions and it has a rich cultural heritage. As a youth, I would like to preserve our culture. If we don't, we risk losing the rich traditions, language, food and art that gives meaning to our life and also preserve our environment for our future generations.

Jolini Fernandes, Seraulim



Goa's charm lies in its beautiful beaches alongside the amazing sunset as well as its rich forests, waterfalls and the wildlife. The history with the Portuguese has also given us unique architecture, such as the beautiful churches and forts and also the outstanding cuisine. As a youth of

Goa, I would like to preserve its rich forests and its coastline, which is being affected by increased construction. The lakes and rivers are also being polluted as a result of industrial waste and sewage and this is not only a risk to aquatic life but also to us.

Maryanne Menezes, Vasco

Goa historically has a multi-ethnic past due to it being a major trading hub with various conquests including the Portuguese rule and other dynasties, all these factors have led it to become one of the most culturally diverse states in India. Some parts of Goa have a very rare fusion of Indian and European culture and architecture, which sets it apart from other states. The beauty of Goa is that in spite of it being culturally diverse for so many centuries, the social fabric and harmony of Goa has always remained intact despite various attempts to destroy it. I, as a youth, would like to make the best use of social media to educate others about our language, culture and traditions.

Samuel Aaron Afonso, Carmona

The smallest state of India and a tiny dot on the Indian map, Goa is popularly known as the Pearl of the Orient. Blessed with coastal line, tropical climate, historical monuments, Indo-Portuguese cuisine, and the art and craft, this State reflects the brotherhood of Hindu, Muslim and Christian for centuries together. The culture of Goa has emerged as a combination of Indian and Portuguese culture. As youth of Goa, it is our duty to protect our natural habitat and monuments for our future generations. Being good citizens, we should contribute to sustainable development in Goa. Making Goa a clean and green destination is what I strive to do.

Athea Dias, Bironдем

The state of Goa is different from the rest of India because its culture is impacted by the Portuguese, Marathas, etc. Every nook and corner of the state has something different to offer. Though described as a party destination by Indian Cinema, it is actually different for Goans. The lifestyle, the food and most importantly the people add a special essence to the state. As a youngster, I would like to see and work towards ensuring a clean and sustainable future for Goa. Although Goa is developing through infrastructure, is it really preserving the environment? This is a question we need to ponder upon. There is a need to bring back the forgotten culture. We also need to strengthen and protect our communal harmony for a better and happier future for the state.

Griselle Afonso, Carmona

Know Goa through Philately

Dr M R Ramesh Kumar

In the world of philately, several facets of Goa, such as state symbols of Goa, saints and poets of Goa, personalities of Goa, language and literature, forts of Goa, festivals of Goa, art, cinema, dance, music and paintings of Goa, food and spices of Goa, heritage monuments, flora and fauna of Goa, endangered species of Goa, cuisine of Goa, folk art, music and dances of Goa, personalities of Goa are highlighted. Permanent pictorial cancellations of Goa, Martyrs Memorials of Goa, Unsung Heroes of Goa, Voice of Goa Liberation, silver jubilee of Goa Liberation, Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Goa, Goa@60, Goa Liberation cancellations, Freedom Fighters of Goa, and world famous beaches of Goa.

GOAN STATEHOOD



Dr Jack de Sequeira is considered the Architect of the 'Opinion Poll of Goa'. He was the founding father and President of United Goan Party and the first opposition leader in the Goa Legislative Assembly. He worked very hard to mobilize the Goans to protect separate identity and prevent its merger with Maharashtra. The Opinion Poll held on January 16, 1967 decided the question of merger forever. When he died on October 17, 1989, Goa

had already attained statehood. This special cover was sponsored by Konkani Kala Mandir, Mercas, Goa to commemorate his birth centenary on April 20, 2015 with a Santa Cruz place cancellation with a map of Goa and Opinion Poll Party symbol, Two Leaves.

State symbols of Goa

A special cover released by the Department of Posts to commemorate the World Life Day 2022 on March 3, 2022, has the following

- Gaur (Bos Gaurus), State animal
- Ruby Throated Yellow Bulbul (Pycnonotus Gularis) – State Bird
- Crocodile Bark Tree (Terminia Elliptica) – State Tree
- Malabar Tree Nymph (Idea Malabarica) – State Butterfly

SAINTS AND POETS OF GOA

A 6 Naipaisa Postcard with a special SFX cancellation of January 6, 1965 and issued by the Department of Posts, Government of India, during the 12th Saint Francis Xavier Exposition held from November 24, 1964 to January 6, 1965



LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE



A special cover with a Cachet of Shenoai Goembab (Father of Modern Konkani Language) Birth Centenary (1877-1977) and a cancellation of Shenoai Goembab, third Philatelic Exhibition held at Panjim on November 14, 1976.

CULTURE AND HERITAGE

There are several cultural and heritage monuments and buildings, Churches, Temples and Architectural Monuments in Goa, which are worth visiting including the UNESCO Heritage sites.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY, DONA PAULA



The National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula is one of the oldest, Laboratories which was established on January 1, 1966 by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research as part of its constituent Laboratories. A Special cover was released to commemorate the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the National Institute of Oceanography and 50 years of the International Indian Ocean Expedition (1961-1965). The Institute launched several National and International programs such as Antarctic Expeditions, Poly Metallic Nodules Exploration etc. A First Day Cover of the First Indian Antarctica Expedition which was led by late Dr S Z Qasim, who was then Director of the National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula, Goa.

GOAN BEACHES

Goa has some of the World famous beaches. Two such beaches namely Anjuna and Bogmalo are depicted in stamps released by the Government of India and a First Day Cover with the above beach stamps was released long back on August 11, 1997.

PERSONALITIES OF GOA

Damodar Dharmananda Kosambi was an Indian polymath with interests in mathematics, statistics, philology, history, and genetics. He contributed to genetics by introducing the Kosambi map function. In statistics, he was the first person to develop orthogonal infinite series expressions for stochastic processes via the Kosambi-Karhunen-Loève theorem. He is also well known for his work in numismatics and for compiling critical editions of ancient Sanskrit texts.

FORTS OF GOA

A picture Postcard depicting the Forts of Goa was released by the Department of Posts, Goa Division.

- Reis Magos Fort
- Aguada Fort
- Tiracol Fort
- Corjuem Fort

FESTIVALS OF GOA

Carnival in Goa is the largest in India and one of the few traditional celebrations of the Western Christian holiday in Asia.

ART, CINEMA, DANCE, FASHION, MUSIC AND PAINTINGS OF GOA

Mario Miranda was an Indian cartoonist and painter based in Loutolim. His cartoons and characters are famous all over the world. Deenanath Mangeshkar was a well-known Marathi theatre actor,

a Natya Sangeet musician and a Hindustani classical vocalist. Dekhni is a semi classical Goan dance form. A First Day cover released by the Department of Posts, Govt of India during the 125th Anniversary of the Goan Tiatr on April 17, 2017.



FASHION

Wendell Rodricks was an Indian fashion designer and author based in Goa. In 2014, the Government of India conferred upon him its fourth-highest civilian award, the Padma Shri. His fashion design was included in the Indian Fashion Series 4.

FOOD AND SPICES OF GOA

- Breads of Goa
- Cuisine of Goa
- Goan Khaje
- Goan Cashew Feni



MARTYRS MEMORIALS OF GOA

Silver Jubilee of Goa Liberation

A special cover was released by the Department of Posts, to commemorate the Silver Jubilee celebrations, December. 1986. A special cover released during the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Goa Liberation, with the map of Goa and a burning torch and a broken chain depicting the freedom and a special cancellation of Azad Maidan cancellation of GOAPEX 1986.

Golden Jubilee of Goa Liberation

A First Day cover was released on December 19, 2011 by the Department of Posts, Government of India on December 19, 2011 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Goa Liberation.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

A special cover to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Goa Liberation was released by the PM Narendra Modi at the Shyama Prasad Memorial Stadium, Bambolim, on December 19, 2021, with a My stamp of Goa@60.

Freedom Fighters of Goa

Tristão de Bragança Cunha, alternatively spelled as Tristao de Braganza Cunha, was a prominent Indian nationalist and anti-colonial activist from Goa (then part of Portuguese India). He is popularly known as the 'Father of Goan Nationalism', and was the organiser of the first movement to end Portuguese rule in Goa.

UNsung HEROES OF GOAN FREEDOM STRUGGLE

Voice of Goa Liberation

During Goa's liberation movement, Libja Lobo used to run an underground radio service called 'Voz de Liberdade' in Portuguese, 'Goenche Sadvonecho Awaz' in Konkani and the 'Voice of Freedom' in English. The broadcasts started in 1955 from the jungles of Amboli bordering Goa.

MOTOR PILOT TAXI

A unique mode of transport to Goans is the motor pilot taxi, a special cover on it was recently released and this is a carried cover from the Head Post Office, Panjim, Goa to the Velha, Goa (Old Goa) on a Typical Motor Pilot Taxi with the signature of the carrier on December 2, 2021, one day prior to the Old Goa Feast.

