



6 months on, probe into painter's electrocution remains unresolved

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## 63 cheating cases, but no paper leak: **NTA on NEET-UG**

**NEW DELHI:** Sixty-three cases of students using unfair means were reported in NEET-UG out of whom 23 have been debarred for varying periods, NTA officials said on Wednesday, but reiterated there has been no paper leak and the sanctity of the medical entrance exam hasn't been compromised. The result of the remaining 40 candidates who were found using unfair means have been withheld, NTA DG

# 42 Indians among 49 dead in Kuwait building blaze

■ 50 OTHERS INJURED ■ PM MODI REVIEWS SITUATION INDIAN MINISTER TO OVERSEE ASSISTANCE TO INJURED, **ENSURE EARLY RETURN OF WORKERS MORTAL REMAINS** 

## PTI

## **NEW DELHI**

Over 40 Indians were killed and more than 50 others injured after a devastating fire broke out at dawn in a building housing around 195 migrant workers in southern Kuwait's Mangaf area, officials said on Wednesday. The total number of people

killed in the Al-Mangaf building was 49 and 42 of them are learnt to be Indians; the remaining ones are Pakistani,

**THE TRAGEDY** 

## The total number of people killed in the Al-Mangaf building was 49 and 42 of them are learnt to be Indians; the remaining ones are Pakistani, Filipino, Egyptian and Nepali nationals

The fire in Al-Mangaf building was reported to authorities in Al-Ahmadi

governorate at 4.30 am and most of the deaths were due to smoke inhalation

mortal remains of those killed.

The official statement said Modi wished speedy recovery of those injured and directed that the government of India should extend all possible assistance.

"The fire mishap in Kuwait City is saddening. My thoughts are with all those who have lost their near and dear ones. I pray that the injured recover at the earliest. The Indian Embassy in Kuwait is closely monitoring the situation and working with the authorities there to assist the affected," Modi said on X earlier.

Child in trouble: Chinchinim parents get fraudulent calls

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Fear and anxiety has gripped the parents of school going children from Chinchinim village since they have started receiving calls inviting them for settlement on the plea their wards have landed in trouble. While the callers claim they belong to the police force, a couple of calls made by the parents on the numbers revealed that the call might have

originated from Pakistan. The modus operandi adopted by the callers is the same in all cases – that their children are caught in a big problem and with a plea to come for a settlement.

At least 4-5 parents are believed to have received similar calls, but sources said no parent had gone in for any settlement with the callers. The callers are believed to be calling in Hindi with the parents, raising enough suspicions how come the local police have suddenly started speaking in Hindi. In one instance, a parent is believed to have told the caller that he was presently near a police station, forcing the caller to disconnect the call. Chinchinim village Sarpanch Valentino Barretto has

## KRC pulls chain on bike rental plan, scraps e-tender

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MARGAO The Konkan Railway Corporation has backtracked on its controversial decision to start rent-a-bike facility at its seven railway stations across Goa and outside with the Corporation announcing its decision

to scrap the e-tender. KRC senior official Baban Ghatge told the media on Wednesday that the Corporation has scrapped the e-tender which was scheduled to be opened on June 18. He said a decision to this effect has been taken by the Konkan Railway management in view of the opposition from many quarters, and in view of the

is had arranged meetings at the Margao railway station, besides meetings at Benaulim and other places to demand scrapping of the KR e-tender. Political parties including Goa Forward, the Aam Aadmi Party and others had taken up cudgels on behalf of the tourism stakeholders eking a livelihood on rent-a-bike and rent-a-taxi business, by demanding that the Goa government get the Konkan Railway scrap the controversial tender.



opposition from many quarters, and in view of the stand of the Goa government should not go in for the facility at the railway station," — Baban Ghatge, KRC senior official

Subodh Kumar Singh said.

## **One duped of ₹4.7L** by fake CBI officials

PANAJI: Two fraudsters posing as CBI officials duped a resident of Chimbel to the tune of Rs 4.7 lakh. The two fake CBI officials got in touch with the resident and got him to deposit Rs 4.7 lakh in their account, after claiming to have evidence that the person was involved in drugs and human trafficking.

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## Gold worth ₹7L burgled from house

**MARGAO:** A major burglary has been reported at Colva village wherein miscreants are reported to have decamped with gold ornaments worth around Rs 7-10 lakh. » See pg 2

## **Rider dies of injuries** in Usgao mishap

PONDA: A 49-year-old scooter rider from Anmod but residing at Tisk-Usgao succumbed to injuries after he was involved in a mishap at Usgao on Tuesday night. » See pg 3

## Naidu sworn in as **Andhra Pradesh CM**

**AMARAVATI:** TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for a fourth term on Wednesday at a ceremony that was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, senior BJP leaders and Union Ministers. » See pg 7

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Filipino, Egyptian and Nepali nationals, they said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who described the fire incident as "saddening", reviewed the situation arising out of it at a meeting with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, NSA Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra and Principal Secretary to the PM PK Mishra among others. An official statement said

Modi expressed deep sorrow at the "unfortunate incident" and extended condolences to

Most of the Indian victims are from Kerala

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

An emergency helpline (+965-65505246) was set up by the Indian Embassy in Kuwait to assist and provide updates

the families of the deceased. He also announced an ex-gratia relief of Rs 2 lakh to each of the families of the deceased Indian nationals from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund. Minister of State for Exter-

nal Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh is urgently travelling to Kuwait following a direction from the prime minister primarily to oversee assistance to Indians injured in the fire and to ensure early repatriation of

Jaishankar also expressed deep shock over the incident and said the Indian embassy in the Gulf nation will render the "fullest assistance" to all concerned.

Officials said most of the Indian victims are from Kerala. The fire in Al-Mangaf building was reported to authorities in Al-Ahmadi

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should not go in for the renta-bike facility at the railway station.

stand of the Goa government

The Konkan Railway's decision, which was announced by KR Chairman Santosh Kumar Jha during his visit to Margao last month, had kicked up a huge storm with local tourism stakeholders engaged in rent-a-car and renta-bike business, expressed apprehensions over the move, fearing the decision will only displace the locals from the business.

In fact, rent-a-bike and tax-

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## **Plea in High Court** opposing Deltin project in Dhargal **SEEKS QUASHING OF PERMISSIONS**

## FOR LAND CONVERSION

## THE PETITION

## PANAJI

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Challenging the conversion Changing the land use of of more than 3.83 lakh square the said land parcels to metres of land falling in the Commercial (C4 accordcommand area of the Tillari iring to the Conversion rigation project for the benefit Sanad) and removing their agricultural uses will of the Deltin Town Integrated lead to extinguishing their Resort Complex at Dhargalim village and declaring it as an potential for irrigation investment promotion area, and/or cultivation, which activists Swapnesh Sherlekar is in contradiction to the and Rohidas Harmalkar have purpose and interest of the approached the Bombay High Command Areas, besides Court at Goa to quash the perbeing illegal, as there was no Command Area Develmissions for the project as unopment Board constituted constitutional. In a writ petition filed beat the time of granting NOC/Permission

fore the High Court at Goa, the duo pointed out that back in 2015, the Secretary (Water Resources) and Chief Executive of Command Area Development Board for TIP (Tillari Ir-

## Environmental concerns: NIO named to survey **Candolim beach** THE GOAN | NETWORK

## PANAJI

The Bombay High Court at Goa has recommended a survey by the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) of a portion of Candolim beach following allegations of environmental damage due to the construction of the Beach Club and Resort.

The Bench of Justice M S Karnik and Justice Valmiki Menezes has asked for a report to be submitted within three weeks, providing suggestions for the restoration of the sandy stretches after the site inspection takes place. This order was pronounced during the hearing of a Public Interest Litigation.

"Considering the suggestions of the petitioners that there is now a better scientific method of accelerating the sand accretion process as suggested by NIO in the aforementioned paper, we deem it appropriate to request the The petitioners further Director, National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula to depute any Scientific Officer from the Institute, familiar

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pointed out that all the Survey rigation Project) notified a De-Numbers listed as per the envelopment Scheme Command vironmental clearance for the Area Development and Water project also appear in the list Management Program cover-Continued on P5 ing several villages under dif-

ferent talukas in Goa.

THE ENHANCED CURRICULUM

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## *Class IX students, teachers to brave longer hours with NEP's interdisciplinary focus*

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## PANAJI

s students and teachers of Class IX are learning to adapt to the National Education Policy (NEP) that entails extended instructional hours, several schools at the preparatory and middle school levels are already preparing to adapt to the new system. The students of Class IX now

have full schooling, focusing on interdisciplinary areas, vocational subjects, and practicals twice per week from 2:15 pm to 4:10 pm. The remedial classes will also be held during extended hours beyond

The students of Class IX now have full schooling, focusing on interdisciplinary areas, vocational subjects, and practicals twice per week from 2:15 pm to 4:10 pm The remedial classes will also be held during extended hours beyond the already slotted extra days Authorities have offered two options to the schools – five days a week consisting of

the already slotted extra days. seven and half hours per day Details with The Goan reveal or six days a week containing that authorities have offered six and half hours daily. All two options to the schools – this will be based on working five days a week consisting of hours or 39 hours per week.

The schools have some flexibility to start morning classes later, although the

seven and half hours per day or six days a

All this will be based on working hours or

The schools have some flexibility to start

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morning assembly and prayer, will remain

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39 hours per week

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## **GCZMA AT SEA OVER CRZ VIOLATIONS** COASTAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEMBER SECRETARY SAYS HE IS 'NOT AWARE' OF NGT 2021 ORDER ON DEALING WITH ILLEGALITIES

**GUILHERME ALMEIDA** THE GOAN | MARGAO

Has the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZ-MA) put in place an effective mechanism to advance the rule of law to rein in the Coastal Zone Regulation (CRZ) violations? Whether any inventory has been prepared in respect of the structures that have come up in violation of CRZ based on an independent annual survey? And, whether the inventory has been updated periodically to avoid selective action against the CRZ violations?

Or, is it simply that the GCZMA is working on the basis of complaints against illegal structures and that large number of illegal structures continue to exist inspite of the High Court directions issued in 2007?

Well, the Principal Bench of the National Green Tribunal, New Delhi had made these observations and issued directions to the GCZ-MA, while upholding the GCZMA demolition order of a restaurant and rejecting an appeal petition of a Colva-based restaurant owner in June 2021.



Photo of Goa's coastline for representational purpose only.

## **NGT'S OBSERVATIONS IN ORDER DATED JUNE 29, 2021**

We may add that GCZMA appears to be working only on the basis of complaints against illegal structures and large number of illegal structures continue to exist inspite of directions of the High Court noted in para 2 above

It may be desirable to have an inventory prepared in respect of such structures based on an independent annual survey, to be updated periodically to avoid selective action against the violations of the CRZ

An effective monitoring mechanism needs to be set up by GCZMA to advance the rule of law

The appeal is dismissed except for the observations in para 7 which may be conveyed to the GCZMA by sending a copy of this order by mail

ments with structures in vio-Exactly three years down the line, NGT's observations lation of the CRZ norms.

and directions may come When The Goan called up back to haunt the GCZMA as GCZMA Member Secretary well as the activists waging Johnson Fernandes to shed a sustained battle to protect light on the NGT's 2021 order asking the coastal man-

agement authority to set up a mechanism to deal with the rising number of CRZ violations, the senior official feigned ignorance about the NGT order. In fact, he pointed out that he has assumed office of the GCZMA only last year, adding "May be the NGT has issued the order when some other official was presiding over the Authority".

Social activist Judith Almeida, however, was not ready to buy the argument advanced by the GCZMA Member Secretary. "May be the incumbent GCZMA had assumed office only last year, while the NGT had passed the order in June 2021. But, I would like to point out that the NGT Principal bench had made a pointed remark that the observations made in the order is conveyed to the GCZ-MA by sending a copy of the order by mail. This only goes to show that the NGT did not simply make the observations, but wanted the GCZMA to put a mechanism in place to rein in the CRZ violations and violators", Judith said. She added: "An inventory of the CRZ structures based

on an independent annual

## Many demolition orders passed by GCZMA not executed: Activist

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What stops the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) from razing down CRZ structures when the Appellate authority conducts the proceedings without staying the order of demolition? This point was orally made by a Bench of the National

Green Tribunal while disposing off an appeal concerning a CRZ structure in Sernabatim-Colva, throwing up a moot question whether the GCZMA should wait for

survey as observed by the

NGT would have maintained

a check on the mushroom-

ing CRZ structures and viola-

tions. If the GCZMA member

secretary says he is not aware

of the NGT order dated June

28, 2021, I will hand over a

copy of the order to the GCZ-

the finality of the legal proceedings when the appellate authorities does not stay the demolition order. Social activist Judith

Almeida said the NGT observations are significant and assumes significance when many a demolition order passed by the GCZMA is not taken to the logical conclusion when there's no stay on the demolition order.

"As far as I know, there will be a couple of orders which have not been taken to the logical conclusion on the plea the parties have ap-

MA".

The NGT's observations assumed significance and comes against the backdrop of the fact that action, whenever it is taken, is initiated only when a complaint is lodged with the GCZMA.

"We may add that GCZMA

the demolition. But, the recent observation made by the NGT bench while disposing of an appeal in the Sernabatim CRZ violation case shows that the demolitions are not executed when there is no stay", she said. GCZMA Member Secretary, Johnson Fernandes,

proached the NGT or the High

Court with an appeal against

however, has begged to differ. "Whenever the GCZMA passes an order for demolition, the order is sent to the authorities, including the deputy Collector and the demolition squad for execution. When the party against whom an order is passed for demolition goes in appeal but gets no stay, it is for the deputy Collector or the demolition squad to take our orders to the logical conclusion", Johnson said.

Judith, however, has demanded to know whether the GCZMA does the regular follow up with the deputy collector's office on the status of the demolition and why the demolition is dragging on despite an order passed by the Authority.

appears to be working only on the basis of complaints against illegal structures and large number of illegal structures continue to exist inspite of directions of the High Court", the NGT Principal Bench had observed. Judith questioned: "Will

the GCZMA and other government authorities remain silent spectators to the CRZ violations if no complaint is filed by the citizens? This is exactly the reason why the NGT had mooted an effective monitoring mechanism to advance the rule of law".

## Probe ordered into LDC diverting MMC's ₹17.44 lakh into personal account

Citizens, Council chief push for swift recovery of fest fair revenue

## THE GOAN | NETWORK

## MARGAO

A day after suspending the LDC for defaulting in depositing revenue amounting to Rs 17.44 lakh into the Municipal treasury, Margao Municipal Chief Officer Gaurish Sankhwalkar has ordered a probe, but the million dollar question that has come to haunt the civic body -- how to recover the money from the erring staffer?

For, there's clamour from the citizens as well as from the Council chief Damu Shirodkar for the recovery of the amount at the earliest.

Questions are also being raised whether the probe ordered by the Chief Officer will not only come out with the exact reality how the money was collected by the LDC in his account, but the role of officials who are supposed to keep a track of the revenue collection.

The MMC Chief Officer told The Goan that he has asked Municipal engineer Deepak Desai to conduct an inquiry into the episode how the LDC transferred the revenue from the Purumentachem fest fair into his account and how the episode escaped the attention of the officials.

To a question, the Chief Officer said the it has now

## MMC chief blames revenue diversion on failure of civic body administration

"I am not blaming anyone,

but the incident only goes to

show there is lack of admin-

istration at the Margao Civic

body. This is the first time

in the MMC history that rev-

enue amounting to lakhs of

funds have been diverted

into a private account of a

staff. Is this the way a Chief

Officer will run the adminis-

tration. This shows there is

no administration", he said.

media that he had put up a

The Chairperson told the

into the incident.

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the coast from encroach-

## MARGAO

Margao Municipal Chairperson Damu Shirodkar on Wednesday said the failure by the LDC to deposit the revenue from the Purumentachem fest fair to the failure of the administration in the civic body. In fact, Shirodkar has told

the Chief Officer Gaurish Sankhwalkar to immediately recover the revenue from the LDC, saying mere suspension of the staffer will not bring the revenue back to the Civic body.

The Civic Chief said he note to the Chief Officer on Monday to give a report on would write a letter to the Chief Minister, Urban Develthe incident within 48 hours,

come to light that the LDC owes around Rs 17.44 lakh to the civic body. "I have told the LDC to deposit the amount in the Municipal treasury immediately before the civic body goes for criminal proceedings", he said.

Asked what are the options left with the Municipal council in respect of the recovery of the huge amount when the

opment Minister and Chief saying the CO has not sub-Secretary to order a probe mitted any report.

Insisting on the recovery of the revenue, the CP said he would not leave anyone, saying he would take legal recourse in the matter. "The revenue from the stalls at the fair is normally collected by the market inspectors. This time, the LDC took the charge to collect the revenue. I want to know from the CO who had given the LDC the authority to collect the revenue", he said.

Damu said he would place the matter before the Council meeting since it is a serious matter affecting the revenue of the Council.

suspension and police complaint will not bring back the money, the Chief Officer said he would tell the accounts section to check the PF balance of the employee.

"Since the LDC has maintained that he had deposited the amount in his personal bank account, we expect the police to get the amount released from the bank since

the employee had fraudulently diverted the Municipal revenue into his account", he said.