(Dr M R Ramesh Kumar is the former president of the Goa Philately and Numismatics Society (GPNS) and a retired Chief Scientist, National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula)

Things that help survive a long nonstop flight in economy

The most frequent fliers will tell that flying is hard on the body. Between the altitude change, long periods of sitting in confined seats, and recycled plane air, a long-haul flight can leave your body feeling depleted of energy, sore, and dehydrated. Plus, flying for long periods of time also takes its toll on the mind.

These flights can be manageable with a long-haul flight packing list. Investing in these travel items for a more comfortable experience in economy should be considered.

TRAVEL NECK PILLOW: Travel neck pillows can be useful for providing comfort and support while traveling, especially on long flights. They are designed to help you maintain proper neck alignment and reduce muscle strain while you sleep. The removable, washable cover is also handy, and some even have a pocket to stash earplugs. Research suggests that a pillow with good support can help relieve neck pain and improve rest.

USB-C PORTABLE CHARGER: Not having a full charge on your devices can stress you out, and you can't rely on in-seat power stations on flights as, half of the time, they don't work. Some chargers only need to charge the power bank once every five days despite using it every day to charge phone, smartwatch, GoPro 12, and AirPods. Some are also compatible with both Apple as well as android devices and includes a USB-C port in addition to the USB-A port. A carrying case

and cables are included.

FACIAL CLEANSING TOWLETTE
If you can't shower on a plane, washing your face is the next best thing. Of course, the water from the taps in the lavatory doesn't have a great reputation. For that reason, travel with tiny, pre-moistened cleansing towelette singles.

Despite being so gentle on the skin, they remove makeup and make the skin breathe.

MINI BRUSHES-DISPOSABLE TOOTHBRUSHES WITH TOOTHPASTE AND PICK:

It's amazing how having a clean mouth can make you feel like a new person. But it can be hard to brush your teeth while you're traveling. What's great about these disposable toothbrushes is the fact that you don't even need water, or toothpaste. The bristles feature liquid-like "beads". And despite being so compact, these toothbrushes also have built-in picks on the ends.

FLEX FLAP CELL PHONE HOLDER AND FLEXIBLE TABLET STAND: While most long-haul flights have seatback screens, sometimes they don't work or have the most recent season of "Yellowstone." That's why download your favorite movies and shows on your phone. Designed by a flight attendant, the Flex Flap is a lightweight and compact way to prop up, display, and view your smartphone. When you need to mount your device, simply fold or hang the flap and adjust it until you get your desired height and angle. It can hold your phone or tablet horizontally or vertically. The stand is also very sturdy, so you don't



have to worry about your device falling over.

EAR PLUGS FOR NOISE REDUCTION: Most airlines give you disposable earplugs for overnight flights. They're not the best quality. Instead, invest in noise-reduction silicone earplugs. They come in carrying case, as well as customizable tips so you can fit them to your ears. They're reusable and strike the right balance between comfort and effectiveness.

COMPRESSION SOCKS: Compression socks not only increases your blood circulation, which prevents swelling and pain, but it also has cushioned heel and toe support to provide unmatched comfort. For my long-haul flights, feet don't swell at all.

SLEEP MASK: Light is the most important external factor affecting sleep. Scientists agree that we get more sleep, and better quality sleep, in dark environments. While most airlines give you eye masks on long-haul flights, they leave a lot to be desired with their low-quality designs. The mask should block 100 percent of light and promise total darkness. Plus, most come with an adjustable headband, so you don't need to worry about it sliding to one side. And thanks to the 3D-contoured fit, it doesn't put pressure on the face, doesn't leave eyes feeling heavy and puffy when one wakes up.



In Search of Flamingos

Arti Das

How far can you go to see and explore the world of flamingos? If you are thinking that one must travel the world, think again. These marvellous birds, which are known for their distinct character and style, are found in the megacity of Mumbai, just 600 kilometers from Goa.

Flamingos are migratory birds that come to Mumbai during winter and stay there until the monsoon arrives. It is interesting that it is not a small batch of these waders, but thousands of these birds are seen in and around Thane Creek. It is here these birds come to feed, to grow, and to mate.

So, if you are a bird enthusiast or curious to know how and why these birds come to such a metropolis, then it is worth visiting a few sites to see this wonder of nature. These flamingos which are seen at Thane Creek, is the Ramsar Site and it is one of the largest creeks in Asia and has many migrating and resident birds. It is the host of Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs).

However, the flamingos are the star birds of this Creek. It is an ideal habitat for them as here they get a chance to feed on crustaceans, marine plants, and blue-green algae found in their water bodies. Interestingly enough, this algae is the main reason why these birds turn pink which is derived from the carotenoid pigments found in the blue-green algae. When these birds arrive they have grey shades but after some days of feeding these birds turn pink and the sight of a sea of pink birds on a water body is breath-taking.

Along with this place these flamingos are also seen around water bodies of Navi Mumbai. Thus, there is a lot of street art, and statues around this town indicating the same. This place which is much greener than the main city is now known



and resident birds. The Interpretation Centre at this place informs that around 200 species of birds are found here.

At Thane Creek mainly two species of flamingos are found—Lesser Flamingos that migrate from Kutch in Gujarat

as Flamingo City. There are many places here where you can see these birds like DPS Lake Wetland, Seawood Lake, and Palm Beach Road. All these areas are at Nerul in Navi Mumbai.

However, the best place to watch these birds is the Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Centre, Airoli, which is part of the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary. Here, there is a special boat service organised to see these birds. The guides who ride these boats give an overall insight into flamingos and the Creek. One has to book a seat for this ride days in advance. The timing of these boat rides depends on the tides. It is a comfortable one-hour ride, where one can see these flamingos with the boat keeping a safe distance.

"During our ride, we were lucky enough we witness the first mating dance of flamingos of the season. Here a group of birds walk circularly. It was like a precise synchronized dance," stated Om, one of the tourists who attended this boat safari.

Thane Creek which is 26 kilometers long is full of mudflats, which is an ideal place for these flamingos to feed. Along with flamingos, there are other migratory

and Greater Flamingos which are bigger and taller birds that come from Kenya. They feed and mate here and at the time of nesting, they migrate. In the next season, the juvenile flamingos join the older population.

According to Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) who have been studying these birds for many years now, the population of these migratory birds started gradually increasing in the 1990s. One probable reason is because of the release of sewage in the Creek that helps in the breeding of blue-green algae, one of the main foods of the flamingos. However, if this pollution keeps on increasing it can have a negative impact on these pretty pink birds. There are also other looming threats like the newly constructed 22-kilometer coastal road, which is cutting through the habitat of these birds, and other development projects.

However, the locals of Navi Mumbai are quite vigilant and have always shown love and care towards these species. Thus, it is no less than a wonder of seeing a flock of birds flying amidst the background of skyscrapers. It makes one marvel at the wonders of nature.

Elders enjoy annual day out in nature

Senior citizens from Recreation Centre Pedda, Margao, took an annual day out to be with nature in a farmhouse in the outskirts from city life with serene surroundings and clean ambience. It was full day away from tensions, worries or any sort of errands spent in a company of more than fifty members

and juniors participating with full zeal and enthusiasm. It was rejuvenating experience for many who recollected their younger days enjoyed music, songs, and dance to the fullest on karaoke with music system. A group kept participants on their toes. Snatching partners, inserting straw and Bombarding the

City had been the main attractions apart from other games. Devika, a young and upcoming dance trainer kept audience captivated by her thrilling performance and melodious songs. Seniors returned back with sweet and nostalgic memories to be cherished till the next event.



'Portuguese opening the doors of career opportunities'

A talk on 'Portuguese opening the doors of career opportunities' will be presented by Dhruv Usgaonkar, assistant professor of Portuguese and the Programme Director of the Master's in Portuguese course at the Shenoi Goembab School of Languages & Literature, Goa University. He is writing his PhD in International Relations at New Lisbon University on the topic, 'India's Cultural Diplomacy and Soft Power in Portugal'.

Venue: Centre for Study of Philosophy and Humanities, Opp Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar
Date: May 30 | Time: 4 pm

St Anthony Trezen at Loutolim

Trezen (thirteen days prayer service) in honour of St Anthony of Padua will be held at Tolleband, Loutolim. The daily prayer service will start at 6.15 pm. The Feast will be celebrated on June 13 (6.15 pm) starting with the traditional procession to the miraculous statue of St Anthony with the petition candles, to be followed by the prayer service and community fellowship.

Venue: St Anthony, Tolleband, Loutolim
Date: May 31 to June 13

Dubai introduces 14-day pre-approved visa for Indian Flyers

Dubai has rolled out a 14-day pre-approved visa-on-arrival program for Indian passport holders in an effort to enhance tourism and business relations between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). This new initiative aims to simplify the travel process for Indian citizens, eliminating the need for extensive visa applications.

Indian passport holders eligible for this streamlined visa must possess a valid US visa, US Green Card, EU Residency permit, or UK Residency visa with a minimum validity of six months from their travel date. The application is accessible online via the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA) website. The process involves submitting personal details, passport information, and travel plans. A nominal fee of approximately 253 Dirhams is payable online via credit or debit card. The processing time for the visa is around 48 hours, with email notifications keeping applicants updated on their application status. To ensure a smooth application process, applicants should have the following



documents, a valid passport with at least six months validity beyond the intended travel date, confirmed flight tickets and hotel bookings, a permanent residence card from the US, UK, EU, or other valid residency permits and a recent passport-sized photograph. The new visa program is expected to significantly boost tourism from India, enhancing Dubai's vibrant cultural scene and economic landscape. It also aims to strengthen business ties between India and the UAE, fostering increased trade and investment opportunities.

Trezena of St Anthony of Padua at Siolim

The Trezena of St Anthony will commence in the Parish of Siolim on June 3 and the Feast day will be celebrated on June 16. Masses during the Trezena will be in the morning at 5.30 am, 6.45 am (English), 8 am, 9.30 am and in the evening at 4.30 pm. On June 8, besides the 4.30 pm Mass in the evening, there will be Sunday anticipatory Mass with prayer asking the intercession of St Anthony will be recited in English at 7 pm.

On June 9, the Mass timings are in the morning at 5.30 am, 7 am, 8.30 am, 10

am and 4.30 pm in the evening. On June 15, the morning Masses will be at 5.30 am, 6.45 am (English), 8 am, 9.30 am and in the evening at 4.30 pm. Vespers will be at 6.30 pm.

On June 16, the Feast Masses will be at 5.30 am, 7 am (English), 8.30 am and 10 am. There will be no Masses in the evening. The Solemn Feast Mass will be presided over by Fr Antonio Salema, Administrator of St Xavier's College, Mapusa, at 10 am.

Venue: St Anthony Church, Siolim
Date: June 3 to 16



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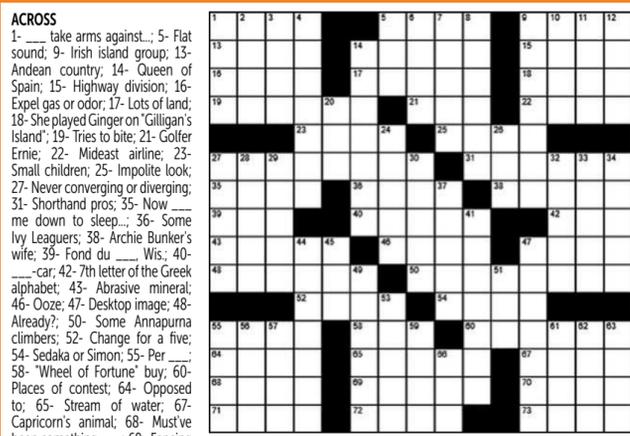
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ACROSS
1- take arms against...; 5- Flat sound; 9- Irish island group; 13- Andean country; 14- Queen of Spain; 15- Highway division; 16- Expel gas or odor; 17- Lots of land; 18- She played Ginger on 'Gilligan's Island'; 19- Tries to bite; 21- Goller Ernie; 22- Mideast airline; 23- Small children; 25- Impolite look; 27- Never converging or diverging; 31- Shorthand pros; 35- Now ___ me down to sleep...; 36- Some Ivy Leaguers; 38- Archie Bunker's wife; 39- Fond du ___; Wis.; 40- ___-car; 42- 7th letter of the Greek alphabet; 43- Abrasive mineral; 46- Ooze; 47- Desktop image; 48- Already?; 50- Some Annapurna climbers; 52- Change for a five; 54- Sedaka or Simon; 55- Per ___; 58- 'Wheel of Fortune' buy; 60- Places of contest; 64- Opposed to; 65- Stream of water; 67- Capricorn's animal; 68- Must've been something...; 69- Fencing swords; 70- 1975 Wimbledon winner; 71- Celestial body; 72- Writing table; 73- For fear that;

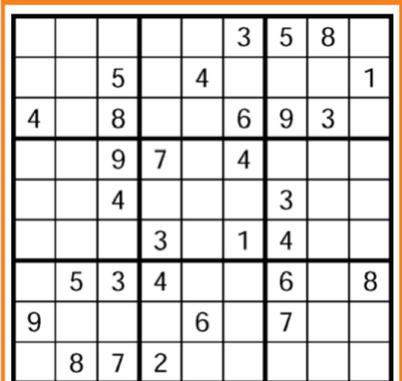
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28- San Antonio landmark; 29- Speed contests; 30- Fabric woven from flax yarns; 32- Bridget Fonda, to Jane; 33- Preminger et al.; 34- Classic Alan Ladd western; 37- Dutch painter Jan; 41- Becomes visible; 44- More spacious; 45- Over there, old-style; 47- Forbidden by law; 49- Approached; 51- Turn; 53- Long-billed sandpiper; 55- Oration station; 56- ___ the finish; 57- Singer Jane; 59- Holiday lead-ins; 61- Sniffer; 62- Contented sighs; 63- Editor's note; 66- A mouse!

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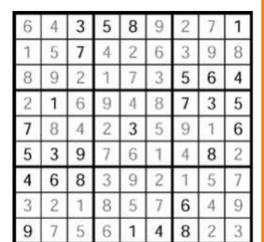
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Instructions for Sudoku

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

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Former Prez Donald Trump walks back into the courtroom after a break during closing arguments in his hush money trial at Manhattan criminal court in New York



Chinese Prez Xi Jinping during a signing ceremony with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi (not pictured) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing



Britain's King Charles III and Queen Camilla watch an extract of a play performed by third year acting students in the Gielgud theatre, in London



Former Gaza City mayor and Palestinian health minister Maged Abu Ramadan speaks to the media on the sidelines of WHO's World Health Assembly in Geneva

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Pope Francis is helped by the new butler Daniele Cherubini at the end of the weekly general audience on Wednesday at St Peter's square in The Vatican

Belgian police search EU parliament office over Russian interference

PTI, BRUSSELS: Belgium's federal prosecutor's office said on Wednesday that police carried out searches at the residence of an employee of the European Parliament and at his office in the Parliament's building in Brussels over suspected Russian interference.

Prosecutors said in statement that the suspect's office in Strasbourg, where the EU Parliament's headquarters are located in France, was also searched in partnership with the EU's judicial cooperation agency, Eurojust, and French judicial authorities.

The raids took place less than two weeks before Europe-wide polls on June 6-9 to elect a new EU parliament.

An investigation was announced last month by Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo, who said his country's intelligence service has confirmed the existence of a network trying to undermine support for Ukraine.

The searches are part of a case

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of interference, passive corruption and membership of a criminal organization and relates to indications of Russian interference, whereby Members of the European Parliament were approached and paid to promote Russian propaganda via the Voice of Europe news website, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors said they believe the employee played a significant role in this.

Several Dutch news outlets identified the suspect as a staffer for EU lawmaker Marcel de Graaff of the far-right Dutch party Forum for Democracy. A person with knowledge of the investigation confirmed that the reports were accurate. The official was not allowed



Belgian police stand near their van in front of the European Parliament building, on Wednesday

to speak publicly because the probe is ongoing.

Calls to de Graaff's office at the European Parliament were not immediately answered.

The EU this month banned Voice of Europe and three other Russian media from broadcasting in the 27-nation bloc. The EU said they were all under control of the

Kremlin and were targeting European political parties, especially during election periods.

Since the war started in February 2022, the EU had already suspended Russia Today and Sputnik, among several other outlets.

De Croo said last month that the probe showed that members of the European Parliament were approached and offered money to promote Russian propaganda.

According to our intelligence service, the objectives of Moscow are very clear. The objective is to help elect more pro-Russian candidates to the European Parliament and to reinforce a certain pro-Russian narrative in that institution, he said.

EU nations have poured billions of Euros into Ukraine, along with significant amounts of weaponry and ammunition. They've also slapped sanctions on top Russian officials, including President Vladimir Putin, banks, companies and the energy sector since Moscow's full-scale invasion in February 2022.

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WE KNEW IT: 2 DAYS TO GO AND "SMART" CITY WORK DEADLINE TOO IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET

On Tuesday, May 28, the IPSCDL announced opening of stretches from Dada Vaidya Road - from Singhal Book Store to Mahalaxmi Temple and General Bernardo Guedes Road - from Woodland Store to Geeta Bakery to Government Printing Press.

But the question is what about other roads? Was the deadline given to just pacify the people of the city, who were forced to knock on the doors of the judiciary to seek relief from the dust pollution and traffic snarls?

They also prayed for setting up of real time ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations at different locations in Panjim.

It was none other than Advocate General Devidas Pangam, who had submitted in the High Court that the measures would be taken in the context of dust pollution, traffic situation and safety precautions and strict directives will be issued to all concerned regarding completion of the works by May 31.

Speaking to O Heraldo, former CCP Mayor Uday Madkai-kar alleged that the deadline set by the authorities was just to fool the people and claimed that it will take another year to complete the works.

"As much as 30 percent of the Smart City works are pending. 18th June Road, MG Road, roads in market areas, roads near People's High School are yet to be completed. Even the pavements of the roads which were opened yesterday, are not done properly. Only roads have been opened. It will take another one year to complete the works," Madkai-kar said.