To a question that the LDC was also working as a PA to him just outside his chamber, Sankhwalkar said the LDC was not his PA, but was handling the cases coming up for hearing before him.

## **Royla quits Cong, to contest Benaulim** Zilla Panchayat by-poll as independent

'People's' candidate Grrayfans throws hat in ring

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## **MARGAO**

The INDIA bloc faced a revolt for the Benaulim Zilla Panchayat by-poll when Congress general secretary Royla Fernandes quit the party to throw her hat in the election ring as an independent.

In another development, Goa Forward party member from Benaulim, fisherman Pele Fernandes has thrown his lot behind candidate Grrayfans Fernandes, who has filed his nomination as an independent.

The Returning officer has received a total of four nomination papers of INDIA bloc backed AAP candidate Joseph Pimenta and independents Royla Fernandes, Grrayfans Fernandes and Frank Fernandes.

Scrutiny of the nomination papers will take place on Thursday.

Royla told the media after filing her nomination papers as an independent candidate said she has quit the Congress party.

"I am sad that I had to resign from the Congress, but will also keep the party ideals in my heart and will work for the principles of the Congress", she said.

Saving Congress workers from Benaulim were shocked





1.Royla Fernandes after filing her nomination papers as an independent. 2. Grrayfans Fernandes also filed his papers as an independent. **Pics: Santosh Mirajkar** 

bye-poll.

party workers to fight the

"We all supported Cap-

tain Viriato during the Lok

Sabha polls. The police has

charged me in the Chandor

agitation along with Viriato

and eight others. However,

INDIA bloc was not required

to fight the ZP bye-poll. In

fact, we have to ensure that

polls for the panchavat and

after the Congress surrendered the seat to AAP under the guise of INDIA bloc, Royla reminded that the INDIA bloc objective was to save the Constitution and not to contest Zilla panchayat bye-poll.

Moreover, she said that BJP has no presence in Benaulim, demanding to know why the INDIA bloc did not leave the seat for the local

**Royla said that BJP has** no presence in Benaulim, demanding to know why the INDIA bloc did not leave the seat for the local party workers to fight the by-poll

Zilla panchayats should not be fought on party lines", she added.

Independent candidate Gr rayfans Fernandes filed his papers backed by Goa Forward member Pele Fernandes and Benaulim Sarpanch Xavi er Fernandes.

Saying he enjoys the support of all sections of the society, Grrayfans said he has decided to contest with the backing of the Benaulim Sarpanch, fisherman Pele and supporters and well wishers across Benaulim.

Benaulim Sarpanch Xavier told the media the people have decided to back Grrayfans for the simple reason that the Congress did not take the members and block into confidence before extending support to the INDIA bloc.

"The Benaulim block Congress had written a letter to the party, but there was no reply from the leadership. Hence, the people have decided to field a youth from Benaulim for the by-poll", Xavier said.

## Gold worth ₹7L

## After rider's death, Collector directs Areal villagers push for clearing scrap spilling on roads from yards **PWD to install rumblers at Seraulim**

## burgled from Colva house

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## MARGAO

A major burglary has been reported at Colva village wherein miscreants are reported to have decamped with gold ornaments worth around Rs 7-10 lakhs.

The incident is believed to have occurred during the weekend when the miscreants effected entry into the house by breaking the window.

The inmates of the house are presently staying abroad and the house is being look after by a caretaker. One of the cupboard was found opened and ransacked before they laid their hands on the booty.

The Colva police, however, said the matter is under investigations. "Since the inmates of the house are abroad, we would come to know the exact details of the stolen items", informed a police officer. Further investigations are

### on.



MARGAO After the death of a young rider from Navelim in a road accident at Seraulim, South Goa district Collector, Asvin Chandru has directed the PWD to install the rumbler sticks at the accident prone area within 30 days.

Sadly, questions are raised whether the district Collector will initiate any action against the PWD for non-compliance of the notification issued in August last year to install the rumbler sticks.

The PWD got a rap on their knuckles at the meeting of the South Goa Road and Traffic safety committee meeting chaired by the Collector after GOACAN Secretary Lorna Fernandes drew attention of Asvin Chandru that the PWD had disobeyed the notification dated August, 2023 to install rumblers at Seraulim.



South Goa district Collector Asvin Chandru chairing the District Road and Traffic safety Santosh Mirajkar meeting on Wednesday.

For, the notification spoke of initiating action against the PWD under section 188 of the IPC for non-compliance. GOACAN secretary Lorna

Fernandes pointed out that the issue over the young rider's death was discussed at the meeting since the PWD, Div VI had failed to comply

with the August 2023 notification to install rumbler sticks at Seraulim.

"We had insisted on penal action against the PWD for non-compliance of the notification on rumbler sticks, but there was no answer from the authorities", she said.

The committee also dis-

cussed a host of issues pertaining to traffic safety, including installation of speed breakers on approach roads to the highways.

It was further decided that the police would take action against road rollers slowing down traffic on the highways and major roads.

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Sao Jose de Areal villagers have called upon the authorities to clear the scrap that has spilled out from the units onto the road, fearing that the scrapyards may turn out a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes and vector borne diseases.

Freddy feared that there may be an outbreak of dengue and malaria cases in the village with the monsoon setting in and the scrapyards may be the source of water logging and stagnation

Social activist Freddy Travasso told the media that an inspection of the scrapyards earlier this month had revealed the sorry state of affairs in the village.

"It was agreed that the



The scrapyard at Sao Jose de Areal village. Santosh Mirajkar

scrap spilling onto the roads from the yards should be immediately cleared by the owners, but in vain", he said.

Freddy feared that there may be an outbreak of dengue and malaria cases in the village with the monsoon setting in and the scrapyards may be the source of water logging and stagnation, offering ground for mosquito breeding. "We hope the department

of Health, Industry learn a lesson or two from the past wherein the village had witnessed an outbreak of dengue and malaria due to water logging and stagnation at the scrapyards", he said, while demanding immediate action.



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# FISH DIE-OFF: ACTION UNFOLDS, FINALLY Show-cause notice to Paradeep

## **GSPCB** identifies leachate from remediated dump as cause of Cacora fish death incident

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## **MAPUSA**

The Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) has determined that Tuesday's fish mortality incident in Cacora was caused by leachate from a nearby remediated dump and not by industrial pollution or chemicals.

This conclusion was following a reached prompt investigation by **GSPCB** officials on Tuesday evening.

Upon arrival at the site, the GSPCB team identified a legacy dump close to the rivulet as the source of the problem.

The dump, which had been remediated by civic authorities, released leachate into the water body during the first rains of the season.

This sudden influx of contaminants increased the concentration of pollutants in the water, leading to the death of the fish.

"Close to the waste treat-

## Govt agency inspects rivulet and collects samples

## THE GOAN | NETWORK

## SANGUEM

A team from the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) and other officials inspected the rivulet at Cacora-Curchorem on Wednesday and collected water samples and some dead fish for inspection, after a large number of dead fish were found in the rivulet.

The inspection team was led by GSPCB engineer Rajmohan Prabhudessai and other officials present included Gajanan Kamat (Asst Manager Goa Waste Management Corporation), Kiran Burud (Engineer, Goa Waste Management Corporation), Thangaraj A. (Incharge of Cacora Waste Management Plant) and Shub-

ham Patil (Chemist). On Tuesday, locals from Cacora who had gone to the rivulet to fish were shocked to see a large number of dead fish all along the rivulet, which flows by the side



A GSPCB team collects samples from the Cacora rivulet on Wednesday.

## **DEAD FISH IN CACORA RIVULET**

of the Waste Management Plant at Cacora. While eyebrows were

have to suffer because of it,'

a local resident pointed out,

Seizing the opportunity, the

attendees listed the names of

the clubs and restaurants that

were in violation of the law

and promptly filed formal com-

One resident expressed his

frustration, stating, "We have

lodged many complaints with

our voice against the ongoing

noise pollution in the village.

There has been no action even

from police.'

plaints at the police station.

Locals present at the site during the inspection also demanded the GSPCB officials verify if any chemical substances were being released into the rivulet by the Waste Management Plant. They claimed that such

fish mortality," explained Mahesh Patil, Chairman of GSPCB.

the concentration of pol-

lutants and resulting in the

Patil emphasised that there was no evidence of industrial or chemical pollution contributing to the incident.

"It's only because of the remediated dump which drained into the rivulet and caused the fish to die," he added.

In response to the findings, the GSPCB has issued instructions to authorities concerned to clear the affected area to prevent further contamination.

The presence of a large number of dead fish floating in the rivulet near the waste treatment plant at Cacora-Curchorem was reported on Tuesday, drawing immediate attention to the environmental issue. The GSPCB's swift action

underscores the importance of monitoring and maintaining remediated sites to prevent unintended environmental impacts.

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### MAPUSA The Goa State Pollution Control

Board (GSPCB) has taken stringent action against Paradeep Phosphates Ltd after an investigation linked the recent mass fish mortality in Velsao bay to negligence in the company's housekeeping practices.

Following the discovery, the GSPCB has issued a showcause notice to the company and conducted a personal hearing with its officials to address the issue and prevent future occurrences.

The GSPCB's preliminary investigations revealed that a significant amount of urea and fertiliser, which had been improperly stored and spilled across the factory floor, was washed into a nearby rivulet during the first rains of the season.

This runoff resulted in elevated concentrations of chemicals in the water, leading to the death of fish in the area. "In the first rains, there is usually a lot of surface runoff," explained Mahesh Patil, Chairman of GSPCB. "The urea and fertiliser,

## **VELSAO FISH DEATHS**

Phosphates over chemical leak

Personal hearing held with company officials, told

to submit action plan on improving housekeeping

particularly in the railway yard where the fertiliser is loaded, got washed into the rivulet. This caused a sudden rise in the chemical concentration of the water, leading to the fish mortality."

Patil noted that while some parameters in the water samples collected from the rivulet showed slightly elevated readings, they were not alarmingly high. He emphasised that the primary issue was the poor housekeeping practices that allowed the fertiliser to be dispersed and subsequently washed away.

A comprehensive investigation conducted by the GSP-CB confirmed these findings, prompting the Board to issue a show-cause notice to Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.

The company officials were summoned for a personal

"We have asked the company to clear the entire area where the fertiliser was lying, especially in the railway yard," Patil stated.

"They have agreed to improve their housekeeping and submit an action plan within a fixed timeline."

The incident, which occurred late last month, saw a significant number of dead fish washing up near the rivulet and along the shores of Velsao bay.

Local residents were quick to allege that the release of effluents into the water bodies was the cause of the fish deaths, drawing attention to the environmental impact of industrial activities in the region.

The GSPCB's swift action highlights the Board's commitment to environmental protection and its readiness to hold companies accountable for lapses in safety and environmental protocols.

ment plant, there is a legacy dump that was remediated by the civic authorities. During the first rains, all the leachate seeped into the water body, suddenly increasing raised over this unusual incident, many suspected that the fish may have died due to release of chemicals into the rivulet.

an incident had occurred for the first time. The residents normally go to the rivulet during monsoon to catch fresh water fish.

This incident highlights the need for thorough and ongoing oversight to protect local water bodies and aquatic life from contamination.

hearing on Monday, where they were instructed to devise and submit an action plan aimed at improving housekeeping practices to prevent similar incidents in the future.

got him to deposit Rs 4.7 lakh in their account, after

claiming to have evidence

that the person was in-

volved in drugs and human

Meanwhile, Goa DGP Jas-

pal Singh has appealed to

people to be careful while

attending calls from anony-

trafficking.

As the investigation progresses, Paradeep Phosphates Ltd is expected to comply with the directives issued by the GSPCB and take concrete steps to rectify the identified issues.

"The callers introduce

themselves as from CBI, etc,

and call people about their

children getting into trouble

having caught with drugs or

kidnapped. Don't panic. In-

form police about the calling

number," stated DGP Singh in

mous callers.

a post on 'X'.

## SP North gets taste of loud music nuisance at public meet in Anjuna

## Receives host of complaints against clubs, restaurants

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### MAPUSA

The issue of loud music was the focal point of an intense discussion during a unique meeting with North Goa Superintendent of Police (SP) Akshat Kaushal on Wednesday evening.

The meeting, held at the Anjuna Police Station, saw a significant turnout of local residents eager to express their grievances about the persistent noise pollution along the Anjuna-Vagator coastal belt.

Residents complained about the incessant blaring of loud music from clubs and restaurants that operate along the coastal stretch, causing a continuous disturbance both day and night. The complainants specifically named several notorious establishments

known for their loud music, demanding stringent action against these offenders.

emphasising the widespread SP Akshat Kaushal's visit to impact of the issue on the the Anjuna Police Station was community. part of a fortnightly initiative The unexpected volume of aimed at personally attending complaints regarding loud to the public's grievances by music took the Superinten-

visiting different police stadent of Police by surprise. tions in North Goa. This initi-In response, SP Kaushal ative provided a platform for urged the residents to formalthe local residents of Anjuna ise their grievances by filing written complaints.

and Vagator to directly communicate their concerns to the senior police officer.

During the meeting, the residents highlighted the chronic issue of noise pollution caused by clubs and restaurants that play music beyond the legally mandated 10 PM deadline.

"Several clubs and restauauthorities concerned raising rants play loud music beyond the mandatory 10 PM deadline. The blaring music goes on all night and all the people

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## PONDA

A 49-year-old scooter rider from Anmod but residing at Tisk-Usgao succumbed to injures after he was involved in a mishap at Usgao on Tuesday night.

According to Ponda police, Tipana Ramu Warsekar was returning home from Usgao on his scooter on Tuesday at around 8.30 pm, when the scooter skidded near the Usgao panchayat following heavy rains.

Warsekar fell off the bike and sustained grievous injuries.

He was rushed to the Piliem Primary Health Centre and was later referred to the GMC hospital at Bambolim, where he died while undergoing treatment on Wednesday morning.

Police conducted the

## **TRAGIC INCIDENT**

A 49-year-old scooter rider from Anmod but residing at Tisk-Usgao died from injuries after a mishap in Usgao on Tuesday night

Tipana Ramu Warsekar's scooter skidded near the Usgao panchayat due to heavy rains, causing grievous injuries

panchnama under the guidance of Police Inspector Tushar Lotlikar.

Meanwhile, a car collided with a two-wheeler on the road in front of the MRF company at Tisk-Usgao on Wednesday morning.

The two-wheeler rider sustained injuries and was moved to the Piliem PHC for treatment.

## PANAJI

Two fraudsters posing as CBI officials duped a resident of Chimbel to the tune of Rs 4.7 lakh.

According to reports, the two fake CBI officials got in touch with the resident and

## **ALL HANDS ON DECK**



# Inquiry into painter's electrocution remains unresolved 6 months later

**GUILHERME ALMEIDA** THE GOAN | MARGAO

a four-pole electrical structure for a 33KV feeder at

Dicarpale. The work was un-

dertaken by the painter after

the Electricity Department

GFP seeks probe into alleged corruption in Smart City works THE GOAN | NETWORK

start of the monsoon season. Narayan Pissurlenka

## Local duped of ₹4.7L by fake CBI officials Rider dies of injures in Usgao mishap THE GOAN | NETWORK

n 11th November 2023, a middle-aged worker from West Bengal, working as a painter for a contractor, was electrocuted to death while executing the job of painting a four-pole electrical structure at Dicarpale, on the outskirts of Margao. Senior power officials, led by Superintending Engineer Rajeev Samant, rushed to Davorlim after the unfortunate death to reassure the public that a detailed inquiry would be ordered to unravel the incident.

Exactly six months later, the findings of the inquiry still remain unknown. An inquiry into the electrocution incident was conducted by a senior power officer, but the findings are still under wraps. Even power officials at the Aquem Power House say they have no idea about the findings of the inquiry, let alone placing the report in the public domain.

This has only thrown up



File photo shows power officials inspecting the fourpole electrical structure at Dicarpale after a painter was electrocuted on 11th November 2023.



paid to the near and dear a host of questions about who was responsible for the ones of the deceased. painter's death and if the The painter, a native of department is to be blamed West Bengal, was electrofor the incident, whether any compensation has been executing the job of painting

had arranged a shutdown to execute the work. So far, mystery continues as to how the painter was electrocuted to death when there was a shutdown and the person or persons responsible for switching on the line when the painter was on the job. While the findings of the inquiry conducted by a senior power official are still not made public, the fate of the police inquiry into the incident also remains unknown. The findings of the inquiry into the electrocution incident were important, more so to find out how the line got charged when a shutdown was taken to execute the painting work. Incidentally, the fate of the inquiry into the electrocution of a rag picker at Malbhat a year ago after he came into contact with advertisement boards at a shopping complex also cuted to death while he was

remains unknown.

The Goa Forward Party (GFP) has called for an investigation by the Centre into the Smart City works in Panaji alleging corruption and mismanagement.

PANAJI

GFP President Vijai Sardesai has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking urgent intervention while he listed deficiencies and alleged irregularities in the ongoing project.

"This project envisioned to transform Panaji into a modern, efficient city, has degenerated, regrettably, into a monument of mismanagement, corruption, and negligence, severely impacting the quality of life of Panaji residents. The Smart City project has become a source of continuous distress for the citizens of Panaji. Despite the allocation of substantial financial resources, approximately Rs 1,200 crore, the execution of the project has been fraught with myriad issues, leading to widespread disillusionment, frustration and indignation among the residents," reads the fourpage letter.