"People have already predicted that the works won't be completed before May 31. The promises made by the Smart City officials were false. Everybody knew that the work won't be completed by the given deadline," he said.

Surendra Furtado, another former Mayor of the CCP, said, "Sanjit Rodrigues (IPSCDL CEO) has committed to get the works completed by May 31. So let us wait and watch. For another two days."

Armando Gonsalves, a resident of Panjim, said, "It is impossible to complete the works within the next two days. Anyway, this government does not respect the judiciary. It does not know how to respect its people. It is the end result of arrogance of the worst kind." "Two judges themselves roamed the streets and passed the order after speaking to various interested parties and this is the result. The whole world knows that the work is substandard and the end result is the looting of the taxpayers' money," Gonsalves added.

Wilson D'Sousa, a resident of Ribandar, said, "The Smart City officials think that they are magicians. Even the lay people know that the work is not going to be finished in the next 15 days or even one month. Digging of roads in Ribandar is still on. Just wait for the monsoon and see the situation. We do not know whether the deadline is May 31, June 30 or September 30."

GOV, CM EXTEND GOA STATEHOOD DAY GREETINGS

In his message CM, Pramod Sawant said, "May 30 is a memorable day in the glorious history of Goa as on this day on May 30, 1987 Goa became a full-fledged 25th State of Indian Union."

"May 30 is a result of the struggle by the Goans and people from across the country to protect Goans distinct identity. This momentous occasion also assumes significance as it reminds innumerable Goans to pay tributes to those who have worked tirelessly to shape destiny of this tiny State of the country particularly after post liberation period and attainment of Statehood," he said.

NIGHTCLUBS GET A CLASS ON PEOPLE'S ANGER, ASSAGAO RESIDENTS LIGHT CANDLES TO STOP 'MENACE'

The Rumba night club is situated close to a temple, a chapel and residential houses.

"It is nice that so many people got together, but I was a little disappointed because many of us were not given an opportunity to voice our grievances," said local resident Ida Fonseca, who participated in the candlelight protest.

"This protest is a good step, but we need to question the panchayat and need to know what the next steps are being taken to stop such illegalities. We cannot be taken for granted," asserted Fonseca.

"There are a lot of illegal activities, structures and wrong things happening in Assagao today. It is just not Rumba but many other establishments that are operating without the necessary licences and this fight should be against all and not just one place," said Avertino Miranda of Green Brigade, who added more light with his candle.

"A lot of illegalities have been allowed to mushroom in the village and I am fighting many cases in the High Court and am therefore of the opinion that this candlelight protest should bring all wrong doings to light," added Miranda.

"Assagao is today the epicentre of all illegalities and hence all illegalities should be targeted if we are going to start cleaning the mess. All should be stopped and not just one," reasoned Miranda.

"Creating awareness is fine, but it is even better when we are allowed to express ourselves, and I think the organisers of this candlelight protest should have given us the opportunity to speak and seek clarifications from our panchayat," said Suzette Dias, local resident

There are many night clubs which play loud music well into the night, thus disturbing our sleep. One of them is Rumba. I am happy that members of all communities got together to fight this nuisance

—Desmond Alvares, local resident

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DWINDLING MARINE SPECIES ARE FALLING DEAD ON GOA'S COASTLINE

The activist added that on Tuesday, a live Indian rock python stuck in the waves at Varca, was rescued by lifeguards and the Forest Department (FD) officials.

Sources confirmed that the rescue efforts involved getting the python out of the waves using a clean bin and that thereafter the FD rescuer took it to be released in an appropriate habitat.

The lifeguards were praised for reporting the incident early, like other such incidents, which helps with coastline monitoring.

In yet another incident, injured birds were found at Zalur beach. It may be recalled that a large number of sea birds were found injured on Salcete's coastline in the last two months as well.

The activists allege that the State's forest department has been ineffective in addressing the crisis, with one accusation that it has not been sharing adequate data on these incidents, which they feel is needed as it should not be about the optics but taking measures to address these issues.

There are urgent calls for increased monitoring, transparency and concrete conservation measures.

These activists referred to the present system of reporting and responding to the strandings and highlighted the need for a "long-term monitoring network and State-supported system", specifically focused on the finless porpoise and Indian Ocean humpback dolphin - both globally endangered near-shore species that are accorded the highest legal protection in India.

They explained that the strandings reports are fielded through a State-wide marine wildlife network established in 2017 by the Forest Department in collaboration with organizations like Drishti Marine, Terra Conscious, IUCN India and more recently Reefwatch, which provides veterinary support.

However, they expressed dismay over what they described to be a lack of expedient action and data-sharing from authorities.

As one person lamented, "Reports come in regularly...like the decomposed whale carcass last night from Vagator. But even drivers of stranding need to be addressed for conservation action...not just reporting."

They urged the Forest Department via the State government to build research capacity, awareness programmes and take the lead on this pressing issue.

According to these activists, post-mortems are conducted by the forest department, but accessing those details has proven to be challenging for them.

"The increasing number of dolphin deaths is a stark reminder of the urgent need for enhanced marine conservation efforts and better transparency from the authorities," said environmentalist Renata Fernandes.

"It's not just dolphins; we've seen turtles and seabirds affected too. This calls for a broader look at our impact on marine ecosystems and immediate action to mitigate it," Fernandes added.

They have also sought the view of experts like marine biologists to shed more light on these recurring incidents.

UN'S GENDER ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR MAJOR RADHIKA SEN

She joined the Indian Army eight years ago. She graduated with a degree in biotechnology engineering and was pursuing her Master's degree at IIT Bombay when she decided to join the armed forces.

Sen was deployed to MONUSCO in March 2023 as the engagement platoon commander with the Indian rapid deployment battalion. She completed her tenure in April 2024. Sen is the second Indian peacekeeper to receive this prestigious award, following Major Suman Gawani, who served with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and was honoured with the United Nations military gender advocate of the year award in 2019.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres lauded Major Sen for her service and said she was a true leader and role model.

"Her service was a true credit to the United Nations as a whole," Guterres said.

Reacting to the development, Major Sen said, "This award is special to me as it gives recognition to the hard work put in by all the peacekeepers working in the challenging environment of DRC and giving their best to bring a positive change in the society."

SC REFUSES TO HEAR KEJRIWAL'S PLEA FOR BAIL EXTENSION

The top court on Tuesday refused an urgent hearing of Arvind Kejriwal's bail extension petition. The apex court said that the matter will be listed before Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud.

"This (plea) has been heard and reserved... Let this be placed before the Chief Justice and let him take a call. We will place it before the Chief Justice," it said. On May 10, the apex court granted interim bail to Arvind Kejriwal to campaign for the Lok Sabha polls and asked him to surrender himself in Tihar jail on June 2.

AT 46.8 DEGREES CELSIUS, DELHI RECORDS HIGHEST TEMP IN 79 YEARS

The national capital and large swathes of north India have been reeling under heat wave conditions for the past few days, with at least three weather stations here -- Mungeshpur, Narela and Najafgarh -- recording nearly 50 degrees Celsius even on Tuesday.

On the temperature at Mungeshpur, the IMD, however, said it is examining sensors and data of the weather station for the area.

"The maximum temperature over Delhi-NCR varied from 45.2 degrees Celsius to 49.1 degrees Celsius in different parts of city. Mungeshpur reported 52.9 degrees Celsius as an outlier compared to other stations. It could be due to error in the sensor or the local factor. IMD is examining the data and sensors," the department said in a statement.

In a post on X, Minister of Earth Sciences Kiren Rijiju said, "It is not official yet. Temperature of 52.3 degrees Celsius in Delhi is very unlikely. Our senior officials in IMD have been asked to verify the news report. The official position will be stated soon."

DEATH

The world feels dimmer without your light in it, but the warmth of your memory fills our hearts. You have left our lives, but your memories will never leave our hearts but we will miss you. Always in our minds, forever in our hearts, our beloved "Maie"



Born: 23/02/1940

Died: 25/05/2024

EROLINA FERNANDES

:- Chandor/ Margao/ Sinquetim - Navelim :-

Wife of late Xavier Fernandes.
Beloved mother/ mother-in-law of Richa Rosy/ late Jeffrey De Souza, Claudio/ Vijaya Fernandes and late Tony Fernandes.
Dearest grandmother of Jemima, Elleora, & Ariah Fernandes.
Loving sister/ sister-in-law of Santiago/ Monica, late Joaquim/ Amelia, late Felicidade/ late Inácio, late Ermina/ Caetano, late Carlota/ Inacio.
Passed away peacefully on 25th May 2024.
Funeral Prayer service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on 31st May 2024 at Sinquetim - Navelim, followed by the burial at Sada Cemetery, Vasco.
Friends and Family kindly accept this as an only intimation.

Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao, Ph. 9823022194

India, Bangladesh discuss extradition cases, visa issues

PTI, NEW DELHI: India and Bangladesh on Wednesday held wide-ranging talks focusing on issues relating to visas, mutual legal assistance and extradition cases.