## MHA's new directive will benefit Portuguese passport holders: CM

Workers are seen waterproofing the roof of the main dome of the Assembly complex at the

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### PANAJI

With the Home Ministry now accepting passport revocation orders by reverting to previous decision to accept 'revocation certificates' instead of 'surrender certificates', Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said the move will bring huge relief to Portuguese passport holders in Goa.

"After taking over the charge as a Union Minister for Home Affairs, Amit Shah cleared the proposal of considering the Revocation of Passport order issued by passport authorities in lieu of Surrender Certificate for permitting Visa/Exit Permissions and OCI card cases. This decision comes as a huge relief to the Portuguese passport holders (originally Goan residents) in availing OCI card," Sawant said as he expressed gratitude

## **Tanavade thanks Centre for accepting** revocation certificates for OCI status

MAPUSA: The State BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP, Sadanand Tanavade on Wednesday expressed his gratitude to the Centre to allow passport revocation order as an alternative document to surrender certificate, for granting visa/exit permission on valid Portuguese passport/OCI card.

He said the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) directive comes after sustained efforts and advocacy by the Goa government and key political figures.

During the winter session of the Rajya Sabha on December 8, 2023, Member of Parliament Sadanand Tanavade highlighted the issue of passport revocations faced by Goans.

Over 70 individuals had their passports revoked after renewing their Indian passports post-registration of their births in Portugal.

to the Centre for the "pro-people decision."

In its communiqué on June 11, the MHA stated that the acceptance would be

solely based on the condition that these Goans have obtained Portuguese nationality as per the Portuguese Nationality Law.







Parents were invented to make children happy by giving them something to ignore. **Ogden** Nash

## Paying lip service to the idea of heritage tag to Chandor

s our proposed heritage village of Chandor under threat? It witnessed an uproar over a mega project taking shape in the area with agitated villagers demanding that the village panchayat revoke the No Objection Certificate issued for the project consisting of 28 bungalows over a property measuring 21,000 sq mts. Mega projects and preeminent housing projects have been opposed

by locals across Goa because they put a lot of pressure on the resources in the area. In villages where locals are struggling for a daily water supply and facing consistent power cuts, such projects are bound to spell further misery. Goa has seen a time when mega projects were given a big thumbs down by locals across the State.

For example, Mumbai-based Raheja Universal Pvt Ltd had to shelve their plans for a mega housing project in Carmona, Salcete after facing stiff opposition and a court challenge. The project of 600-odd apartments was eventually called off after a prolonged battle which lasted for over a decade. The primary concern here was that the mega project would change the demography of the village with new settlers. The issue assumes greater significance in Chandor because the State government has proposed to develop it as a heritage village and showcase its rich heritage and history. It is indeed a noble thought because Chandor's history takes us back to the Kadamba dynasty which ruled Goa till 1367 before it relinquished power to the Vijaynagara. Chandor may not have many footprints of those times, but there are traces of history including the unique 'Nandi' bull that was excavated in 1930, the remnants of a fort at Cotta, an 11th Century temple, the ancient Sao Tiago Chapel in Cavorim and heritage houses like the Braganza House and the Sara Fer-**Depriving Chandor of any** nandes House that depict the grandeur of development may be 17th-century architecture. unfair, but without any The government may face monumental boundaries or outlines challenges towards demarcating Chandor of the idea of treating it as a heritage village, and there could be as a heritage area, the concerns over residents being restricted government is leaving in their land, but the idea, nonetheless is vast scope for haphazard welcome, especially in times when heritdevelopment age is fast vanishing off Goa's surface.



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## Deciphering the 2024 poll results

What these results tell us and what they portend will be crucial to understanding the next five years of this Lok Sabha



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**CONRAD BARWA** 

ow that the dust has settled after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and the results been finally released, it is possible to examine them to see what they say about the standing of the various political parties and leaders in the view of the public. One key salient feature stands out which cannot be refuted, which is that the political narrative has seen a substantive shift.

Despite the hype going into the election on behalf of the BJP and its supporters, that it would largely be a cakewalk and a historic third term with a "super-majority" of 400 plus seats in sight be the most likely outcome, the actual result delivered a shock blow to this expectation. The BJP was not able to even get a simple majority on its own, unlike in the previous two general elections, and fell more than 30 seats short of the 272-mark required to form the government on its own; though its NDA coalition was able to cobble together a majority of 293, this was less than the 303 seats that the BJP had won on its own in 2019. The INDIA bloc led by the Congress won 232 seats, with the Congress nearly doubling its number of seats from its 2019 tally, to 99. What these results tell us and what they portend will be crucial to understanding the next five years of this Lok Sabha until the next general election. While formally BJP supporters are trying to put a brave face on this outcome, by saying that Modi has equalled Nehru's achievement of three consecutive wins as PM, however, this elides the rather different contexts, as even in his third term while forming the government and being the prime minister, in what was the weakest performance of the Congress electorally under his leadership, Nehru still commanded an impressive majority in Parliament, winning nearly 70% of the seats. Modi while also heading the government for the third time as PM, will be leading a coalition government, with his party dependent on its allies to survive in Parliament. Also, while technically it can be as an equivalent achievement, substantively there is quite a difference and a gap that cannot be directly compared. This puts unfamiliar and significant constraints on the Modi government which it has hitherto not had to deal with, in that it will need to take into



account the wishes and acquiescence of its coalition partners in governing in a way it has not had to do in the past.

It is telling that while 19 cabinet ministers lost their seats in this election, apart from a handful of prominent names such as Smriti Irani and Rajiv Chandrashekhar, most members of the public would be hard pressed to answer which portfolio the losing MPs had held while in office, such was the dominance of the PMO. It is unlikely that this state of affairs will continue going ahead, as with a coalition that is dependent on non-BJP allies to survive, not only will other NDA members want a greater distribution of portfolios but will also want to run such ministries autonomously without the micro-man-

tion was that of the INDIA bloc can didate from Faizabad, where the PM had with much pomp and ceremony inaugurated the new Ram temple at Avodhya earlier this year, bringing to its culmination the four-decade Ram jhanma bhoomi agitation which had marked the revival of the BJP's elector al fortunes from the 1980s onwards. Yet despite this event, the BJP still lost due to a combination of local caste factors, whereby the Opposition chose a popular Pasi leader who had a strong following in the constituency and where there was anger at the way the temple construction project had displaced local landowners, businessowners, and farmers without adequate compensation and where the benefits of the new temple complex and its associated expansion of tourism was seen to benefit mostly outsiders. Set against this though, the single unique selling point of the BJP which was seen as its greatest strength electorally - Modi's personal popularity – was seen to have taken a blow. Despite the unprecedented way the BJP's manifesto was written, with every single pledge carrying a personal link to the Prime Minister through the label of "Modi ki guarantee" with 53 photos Modi in the pamphlet; which revealed how heavily the party was relying on the PM's charisma. The election results not only are a direct personal rebuff to Modi's popularity but show that his hegemonic grip over the popular imagination has slipped – the CSDS-Lokniti Post Poll survey showed that when respondents were asked who they wanted for the PM's post after the election 36% said "Rahul Gandhi" while 32% said "Modi", marking the decline of the "Modi magic". This transformation does mark a shift in the discourse, which sees not only an expansion of Oppositional dissent but also a broad ening of the imagination where an alternative is possible. It is for this reason, that like the proverbial curate's egg, this election is good but only in -FPI parts.

With a clearance being now given for a

mega project, the very spirit behind identifying Chandor as a heritage village is in doubt because the government, through such development, is opening the floodgates to rampant development, development that could come in conflict with heritage.

Depriving Chandor of any development may be unfair, but without any boundaries or outlines of the idea of treating it as a heritage area, the government is leaving vast scope for haphazard development. If this project across 28 bungalows is allowed, we don't see any reason to reject others that could follow. If heritage can co-exist with modernity and development, there has to be a well-laid-out plan that ensures that the vibe and topography of the village are not disturbed or compromised.

The Chandor heritage idea may be a good one, but a large part of it is only on paper with very little movement on the ground. Besides, the crumbling heritage structures across the State, some of which have been exposed to the vagaries of seasons, paint a grim picture and do not bode well for Chandor.

Once again we see villagers rise to defend their land and protect their piece of heritage. The panchayat has been standing as a helpless bystander because it does not have the power to reject the plan. There has to be a template for Chandor, a distinctly different one from other villages, and the government must stop paying lip service to heritage.

agment that existed before. The style of decision-making also was characterised by secrecy, lack of transparency and consultation as exhibited by the way such key policies such as demonetisation and the Covid lockdowns were conducted, literally announced overnight and sprung on an unsuspecting public, causing the consequent large dislocations.

Two other points need to be acknowledged; firstly there should be some caution in making broad-sweep generalisations about a large change on the ground in terms of political sentiment in either direction. In terms of total vote share the change for both the BJP and Congress has been relatively marginal in the realm of 2% or less; yet because of the first past the post system and pre-poll alliances with other parties, the difference in terms of seats won is much larger and gives an illusory image of how things might have shifted in concrete terms.

Secondly, voters cast their vote for a wide variety of reasons, many of them not related to ideology; so, while it might be tempting to see any change in results as a victory for one ideology over another, or that it heralds a revived belief in secularism, in the constitution, or in a more liberal form of democracy, it is often not so. One of the most iconic victories in this elec-

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## THE INBOX >>

## Anti-war protests and angry young America

It is unclear if the anti-war protests are attracting mass support in the US. The US is not directly involved in any war. It is clear that powerful Jewish billionaires who control American politics, industry and the media, are not happy with anti-Semitism displayed by students in prestigious universities in Pennsylvania or Massachusettts. Many of them have even threatened to stop funding major universities where the protests are strong. It cannot be denied, however that students across the world are terrified by the death and destruction inflicted by Israeli armed forces in Gaza.

## Panchayats must form roadside vendors' panels

I recently read an advertisement issued by Margao Municipal Council inviting applications for members of the Town Vending committee. This is a good policy under the guidelines of the National Policy on Urban Street vendors 2009. In similar circumstances, there are street vendors in every village panchayat, many who operate illegally on road sides and there is no action taken by the local bodies or the FDA does not conduct any raids in the villages to check the hygiene of such kiosks or roadside 'gaddas' which sell food items. Even bread is nowadays sold on the road without any name or registration number. Will the Director of Panchayats issue such similar guidelines for panchayats to invite road side vendors and form their committee as they need to have FDA and road traffic guidelines for such business. This will give the vendors protection of livelihood and regulations of street vending rules 2016. The committee is mandatory to be formed as all villages are becoming semi urban with rampant and reckless development approval by the TCP and the local body turning a blind eye to all the illegalities of such roadside businesses.

which many a motorist, drive and ride around, making matters worse and cops blind to all traffic violations around this junction. Instead of the signals being a boon, they are a mess and a source of great inconvenience to the residents of the area, who were better off, without the signals. Fatorda MLA Vijai Sardesai and traffic cop DySP Shirvaikar were briefed of the situation last Thursday but there is no relief and I am wary of absolutely nothing going to happen, unless these signals are done away with altogether.

ASHLEY J FERNANDES, Margao

## Should Trump be allowed to run for president?

How the US of A can consider election

## **OPEN SPACE >>**

## *INDIA bloc must stay* focused and united

think the BJP High Command's best bet for survival is that the INDIA bloc parties fight among themselves and pose no threat to their minority government. Even the Goa BJP's best bet to survive going forward is based on the INDIA bloc unity. It is understandable that differences and their own party ambitions exist, but one thing is clear if INDIA bloc fails to be united and allows the BJP to continue in power then most of their objectives will not be realized anyway. Yes INDIA bloc was set to fight Lok Sabha elections to challenge the BJP, they succeeded to some point but the BJP though in minority is still running the government; hence the overall mission is not accomplished. I hope better sense and maturity prevails should like minded people focus on the primary objective of mitigating BJPâ€<sup>™</sup>s political power.

### **ARWIN MESQUITA,** Colva .....

**DIOMEDES PEREIRA**, Corlim

## **Ban needed on keeping** exotic turtles as pets

The Goa State Forest Department staff reportedly rescued three semi-aquatic terrestrial turtle species from Colva Beach recently. Two of the turtles were Red Eared Sliders and the third species rescued was the Indian Flapshell Turtle. These exotic turtles are kept as pets which activity has increased in the country due to unregulated pet trade. It appears that the turtles found at Colva Beach may have escaped from captivity or have been abandoned. Turtles like Red Ear Slider Turtle, Reeve's Turtle, Wood Turtle, African Sideneck Turtle, Indian Flapshell turtle are the few species that are most commonly reared as pets in India. The Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 protects every native turtle and tortoise species found in India. The Red-Eared Slider, an exotic turtle species from the United States, greatly threatens India's biodiversity. These turtles, often bought as pets, are abandoned in local water bodies when they grow too large or become difficult to care for. Once

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released into water bodies inhabited by native species, they become invasive and harmful to the local species by competing for food. There needs to be a total ban on keeping exotic turtle species as pets.

**ADELMO FERNANDES**, Vasco

## Signals installed in Gogol creating chaotic situation

This is to bring to the notice of the media, the chaotic situation caused by the installation of traffic signals at the Floriano Vaz Circle, Gogol, without any brains applied by the respective authorities. It's been roughly ten days of horror for the residents living around the place, with horns blaring; an exit from the row villas at Suyash Gardens practically blocked by huge traffic snarls; barricades put on a very narrow portion of the road,

of a convicted person like Donald Trump for President is something that is quite difficult to digest. Sleight of hand and deft accounting that has been found not according to the laws of the land led to Trump's conviction. This was also seen in the Capitol Hill attack case in which Trump had been implicated where he accused the courts of being biased against him. The surprising thing is that a large number of Republicans are rallying behind Trump preparatory to the party convention shortly which is expected to ratify his candidature for the Presidency as the official nominee. The Supreme Court in the US also did not come up with any definite judgment when the matter was brought before them whether Trump could run for the Presidency when he was facing criminal charges as also the accusation of wanting to overthrow the results of the last Presidential election when Biden was elected. Independent observers felt that this happened because 4-5 of the judges in the Supreme Court had been approved by Trump when he was the President and they were returning the favours now.

**S KAMAT,** *Mysuru* 

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# **Be available 24x7 amid monsoon: Canacona Dy Collector to officials**

## **ADVISES DEPARTMENT HEADS TO REMAIN VIGILANT**

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## CANACONA

Emphasising the importance of public safety, Canacona Deputy Collector and Chairman of Disaster Management Committee (DMC) Madhu Narvekar has advised officers of various departments to remain vigilant and available to public 24x7 during the three months of the monsoon period.

Narvekar was addressing heads of various departments an emergency during committee management meeting on Tuesday.

citizens who Several the meeting attended raised various issues like water leakages, dangerous trees, roadside digging for underground laying of power cables, unclean and roadside gutters, dangerous buildings, stench in Chaudi fish market,



Deputy Collector Madhu Narvekar and Group Development Officer Savio Carvalho during a review meeting.

## **DY COLLECTOR ORDERS...**

Canacona Deputy Collector Madhu Narvekar emphasised public safety during the monsoon

He advised department heads of 24x7 vigilance

Citizens raised issues like water leakages, dangerous trees, unclean gutters, and vector-borne diseases at the emergency meeting

The residents sought a planned solution in resolving these issues

Show-cause notices were issued to dept heads who failed to attend the Disaster Management Committee meeting

the unclean toilet of Sulabh Sauchalaya International at Chaudi and vector borne diseases in the taluka.

They demanded a planned solution in resolving these issues.

Panchayat Secretaries Rajiv Naik Gaonkar and Amol Naik Gaonkar, Inspector of Food Supplies Ulhas Velip, Electricity Department Engineer Hemant Gaunekar, Engineer Sawant, а firefighter Dheeraj Desai and Canacona Health Officer Dr Jose Tavares informed about the works done by their respective offices.

**Block Development Officer** Savio Carvalho was also present in this meeting.

Deputy Collector Madhu Narvekar later issued an order to send show-cause notices to those heads of various offices who did not attend the DMC meeting, despite being asked to do so.

## Baina STP to MPA treated effluent pipeline launched

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## VASCO

The Sewerage and Infrastructural Development Corporation of Goa Ltd has initiated the laying of a treated effluent pipeline from the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Katem-Baina to the Mormugao Port Authority (MPA). The project was launched

by Mormugao MLA Sankalp Amonkar on Wednesday morning in the presence of SIDCGL officials and others. Speaking to reporters, Amonkar said the project, estimated

at Rs 2.6 crore and expected to be completed within three months, was a significant step towards improving wastewater

management. "This is a win-win project for both, traditional fishermen of Baina and the MPA. Traditional fishermen of Baina had been complaining that treated water was being discharged in the sea causing them a lot of inconvenience," said Amonkar.

Amonkar said he had a joint inspection of the Baina STP along with then PWD

## This pipeline will not only ensure that treated water is effectively reused but will also reduce the burden on freshwater resources, serving as a long term benefit of Mormugao's ecological and economic landscape,"

## — Sankalp Amonkar Mormugao MLA

minister Nilesh Cabral and had insisted that treated water should not be discharged in the sea.