The two sides met for the fourth round of the India-Bangladesh Consular Dialogue in Delhi and reiterated their commitment to continue promoting people-to-people exchanges.

They held "wide-ranging discussions on mechanisms to strengthen coordination and cooperation on consular issues, visa matters, repatriation, MLAT (Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty) and extradition cases, etc," the external affairs ministry said.

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agreed to further strengthen the bilateral Revised Travel Arrangement (RTA) to facilitate movement of nationals from both sides," it said in a statement.

The India-Bangladesh consular dialogue mechanism was instituted in 2017 with an aim to strengthen people-to-people contacts by having a regular channel of communication on issues relating to consular, visa and mutual legal assistance.

"Both sides reiterat-

ed their commitment to continue promoting people-to-people exchanges and agreed to hold the next round of the dialogue in Dhaka on a mutually convenient date," the ministry said.

Dr Aman Puri, Joint Secretary (consular-passport-visa division) at the ministry, led the Indian delegation at the talks.

The Bangladeshi team was headed by Rokebul Haque, Director General (South Asia), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Youngest Indian Everest summiter felicitated by Nepal PM among others

PTI, KATHMANDU: Kaamya Karthikeyan, the youngest Indian Mount Everest summiter, was on Wednesday felicitated by Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda at a special function here on the Interna-

tional Everest Day along with other veteran international summiters.

The International Everest Day is celebrated on May 29 every year to mark the first ascent of the world's highest peak at 8848.86 metres. Seventy-one years since Nepal's Tenzing Norgay and New Zealander Edmund Hillary stood atop Everest in 1953, more than 8,000 people have scaled it.

At just 16 years and 9 months old, Kaamya reached the top of the world on May 20 from the South Cole on the Nepalese side successfully along with her father S Karthikeyan, 45, an Indian Navy Commander.

Kaamya said she got attracted to climbing Everest when she had trekked to the Everest Base Camp seven years ago. I am overwhelmed by the love and affection that the people of Nepal have shown during

my journey here, she said. The young Indian student has embarked on a journey to climb all the highest peaks on the seven continents; Mt Everest being her sixth peak and she plans to climb Mt Vinson Massif in Antarctica in December.

Besides Kaamya, Prime Minister Prachanda also felicitated Kami Rita Sherpa, who climbed Mt Everest for a record 30 times this spring, and Phunjo Lama, who climbed Everest in just 14 hours and 31 minutes becoming the first female to do so in the shortest time. Dignity and safety of climbers are the top priorities for the government of Nepal, Prachanda said and also announced the gov't plan to set up a welfare fund aimed at assisting the Sherpas and other mountain guides, who sacrifice their lives to promote mountain tourism.

3rd Death Anniversary
In Loving Memory of
FR. ALEX FERNANDES
:- Candolim - Orda:-
14th May 1958 - 30th May 2021
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Fr. Alex Fernandes at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, 31st May 2024 at Our Lady of Good Hope Church, Candolim, followed by prayers and blessings at the grave, offered by his sorrowful family.
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Service, Margao 9823022194

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
CAITANO MANUEL GOMES
(Agxem, Curtorim)
Born: 22.11.1963 - Died: 31.05.2021
"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." - In 11: 25-28
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved CAITANO on Friday, 31st May 2024 at 6.30 am at St. Alex Church, Curtorim followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife Catarina Matos, Daughters/ sons-in-law Connie/Mario, Belmira/Stanly, Son/ daughter-in-law Franky/ Maria. Grandchildren Mayzal, Melisha & Mysha, Skyla & Schmuel, Emmanuel Gomes.
Relatives, neighbours and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Third Death Anniversary
in everloving memory of
Valentine Fernandes
Miramar
They say that time's a healer but as the time goes on, we seem to find it just as hard to face the fact you've gone. You'll NEVER be forgotten and everyday we shed a tear, but it's only because We Love You and wish you were still here
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our Beloved Valentine Fernandes on Friday 31st May 2024 at 7:30 a.m. at St. Michael Church, Taleigao
Offered by his sorrowful Wife : Claudia Fernandes
Children : Lorraine, Michelle Grandchildren & Family
Family & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In everloving memory of
MARIA AMELIA S. LUIS GONZAGA DO CARMO COSTA
EX TEACHER - ST. BOSCO'S HIGH SCHOOL, CHINCHINIM & BETHANY CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, ST. JOSE DE AREAL
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Sister AMELIA on 31st May 2024 (Tomorrow) at 8:00 am, at Our Lady of Hope Church, Chinchinim followed by prayers and blessing of the grave. A tribute of love offered by her sorrowful Brothers & Sisters Lucia, Julio, Francis, Pio, Maria / Felicio and her most affectionate niece Zena Po.
Relatives, Neighbours and Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

3rd Death Anniversary
In Loving Memory of
MANUEL FERNANDES
(Shanu)
Born: 03-08-1964 - Died: 31-05-2021
(Gotnibhat Curtorim)
God whispered your name so softly, That only you could hear. No One heard the footsteps of Angels drawing near. Heavens golden gates were open. He saw you needed rest. His garden must be beautiful now, For he only takes the best.
There will be Third Death Anniversary Mass celebrated for the soul of Manuel on 31st May 2024, at 7:30 am at St. Alex Church Curtorim. Followed by prayers at the grave Offered by beloved wife Winnie Carvalho, Children: Kerensa/ Brian Xavier, Keizer and Kenzie.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Everloving Memory Of
Ritark Jacqueline Dinah Souza Rodrigues
Porvorim, Bardez Goa.
Fondly remembered by:
Mother: Tereza J. C. Borges Souza Rodrigues
Beloved husband: Theodore C. J. Rodrigues
Loving children: Riza & Reuben Rodrigues
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Jacqueline on Friday, 31st May, 2024 at Holy Family Church, Porvorim at 7 a.m. followed by blessing of the grave.

DEATH
ALVARO JOSE MENINO VAZ
(PEDDA MARGAO)
Born: 25.03.1937 / Died: 29.05.2024
Beloved husband of Suzana Vaz (Suzie).
Loving father/father-in-law of Leslie/ Anna (USA), Linda/ Frankie (Kuwait), Lincoln/ Nancy, Lydia/ Robert, Dr. Lenin/ Vanessa.
Brother of Fidelish, Lucinda, late Marie, late Camilo & late Piedade.
Brother-in-law of Natalin, John, Robert/ Mary, Alvaro/late Patsy, Marie.
Grandfather of Queency, Andrea, Ruchel, Abigail, Vianney, Lynn, Lionel, Rilcy, Rosen, Elijah & Emmanuel.
Funeral Cortège will leave from his residence on 30.05.24 (TODAY) at 10.00 am to Our Lady of Grace Church, Margao for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial at Navelim Cemetery.
Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

DEATH
Julião Joanes F. P. Rodrigues
(Ex-Directorate of Health Services, Goa)
Born: 29-08-1951 / Died: 28-05-2024
Husband of Annie Matilda (Coelho) e Rodrigues (EX-CMM).
Father of Vidya/Deelip and Vishesh Rodrigues.
Grandfather of Aayan and Riyaan.
Son of late Ubaldo/late Geraldina Rodrigues.
Son-in-law of late Inacio Paulo/late Luiza Coelho.
Brother of late Filomeno & Felix Rodrigues.
Brother-in-law of Fr. Ivo Coelho sdb and Valentine/Anna Coelho.
Funeral Cortège will leave his residence, on Thursday, 30th May, 2024 at 2.45 p.m. for Eucharistic celebration at St. Elizabeth Church, Ucassaim, at 3.00 p.m.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

DEATH
CAETANO FRANCISCO FERNANDES
(Carmita / Salem Bhatt)
Born: 27/10/1943 / Died: 29/05/2024
Beloved husband of Maria Rodrigues.
Loving father/father-in-law of Manuel/Meena, Venacia/ Joe D'Souza, Catherine/Shean Gomes, Caetan/Jesela.
Grandfather of Joyston, Melroy, Marisca, Mural, Melanie, Catlin & Caelyn.
Funeral cortège will leave his residence at Salem Bhat at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, 30th May 2024, for Eucharistic celebration at Our Lady of Mercies Church, Mercés followed by burial.
Month's Mind Mass will be held on 05/06/2024 at 7.00 am
Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Aquila Advt. 942137777 / 942157777

Returned to the Lord
Yvette de Souza
Wife of late Frank de Souza
Mother of Sandra/Assis, Cora/Ronnie, Penny/Anand and Mark.
Grandmother of Karen/Tony, Nicholas, David, Andrew/Jen and Sarah/Peter.
Great Grandmother of Lila, Micah, and Connor.
Passed away peacefully in the USA on 27 May 2024.