"This project is the best solution because treated water will not be discharged in the sea but will be supplied to MPA, to be used for various purposes like construction or gardening.

"This pipeline will not only ensure that treated water is effectively reused but will also reduce the burden on freshwater resources, serving as a long term benefit of Mormugao's ecological and economic landscape," he added.

## IN SHORT >>

## 2 arrested for burglary in Loliem

**CANACONA:** Canacona police have arrested two persons in connection with the burglary at a house in Tamnem-Loliem last week. The accused who are residing at Seraulim-Salcete had gone had broken into the house of one Pandurang Pagi in broad daylight, and had decamped with cash of Rs 40,000 and gold ornaments, while Pagi and his wife were away at work and the children had gone to school.

As part of the investigation, Canacona police verified CCTV footage from the Poinguinim Bazaar, which reportedly led the police to identify the suspects. They were detained and later arrested in the connection. A court remanded them to three days in police custody for further interrogation.

Canacona SDPO and Deputy Superintendent of Police Tikam Singh Verma said the police have succeeded in recovering the cash and gold ornaments stolen by the thieves.

## Car rams into pole at Torsem



**PERNEM:** A group of tourists from Panvel-Maharashtra escaped with minor injuries when their car which was proceeding from Calangute to Panvel met with an accident on the NH66 at Torsem-Pernem.

The driver and two passengers were proceeding in the car, when the driver lost control and the car rammed into a pole by the side of highway.

Since the car's airbags inflated, the driver and passengers did not sustain major injuries. Two passengers suffered minor injuries and were treated in a hospital, before being discharged. Mopa police station conducted the panchnama of the accident.

## **GSAI** to felicitate Goan chefs, chief cooks

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## 42 Indians among 49 dead in Kuwait building blaze

a planned environment, a component of the right to life, Article 21 of the Constitution," the petition alleged.



governorate at 4.30 am and most of the deaths were due to smoke inhalation, Kuwaiti media reported, adding the fire started in a kitchen. Kuwait's Interior Ministry in a statement confirmed that the death toll reached 49. "Deeply shocked by the news of the fire incident in Kuwait city. There are reportedly over 40 deaths and over 50 have been hospitalised. Our Ambassador has gone to the camp. We are awaiting further information," Jaishankar said on X.

"Deepest condolences to the families of those who tragically lost their lives. Wish early and ful recovery to those who have been injured," he said.

Indian ambassador to Kuwait Adarsh Swaika visited several hospitals including where the injured have been admitted.

Construction firm NBTC group rented the building for stay of more than 195 workers, most of them Indians from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and northern states, the Kuwaiti media said. The NBTC group is partly owned by an Indian,

officials said.

Kuwait's Interior Ministry said criminal evidence department personnel are currently working on identifying the victims and revealing the cause of the fire.

## **Child in trouble: Chinchinim** parents get fraudulent calls

urged the police to investigate into the incidents to remove the fear in the minds of the parents. "We have been told that a member of the PTA also received a call from the callers. The police must go to the root of the problem," he said, while making an appeal to the people to remain alert.

He added: "One of the parents brought to my notice that when they tried to call back on the number, the call had originated from Pakistan. The police should find out how the callers had access to the telephones of the parents as well as their wards. This is a serious matter and needs to be investigated how come the telephone numbers reached the hands of the fraudsters."

A delegation of the parents has decided to call on the in-charge of the Cuncolim police station to conduct an inquiry into the matter.

## KRC pulls chain on bike rental plan, scraps e-tender

Meanwhile, Goa Forward chief Vijai Sardesai has said the powerful voice of Goemkars has prevailed. "The moment I came to know of Konkan Railway's flagrant attempts to sneak into Goa's tourism sector, marginalising Goemkars from their traditional occupations, I had vehemently objected and opposed, while the Margao MLA kept a suspicious silence. Today, this move comes as a victory for our regionalistic aspirations and as a warning that even tactic support of so called people's representatives to anti-Goan activities will never be tolerated by the people. Let's continue to remain vigilant, and work to take Goa Forward," Sardesai added.

The writ petition has been filed challenging the in-principle approval for Delta Corp's Integrated Resort Complex ('Deltin Town'); the declaration of the project area as an Investment Promotion Area, and the provisions of the Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation of Single Window Clearance Act, 2021–more particularly Sections 13 (G), 14 (2), 14 (3), 14 (4), 38 (8), 39 (1), 42, 43, 45 and Section 59 – as being unconstitutional and violative of Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India.

The petitioners challenge the provisions on the grounds of lack of legislative competence as well as violation of the Fundamental Rights guaranteed to the petitioners under Article 14 and Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

## **Environmental concerns: NIO** named to survey Candolim beach

with the process of accelerating the sand accretion over the sandy stretches of Survey No.146/4-E of Village Candolim, the land which is the

subject matter of this petition," reads the order The Bench has further asked the NIO Director to inform the HC Registrar the date and time of the inspection, and submit a report providing suggestions for the area's restoration. According to the petitioner, the Zon Hotels Pvt Ltd acquired 2,190 square meters of land for constructing the structure. The Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) imposed a fine of Rs 2.04 crore approx on the company, which was upheld by the National Green Tribunal, and subsequently challenged by the firm.

## **Class IX students, teachers to** brave longer hours with NEP's interdisciplinary focus

total number of instructional hours, excluding morning assembly and prayer, will remain unchanged. Students in other grades are also experiencing changes, as class periods for students from Class V to Class X have been revised to 40 minutes each.

"The extended hour classes will cover interdisciplinary areas such as environmental studies, road safety and awareness, financial literacy, electoral literacy, general laws, scouts and guides, Junior Red Cross (JRC), National Cadet Corps (NCC), and social service," an official said.

He explained that the first semester will focus on environmental studies while the remaining subjects will be covered in the second semester, worth two credits each.

For this curricular area, assessments will be internal, using a Holistic Progress Card, encom-

Ambulances seen stuck in a traffic jam on NH 66 and its service road in Guirim. Narayan Pissurlenkar

## Will be voice of entire Goa: South Goa MP

Capt Viriato lays stress on inclusivity, unity in Goa

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## **VASCO**

Emphasising on inclusivity and unity in Goa, newly elected South Goa MP Captain Viriato Fernandes said he abhorred revenge politics and would be the voice of entire Goa, including those who did not vote for him.

Fernandes was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd as he arrived in Goa from Delhi. Supporters welcomed him with garlands and slogans, celebrating his return and his commitment to representing all Goans.

Speaking to his supporters, Fernandes emphasised his



Newly elected South Goa MP **Captain Viriato Fernandes** being welcomed at Dabolim airport on his arrival from Delhi.

stance against revenge politics.

"I do not believe in revenge politics. I will be the voice of

entire Goa, including those who did not vote for me," he asserted, laying stress on the message of inclusivity and unity.

Fernandes reflected on his unexpected victory, attributing it to a higher plan.

"God had different plans which allowed me to be the MP and represent Goa at the centre," he said, expressing his gratitude and sense of responsibility towards his role.

Looking ahead, Fernandes shared his optimistic outlook for the Congress party in Goa. He highlighted recent voting trends as a positive indicator for the party's future performance in state elections.

The NEET-UG exam, conducted on May 5 with over 24 lakh

In Goa, AAP MLA Cruz Silva dents who would clear NEET has sought the intervention of and get admission to GMC. South Goa MP Captain Viriato Fernandes to convey to the Centre for a re-examination of all candidates or those scoring be so sure about the nummore than 500 marks, citing ber of students who will get that Goan students are too affected by the alleged rigging. Numerous students across asked. India have expressed dissat-Silva has demanded a isfaction with receiving low re-examination for either all ranks despite high marks. Allegations of irregularities, arbitrariness, and malpracwould provide a reality check. tices in the exam have further fuelled suspicions. "It is unlikely that 67 students scored a perfect 720. Moreover, some students scored 718 and 719, which are unrealistic according to the marking scheme that awards already begun.

four marks for each correct answer and deducts one mark for each incorrect answer. How is this possible?" Silva questioned, speaking to The Goan. The legislator also raised

suspicions about certain institutions in Goa that released a specific number of their stu-

"Are they colluding with those conducting the exams? How can a coaching institute admission to GMC and the scores they will achieve?" he students or those who scored more than 500 marks, as it With the matter now before the Supreme Court and a hearing scheduled in July, Silva stated he fears "deserving students" might lose confidence in such exams as the admission process has

MARGAO: The Goan Seafarers Association of India (GSAI) will celebrate Seafarers Day on 25th June at the Conference Hall Ravindra Bhavan Margao by felicitating all Goan Chefs/Chief Cooks as an appreciation for their good work and deeds. GSAI president Frank Viegas said what else could be the better way to commemorate the Seafarers Day in order to give recognition to its Seafarers community. "The pioneers of the Seafarers community are its heroes of the ocean and they play an important role. GSAI has decided to felicitate all Goan Chefs/Chief Cooks as an appreciation for their good work and deeds. It is without any doubt that most of them retire without an ounce of recognition of their achievements", he said.