LORD I AM COMING HOME
HELENA CARLOTA AZAVEDO
Santarbhath, Piedade, Divar
Born: 4/11/1931 --- Died: 29/5/2024
Relict of Late Nicolau Azavedo,
Mother/Mother-in-law of Celestine / Late Raimundo, Anthony / Livia, Diogo / Elizabeth, Manvel / Maria.
Loving Grandmother and Great Grandmother.
Funeral cortège will leave her residence at 10.30 am on Thursday 30/5/2024 for eucharistic celebration at Our Lady of Piety Church, Piedade, Divar followed by burial.
Relatives/Neighbours & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

RETURNED TO THE LORD
AVELINO PEREIRA
(Orlim)
Born: 20/06/1948 / Died: 28/05/2024
Beloved Husband of Conceicao Laurence Pereira
Father and Father-in-law of Beverley and Januario Pires, late Keshvino Pereira
Loving Grandfather of Keshvino, Kaine and Keazia.
Funeral cortège will leave his residence (Batty) Today, 30 May 2024 at 3:30 pm, followed by Mass and burial at St. Michael Church, Orlim.
Relatives, neighbours & friends please accept this as the only intimation.
Rebello Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992

RETURNED TO THE LORD
BERNARDO VAS
:- CASTELVADO, NAGOA :-
Born: 2nd August 1969 / Died: 28th May 2024
Beloved son of late Caetano / Magdalena Vas.
Husband of Benjaminita Da Cruz.
Loving father / father-in-law of Megan / Myron Fernandes, Sweetie / Lazlee D'Sa, Flecly and Conan Vas.
Brother / brother-in-law of late Pascoal / Maria, Helen / Felix, Alleluia / Filipina, Socoro / Socorina and Lourdes / Xavier.
Funeral cortège will leave the residence at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, 30th May 2024 at Our Lady of Succour and Good Success Church, Nagoa, for Eucharistic celebration at 4:00 p.m. followed by burial.
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Service, Margao 9823022194

The Confraria, Priests and Parishioners of
OUR LADY OF FATIMA, Cotto Fatorpa
deeply mourn the sad demise of our dedicated Confraria member of the church
Sebastiao Fernandes
and offer our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.
May his soul rest in peace.
Born: 25-01-1945 / Died: 29-05-2024

LORD I AM COMING HOME
CRISTALINA FERNANDES
Born: 17/10/1957 / Died: 25/05/2024
Buficas, Navelim
Beloved wife of Antonio Fernandes
Loving mother/mother-in-law of Maria/Partha, Treza/Seby, Rioman/Samantha
Dearest grandmother of Aryan & Hollyann
Affectionate sister/sister-in-law of Satira, Juliana, Succour, Antonette, Maxy, Philo/ Mafaldina.
Funeral cortège will leave her residence on Friday, 31st May 2024 at 3:45 pm to Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim, for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.
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FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
MILROY FERRAO (BEBA)
MIRANDAVADDO-SARZORA
BORN: 23.05.2006 - DIED: 31.05.2023
Memories are treasures no one can steal, death leaves a wound no one can heal. Time may hide our sadness & smile may hide our sorrows, but loving thoughts of you will last through all the years.
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Milroy (Beba) on 31.05.2024 (Friday) at 8.00 a.m. at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Sarzora followed by prayers and blessing of the grave.
Mass offered by his sorrowful family
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

UC Benaulim to final

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RAIA: UC Benaulim secured a spot in the finals of the Benaulim village inter-ward tournament by defeating Pedda Boys, 1-0, organised by VP Cana-Benaulim, at SAG ground, Vadie-Benaulim. The match began at a fast pace with Pedda Boys dominating the first half. Pedda's Yasin and Quinton constantly pressured UC Benaulim, and in the 15th minute, Josbern's powerful shot was expert-

ly tipped for a corner by UC keeper Roosevelt. Just before halftime, UC Benaulim's Osbourne took a free kick that deflected into Pedda's net, giving UC Benaulim a 1-0 lead at the break. In the second half, Pedda Boys maintained their aggressive play, but UC Benaulim's defense, led by captain Osbourne, Sanvio, and Clifford, held firm. Keeper Roosevelt made several crucial saves, earning him the man-of-the-match award and ensuring UC Benaulim's victory.

Sreebhumi FC crowned IWL2 champs

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MAPUSA: Sreebhumi FC registered a well deserved 2-0 win over Pudhuvai Unicorn-Pondichery to be crowned champs of Indian Women's League 2 Division organised by GFA held at Duler stadium, here, under floodlights. Sreebhumi FC and Pudhuvai Unicorn both having seven points came strongly into the match as only a win would help them to qualify for next season IWL 1st Division. After a barren first session, which was equally

contested, Sreebhumi managed to score twice through Rimpa Haldan (62nd) and Mousumi Murmu (87th minute) on crossing ends. Sreebhumi FC having defeated Nita Football Academy-Odisha in the league match enabled them to top the league table and promotion to IWL 1st Division Cluster. Nita Football Academy-Odisha on Tuesday defeated SAG Football Academy-Gujarat by 8-1 margin and also with 10 points, already qualified for the coming season IWL 1st Division Cluster.



The AIFF's Executive Committee member and Chairperson of AIFF's Women's League, Valanka Alemao presenting the winner's trophy to the captain of Sreebhumi FC, who topped the Indian Women's League 2 and qualified for Indian Women's League Division One alongwith Nita FA Academy of Odisha at Duler stadium, Mapusa, on Tuesday. GFA's Anthony Pango, Caetano Fernandes, Uday Lingudkar and Maymol are also seen

9-a-side inter-ward soccer at Curtorim
RAIA: Sporting club of Virabhat will organise their 9-a-side inter-ward football tournament from June 3, at the St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, from 5 pm onward. A total of 18 teams will participate in the tournament.

TODAY'S SPORTS

Candolim Panchayat cup (finals): Candolim SC vs United Club of Verna, at Dr Gustavo Monteiro ground, Candolim, at 4.30 pm
1st Benaulim village inter-ward football tournament (semi-final): Good Angels Sports Arena vs Holy Cross, Vaddie, at SAG ground, Vaddie-Benaulim, at 5 pm

Dempo SC emerge U-17 Div 1 football champions

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MARGAO: Dominating in both the sessions, Dempo Sports Club defeated Sesa Football Academy, 4-0, to emerge champion of the GFA U-17 Division 1 football tournament, played at Sirsaim football ground, on Wednesday. Leading by 2-0 at the breather - Kayden Faleiro gave lead to Dempo's in the 31st minute. Ashon Vaz inflated the lead in the first minute



of the injury time of the first half. Dempo SC dominated the second session and scored two more goals in the 60th & 73rd minute through Krutik Gaekwad and Tanuj Singh.

Four-year doping ban for cyclist

AFP, PARIS: Colombia's Miguel Angel Lopez has been banned from cycling for four years over a possession and use offence dating from shortly prior to the 2022 Giro d'Italia, the International Cycling Union (UCI) said on Wednesday. The 30-year-old is one of Colombia's best loved cyclists and is nicknamed 'Superman' after he beat up a gang of bike thieves as a junior rider.

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Indebted to the sport, my team: Chhetri

PTI, KOLKATA: Approaching his international retirement, Indian football talisman Sunil Chhetri on Wednesday said he remains indebted to his teammates, and the sport, for helping him become one of the country's greatest players. The Indian team arrived in the city for the 2026 FIFA World Cup Qualifier against Kuwait on June 6, which will be the 39-year-old Chhetri's final outing in the blue jersey. All eyes were on the goal-machine as the players exited the airport. "These last few days, I've been caught in a bit of a dilemma. Now that there's a number to my days with the national team, what's the right route to take - do I count every day, every training session? Or do I simply turn up without the thought of how this is coming to an end?" said Chhetri. Chhetri, who has scored 94 goals from 150 international appearances, said he is counting his blessings every day. "Over time, I seemed to have found middle ground.

They say, count your blessings. And every single day I get to be on the pitch is a blessing that I've never taken for granted. "So I've decided to count my sessions, but with a deep sense of gratitude. There's no apprehension. Instead, there's a feeling of being indebted to the sport, to my team, that I get to do this. "If I could, I would capture this feeling in a box. Or instead, I'll take it to my next training session." Any India match in the City of Joy draws much fanfare. However, this is not just any international game. Earn three points, and the Blue Tigers will take a giant leap towards a first-ever appearance in Round 3 of the FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifiers, while also inching closer to automatic qualification for the AFC Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2027. Chhetri had earlier this month announced that June 6 will be his last appearance in the international arena.

Goa girls team secure joint 3rd place



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PANJIM: The Goa girls team secured joint 3rd place in the 29th Sub-Junior National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship, held at Kalol, Gujarat, recently.

SUB-JUNIOR NATIONAL TENNIS BALL CRICKET

In the semi-finals, Goa faced Uttar Pradesh (UP) and lost by 3 wickets. Batting first, Goa posted a score of 41/4 in 6 overs, with Pratiksha Kerkar scor-

ing 17 runs and Sanvi Pagi adding 12 runs. UP chased the target, scoring 42/5 in 5.3 overs. Pratiksha Kerkar took 2 wickets for 17 runs, while Purva Gaude took 2 wickets for 13 runs. Pratiksha Kerkar was awarded the best player of the championship. **Championship results girls:** Champions: Uttar Pradesh Runners-up: Purvanchal Third place: Goa and Rajasthan In the boys' category: Champions: Uttar



Pratiksha Kerkar was awarded best player of the championship at the 29th Sub-Junior National Tennis Ball Cricket

Janasena clinch Maratha Cup 2024



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CANACONA: Janasena secured a remarkable victory in the 10th Maratha Trophy 2024, part of the Canacona Taluka League Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament organised by Young Maratha Dele. This win marks their second triumph of

the month, following their success in the Dhuri Rolling Trophy 2024. In the final match, Janasena won the toss and opted to bowl first. Their strategy paid off as Munna's incisive bowling, supported by Ganesh and Gaurav, decimated the Young Maratha team's lineup. The Young Maratha team managed to score 65/8

in 6 overs, with Uday Shet contributing 39 runs. Chasing the target, Janasena's timely batting, led by Pratik Pagi with 28 runs and Lewis with 17 runs, secured the win in just 3.3 overs with 8 wickets to spare. Lewis Barreto was awarded man-of-the-series and best bowler, while Munna Bhagat received the

man-of-the-match award. Akhil Desai was recognised as the best batsman of the tournament. The winning team was awarded Rs 50,000 in cash and the Maratha Trophy, while the runner-up team received Rs 25,000 and a cup. MS Rising claimed third place in the tournament.

Barcelona hire Hansi Flick as coach

AFP, BARCELONA (Spain): Barcelona appointed former Bayern Munich and Germany boss Hansi Flick as coach on Wednesday on a deal which runs till June 2026, after sacking Xavi Hernandez last week. "FC Barcelona and

Hansi Flick have reached an agreement for the German to become men's first team football coach until 30 June 2026," the club said in a statement. "The new coach has signed a contract at the Club's offices accompanied by FC Barcelona president

Joan Laporta." Flick, who led German giants Bayern to a historic sextuple of trophies in 2020, became the first coach ever to be sacked by the German national team in September 2023 after a string of bad results. However, Barcelona believe they have secured the services of a "champion coach".

Kompany is new Bayern coach

AFP, MUNICH (GERMANY): Bayern Munich's long search to fill their vacant head coaching position is over with the German giants naming Vincent Kompany as manager in a shock move on Wednesday. The 38-year-old Belgian, a surprise choice with his Burnley side relegated from the Premier League this season, has penned a three-year deal at the Allianz Arena. Burnley will reportedly receive \$13 million in compensation for allowing their manager to leave.

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(Arjuna Awardee / Former India Captain)
Guest of Honour: Smt Amalina Dias
(Dy. Sarpanch of Village Panchayat Candolim)

India train in 'Big Apple': Getting used to cooler temperatures, playing white-ball games in morning

PTI, NEW YORK: After two months of intense competitive cricket under night lights, the Indian cricket team, sans Virat Kohli, began its preparations for the T20 World Cup with a morning training session here, keeping in mind the 10.30 am starts for all its preliminary games.

Kohli took a break for personal work after RCB's IPL ouster and in all likelihood, he will join the squad by Friday.

But it is not clear if he would be able to take part in the only warm-up game against Bangladesh on Saturday after a long flight.

Having played 90 per cent of the matches under lights in the scorching Indian summer, the idea would be to adjust to pleasant mornings where temperatures will hover between 25 to 27 degree celsius with very less humidity.

A white kookaburra in slightly windy mornings could be a challenge and to be prepared for that, the severely jet-lagged bodies need to get used to morning conditions.

And this is why the support staff, before initiating the skills training (net sessions) on the practice pitches at a ground on the outskirts of the city, have decided to



Indian cricket team players during a training session for the T20 World Cup in New York. (right) Captain Rohit Sharma plays football during a training session

help the players acclimatise with the conditions.

With 14 players checking in, there was light jogging, routine shuttle runs, and a bit of foot volley to get into the groove.

"They have been away two and half months from us and getting to know where they stand and what needs to be done before the World Cup is the goal. The

(first) goal is to spend 45 minutes in the heat to get going." Strength and Conditioning coach Soham Desai told bcci.tv.

"We came in the day before yesterday and we just eased into our routines here, the players are just getting used to the time zone. Today we are having our first ground session," he added.

As far as the players are

concerned, there is an element of curiosity about playing cricket in New York.

The Indian teams, over the years, have played primarily in Florida at the Fort Lauderdale ground during their tours of the West Indies.

"First time we are going to play cricket in New York, it's going to be fun," all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja said. "We have not yet played



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cricket, came here for a team activity today. Hopefully, it will be good. The weather is really good, so we are looking forward to it."

Skipper Rohit Sharma's deputy Hardik Pandya seemed excited with the "bright sunshine" and "good vibes" while Suryakumar Yadav wanted to know more about the diaspora's cricket interests.

"I heard cricket is growing here in the US. So we are really excited and the first day here was amazing, so very excited for the few days coming up," Surya stated.

India, the 2007 T20 World Cup champions, will start their campaign here on June 5 against Ireland, followed by the big game against arch-rivals Pakistan on June 9.

Nothing new, it's just a shame: ABD laments racial quota chatter around SA squad

PTI, NEW DELHI: A B de Villiers is not surprised that just days before South Africa renews its quest for an elusive World Cup, the talk back home is all about racial quota in the team.

It's a rinse-and-repeat sort of situation and de Villiers, who retired in 2018, is glad that he is a mere spectator to the situation now.

"...it's a shame going into a tournament to have the focus on that. I mean it's nothing new, it's just a shame," lamented one of the greats of South African cricket.

"Luckily this time around, I've had nothing to do with anything over there. I'm just a spectator," the 40-year-old said in an interaction with PTI facilitated by 'Jio Cinema'.

The cause of outrage is the presence of just one black player in the squad

for the T20 showpiece that will take place in the Americas from June 1.

Considered the perennial bridesmaids, who tend to choke in crunch situations, South Africa somehow are always in the pre-tournament favourites bracket without actually living up to the tag.

And having a deeply divisive topic take centre-stage just days before they begin their campaign is a far-from-ideal build-up for a country that has a troubled past when it comes to race relations. The Proteas will start off against the Netherlands in New York on June 8.

Over the course of a season, six players of colour are required to be in the South Africa playing eleven including two from the black African community as per the policy introduced in 2016.

Selector, head coach take field for 9-man Australia in warm-up

PTI, PORT OF SPAIN: A short-handed Australia called on a national selector and backroom staff to make up the numbers in a Twenty20 World Cup warm-up match - and still easily beat Namibia.

Veteran opening batsman David Warner led the way in Trinidad on Tuesday following a poor Indian Premier League by his high standards.

Despite having four support staff deployed as substitute fielders at one stage, Australia restricted the team ranked 14th in the world to 119-9 at Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain.

Warner then punished the Namibians with an unbeaten 54 off 21 balls to guide Australia, who will be one of the favourites when the World Cup begins on Saturday, to a seven-wicket win. Mitchell Marsh's side

only had nine of their World Cup squad because Pat Cummins, Travis Head, Marcus Stoinis, Mitchell Starc, Glenn Maxwell and Cameron Green are all enjoying time at home following the IPL.

In their absence, chief selector George Bailey - a 41-year-old former Australia captain - and 46-year-old fielding coach Andre Borovec initially took to the field after Marsh won the toss and decided to bowl, Cricket Australia said.

They were joined by batting coach Brad Hodge and head coach Andrew McDonald when Marsh and pace bowler Josh Hazlewood spent time off the field.

Australia are expected to again be short of numbers for their second warm-up game, on Thursday against the West Indies.

India hold top spot in ICC rankings heading into T20 World Cup

PTI, DUBAI: Inaugural T20 World Cup winners India held the top spot in the men's T20I team rankings ahead of the upcoming edition of the tournament, which the West Indies and USA are co-hosting from June 1-29. India have 264 rating points.

Two-time champions West Indies have moved up to fourth position, their players showing some great form ahead of the T20 showpiece.

The winners of the 2012 and 2016 editions of the tournament are ahead of New Zealand and South Africa after their 3-0 win over South Africa, who were pushed down to seventh position in the list led by India.

2021 champions Australia are second with 257 points, defending champions England third with 254 points and the West Indies two points behind them on 252. New Zealand are on 250

while Pakistan and South Africa are both on 244 points with Pakistan slightly ahead on decimal points.

The West Indies players too have reaped the benefits of their superb performances in the home series not long before their tournament opener against Papua New Guinea in Guyana on June 2.

Opening batter Brandon King is up five places to eighth position after topping the series aggregate with 159 runs and Johnson Charles, who hammered 69 off 26 balls to be named Player of the Match in the third T20I, is up 17 places to 20th.

Kyle Mayers is another batter to move up, gaining 12 places to reach 31st position with an aggregate of 102 runs while left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie has advanced a whopping 84 places to 27th after finishing with eight wickets in the series.

Only Bumrah is executing yorkers consistently: Lee



PTI, NEW DELHI: Legendary Australia speedster Brett Lee feels apart from Jasprit Bumrah, pacers are failing to nail yorkers effectively in the death overs and he wants them to master the pivotal delivery.

Bumrah is one of the most complete bowlers in world cricket at the moment. He can bowl wicket-taking deliveries without leaking runs but the most lethal weapon in his armoury is his toe-crushing yorker, which he, more often than not, executes perfectly in the death overs.

"On a general rule, other than Bumrah, we haven't seen enough fast bowlers nailing their yorkers recently."

"I want to see fast bowlers bowl more yorkers. I still don't reckon they execute enough yorkers at the death," Lee said at the launch of the Legends Intercontinental T20 league recently.

With the recently concluded IPL featuring scores in excess of 200 regularly, Lee believes the fast bowlers would be more economical had they nailed yorkers.

"If you look back at 17 years of Indian Premier League, on average a yorker goes for a strike rate of less than 100. Which tells me that one run or less per bowler that's executed."

"Now, when you bowl a yorker and you've got guys who can go down and scoop you over the head, well that puts pressure on you as a bowler."

"You've got to set in the right field and put two men back, third man fine and back and then bowl," Lee added.

As T20 cricket progresses, the game is tilting more and more towards the batters. With the 'Impact Player Rule' and flat decks, bowlers struggled in the IPL.

Djokovic shrugs off troubles in winning start

Alcaraz battles on at rain-lashed French Open

AFP, PARIS (France): Defending champion Novak Djokovic shrugged off his recent troubles to sweep to his 93rd career win at the French Open on Tuesday, extending his run of first round Roland Garros victories to a perfect 20.

Djokovic, chasing a fourth title in Paris and record 25th Grand Slam triumph, came through against 142nd-ranked French wildcard Pierre-Hugues Herbert 6-4, 7-6 (7/3), 6-4.

The 37-year-old, who saw career-long rival and 14-time champion Rafael Nadal exit the tournament on Monday, had arrived under a cloud.

For the first time since 2018, he is without a title and has yet to reach a final this season.

He has also endured recent misfortunes being accidentally hit on the head by a metal water bottle in Rome and then suffering stomach problems in Geneva.

On Wednesday, Carlos Alcaraz needed four sets to reach the third round as persistent rain caused widespread disruption to the tournament.

Alcaraz weathered a third-set blip against world number 176 Jesper de Jong before the Spaniard came through 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 under the roof on Court Philippe Chatrier.

Former French Open finalist Stefanos Tsitsipas reached the last 32 for the sixth straight year with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (2/7), 6-4 win over Germany's Daniel Altmaier.

Sofia Kenin, runner-up in 2020, became the first woman through to round three after dispatching French number one Car-



oline Garcia 6-3, 6-3 as play on all but the main two courts was called off for the day around 1500 GMT.

The action on Court Simonne Mathieu and the other outside courts had been interrupted for five hours since just before midday local time before the decision came to call off 23 singles matches.

Eighth seed Ons Jabeur overcame Colombia's Camila Osorio in three sets in the other completed second-round tie.

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Sindhu, Prannoy enter second round, Lakshya loses in Singapore Open

SINGAPORE: Star shuttlers PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy progressed to the second round but Lakshya Sen went down fighting to world No. 1 Viktor Axelsen at the Singapore Open Super 750 Badminton Tournament here on Wednesday. Sindhu had last won a BWF title at Singapore two years back and she entered the tournament after signing off with a runner-up finish at Thailand Open last week. Up against world no. 21 Line Hojmark Kjaersfeldt of Denmark, the Indian registered a 21-12 22-20 win in a 44-minute opening round encounter to set up a mouth-watering battle against Rio Olympic champion Carolina Marin of Spain. World No. 10 Prannoy then quelled a spirited challenge from Julien Carraggi, ranked 45, of Belgium 21-9 18-21 21-9 to set up a meeting with Japan's Kenta Nishimoto next. Commonwealth Games bronze medallist pair of Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand notched up a 21-7 21-14 win over Cheng Yu-Pei and Sun Yu Hsing of Chinese Taipei to make a good start in women's doubles. However world No. 14 Lakshya, who will be making his Olympic debut at the Paris Games, fought hard but went out of steam after the change of ends in the decider to go down 13-21 21-16 13-21 in 62 minutes against Axelsen, who won his first title of the season at Thailand Open last week. Kidambi Srikanth's opening round match ended in agony as he retired due to a knee injury after lagging 14-21 3-11 against Japan's fifth seed Kodai Naraoka. In other results, Olympic-bound women's combination of Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponnappa lost 21-18 19-21 19-21 to Ukraine's Polina Buhrova and Yevheniia Kantemir, while men's pair of Krishna Prasad Garage and Sai Pratheek K suffered a 16-21 22-24 loss to second seeded Chinese Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang.

Vaishali beats Humpy to move into sole lead at Norway chess; Praggnanandhaa loses

STAVANGER (NORWAY): India's R Vaishali came up with a stupendous effort to beat compatriot Koneru Humpy and jump into sole lead in the women's section of the Norway chess tournament here. With each victory under classical time control worth three points, Vaishali got an early advantage moving to four points after the second round and her first-round loss against Wenjun Ju of China under faster time control does not matter so much right now. India's third and latest Grandmaster among women, Vaishali with four points is at the helm followed by the Chinese duo of Tingjie Lei and Ju, Anna Muzychuk of Ukraine and Pia Cramling of Sweden share the fourth spot in the six-players double round robin event, while Humpy currently is languishing at the bottom on 1.5 points. In the men's section, World number one Magnus Carlsen emerged as the sole leader on another day that had only Armageddon to decide the winners.

India bids to host Gukesh-Liren World Chess Championship match

NEW DELHI: India has submitted its bid to host the much-anticipated World Chess Championship clash between teen sensation D Gukesh and defending champion Ding Liren of China in November-December this year. The 17-year-old Gukesh became the youngest ever challenger for the world title by winning the Candidates Tournament last month. He will face Liren between November 20 to December 15 in Chennai if the country gets the hosting rights. The bid has been submitted by the Tamil Nadu government. "We have received the bid from India," Chess' global governing body FIDE CEO Emil Sutovsky told PTI. As of now, FIDE hasn't received any other bids but the deadline to enter the race is May 31. It is learnt that Singapore is expected to compete with India but has not yet officially submitted the bid documents.

Boxing World Qualifiers: Ankushita, Nishant seal quarterfinal spots, Arundhati advances

BANGKOK: Former world youth champion Ankushita Boro (60kg) and Nishant Dev (71kg) registered comfortable victories to reach quarterfinals of the second Boxing World Olympic Qualifiers here on Wednesday. National champion Arundhati Choudhary (66kg) also registered a convincing win to advance to the pre-quarterfinals. Boro was up against Asian champion Rimma Volosenko of Kazakhstan. But the Indian wasn't bothered by the stature of her opponent as she went for her punches from Round 1 and never really looked in trouble throughout the bout to earn a 4-1 verdict. World championships bronze medallist Nishant was clinical in his 5-0 demolition of Thailand's Peerapat Yeasungnoen to reach the last eight stage.

AIFF Futsal Club Championship from June 22-July 5

NEW DELHI: The All India Football Federation's Futsal Club Championship 2023-24 will be held at Swarnim Gujarat Sports University from June 22 to July 5 in Gujarat. The draw was conducted at the Football House here on Wednesday. In total, 18 teams will participate in the championship. The Groups are as follows: Group A: Millat FC, Sports Odisha, Classic Football Academy, Corbett FC, Mohammedan SC. Group B: Electric Veng Futsal Club, Bangalore Arrows FC, Satvir Football Club, Goal Hunterz FC, Minerva Academy FC. Group C: Baroda Football Academy, FC Thyrstior, Speed Force FC, Guwahati City FC, Ambeim Sports Club. Group D: JCT Football Academy, Golazo Football Club, Casa Berwani Soccer, Delhi FC.

Arundhati advances to pre-quarters, Narender bows out of Olympic qualifiers

BANGKOK: Reigning national champion Arundhati Choudhary registered a convincing victory to move to the 66kg pre-quarterfinals while Asian Games bronze medallist Narender Berwal (+92kg) bowed out of the second Boxing World Olympic Qualifiers here on Wednesday. While Choudhary won by a 5-0 unanimous decision against Stephanie Pieneiro of Puerto Rico, Berwal went down 2-3 to Ecuador's Gerlon Gilmar Congo Chala.

Indian junior men's hockey team suffers heart-breaking loss to Germany

MONCHENGLADBACH (Germany): The Indian junior men's hockey team went down 2-3 to Germany in a match that went down to the final minute on its Europe tour. Yogamber Rawat and Gurjot Singh scored for the India on Tuesday. India will play their final match of the Europe tour against Germany in Breda, Netherlands on Wednesday.

England, Pakistan T20 World Cup preparations blighted by fresh wash-out

CARDIFF: England and Pakistan's Twenty20 World Cup preparations were again dented by bad weather as the third international in Cardiff on Tuesday was abandoned without a ball being bowled. The woeful scenes in the Welsh capital followed another complete washout in the first of this four-match T20 series at Headingley. England remain 1-0 up with one to play at The Oval on Thursday.