The GSAI requested Goan Chefs and Chief Cooks to come forward to register themselves before 22nd June so that it can acknowledge their accomplishments. GSAI will be having a lot of guests to mark this occasion.

The felicitation will be done only for presently working Chefs/ Chief Cooks but not retired. If the seafarers are sailing, family members can receive on their behalf.

For more details contact the GSAI office 9404251110.

## United club of Utorda to felicitate toppers

PANAJI: United club of Utorda will be felicitating students from Utorda who secured highest percentage in SSC, HSSC, and Graduation examinations. Students from Utorda are requested to kindly submit their mark sheet copy, contact no and residence proof ID card with contact no to Anthony L C Fernandes (9822131524 or e-mail at united clubofutor da@gmail.com with attachments, (with contact no) before 20th June

## AAP MLA demands re-examination of NEET amid rigging allegations

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## Plea in High Court opposing **Deltin project in Dhargal**

of Survey Numbers notified as Command Area of TIP in Dhargalim Village, Pernem Taluka and further were included as part of a draft Notification declaring the project area for 'Deltin Town,' an Investment Promotion Area under Clause (a) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 42 of the Goa **Investment Promotion and Facilitation of Single** Window Clearance Act, 2021.

"Changing the land use of the said land parcels to Commercial (C4 according to the Conversion Sanad) and removing their agricultural uses will lead to extinguishing their potential for irrigation and/or cultivation, which is in contradiction to the purpose and interest of the Command Areas, besides being illegal, as there was no Command Area Development Board constituted at the time of granting NOC/Permission. Said zoning conversions, and the notification of the project area as an Investment Promotion Area, further deprives the Petitioners of their right to

passing 120 instructional hours annually. Schools have further been told that no additional teachers will be provided for the interdisciplinary area, languages (R1, R2, and R3 categories), Social Science, Mathematics, and Physical Education. However, for vocational education, additional teachers will be assigned as needed on a lecture basis.

"Our primary focus is aligning the existing syllabus with the curricular goals, competencies, and learning outcomes as per the NCF-2023. There are 10 curricular areas across two semes ters. Under the new system, the total instructional hours will be 600 hours per semester, amounting to 1,200 hours per year, with five and a half hours of instructional time each day, excluding assembly and recess," sources stated.

With this, several schools are preparing their teachers and students to adapt to the new system as NEP is likely to be introduced for Class III and Class VI in the next academic year. "Gradual changes are taking place so that the teaching faculty and students get accustomed to the new rule as they proceed further," said a school representative.

The Education Department and the Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education have confirmed that no concerns are raised about the extended timing in their meetings with school representatives at block/ taluka levels. "In fact, they are already working for remedial teaching," Goa Board Chairman Bhagirath Shetye told The Goan.

North Goa celebrated World Food Safety Day with a series of engaging and educational events, thereby reaffirming their commitment to the highest standards of food safety and hygiene.

On June 7th, 2024, Taj Hotels

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The day commenced with FDA officials demonstrating and enlightening the Taj associates through mobile testing lab about common adulterants found in food ingredients and how they could be tested by themselves. This initiative aimed to enhance awareness and vigilance among the team regarding the quality of ingredients used in culinary preparations, in keeping with the theme – Prepare for the unexpected.

Following this session, as Taj North Goa are an Eat right Campus; a spirited cooking contest unfolded at the Halstead Hall, featuring non Food & Beverage participants from various departments across Taj Fort Aguada Goa, Taj Holiday Village Goa, and Ama Stays Goa. Under the guidance of Chef Ashutosh Shende and the kitchen team, Non-chefs showcased their



culinary prowess by crafting dishes utilising locally-sourced ingredients. The teams received recognition for their culinary skills that demonstrated flavour profiles and innovative techniques with a story.

The presence of Jyoti Sardesai, Director of FDA, added prestige to the event. Sardesai commended the associates for their creativity in reimagining local dishes with a modern

twist. Further, she applauded the associates for their dedication to upholding food safety standards and encouraged them to continue their commendable efforts.

Adding a dash of fun and challenge to the festivities, a 'Guess Your Spices' contest was organized that tested the associates' knowledge of local spices by providing them with a combination to identify.

In the evening, the excitement continued with an engaging game of Chopping Boards at the associate cafeteria. With enthusiasm, associates sorted cutouts of fruits, vegetables, prepared food, and chicken, etc onto chopping boards of varying colors, showcasing their awareness of food categorisation and protocols.

Megha Bhatia – General Manager Taj Fort Aguada Resort & Spa, Goa and Souvik Bhattacharya – GM Taj Holiday Village Resort & Spa, Goa thanked everyone for their contribution in making the event a success, reinforcing the organisation's unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety and integrity of every culinary creation.

Contestants were encouraged by the presence of Anmol Ahluwalia, Area Director of Operations.

## First session of 18th Lok Sabha from June 24

**NEW DELHI:** The first session of the 18th Lok Sabha will begin on June 24 during which new members of the Lower House will take oath and the Speaker will be elected, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said on Wednesday. President Droupadi Murmu will address a joint sitting of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha on June 27 and is likely to outline the new government's roadmap for the next five years. The

session will conclude on July 3. The first three days of the first session will see the newly elected leaders taking oath and electing the Speaker of the House.

Both Houses of Parliament are expected to reconvene in the third week of July for the presentation of the Union Budget. The 264th Session of Rajya Sabha will also commence on June 27 and conclude on July 3, Rijiju said.





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THROWBACK THURSDAY On this day in 323 bce the king of Macedonia, Alexander the Great, died in Babylon

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# How 70 years of AI in film can tell us about its relationship with humans

*In the 1980s, digital* Als started to become connected to network *computing* – *where* computers 'talked' to one another in an early incarnation of what would become the internet

## **PAULA MURPHY**

n 2024, AI is making headlines daily. We may be aware of the science, but how do we imagine AI and our relationship to it both now and in the future? Fortunately, film may provide us with some insights. Probably the best-known AI in film is HAL 9000 from Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968). HAL

is an artificially intelligent computer



A mathematician called John McCarthy coined the name "artificial intelebb and flow of the internet, but can inhabit "shell" bodies. Agent Smith in

ence (2014) and Chappie (2015), the boundary between human and Al is

## **Passenger banned from US flight** over neck pillow travel hack

traveller at Orlando International Airport was banned from a flight after he tried to get around paying for a checked bag by putting all his belongings into a pillowcase and claiming it was nothing more than a pillow. A TikTok user



shared the clip of a man arguing with security about his 'pillow' which later involved police. The airport also gave the man a chance to pay to check his items, however, he waited up until the authorities closed the doors, to pay for the extra items.

## Train yourself to look up..!

love reading the comments for my columns from readers, and something I've noticed is that there are readers who get motivated by the inspirational columns, and others who say, 'it can't be done!'

There's a picture I saw in a magazine, it showed two passengers in a train, one man was looking out and up at the tall, snow- capped mountains and smiling. The other man was looking down at the floor of the train and frowning angrily.

The man looking out was enjoying the beautiful view. The man looking down was seeing only the dirt on the floor and was missing the scenery outside!

As you know, some people spend their lives looking down. Downcast in spirit, they hang their heads and lead negative and joyless lives. Frankly, it's a difficult way to live.

Others are constantly looking out, but in a fearful way. They watch anxiously for problems, real or imaginary, that they feel will threaten their happiness. Because they are scared of risks, they seldom challenge themselves to grow and rarely build themselves up in life. There are others too, who always seem to be looking around. Forever searching for a better partner, a better job or a better situation. They keep a watchful eye out and seldom want or experience a long lasting commitment. And others yet can be found looking back. They believe their best days are behind them and they have no hope for the future. They can't fully enjoy today because their eyes are on yesterday. They always spend their time talking about the past. About the good old days. But a few vibrant and enthusiastic people are usually found looking up. These strong individuals have learned how to look beyond problems and to find solutions, beyond discouragement and to find hope. Their positive attitude also draws others to them. They see the good in everything because they look for it. They are encouragers and, very often, their hopeful attitude inspires those around them. For such people who learn the habit of looking up, the reward is usually satisfaction and joy. As Earl Nightingale correctly stated, "Our attitude toward life determines life's attitude towards us." Let us go back to the picture of the two men in the train: Strange, isn't it? You can tell a lot about a person simply by noticing which direction they are inclined to look. Do they look down? Or do they look out? Maybe they are often found looking around or looking back. But there will always be some who will look up. Are you one of them? If not become one, become that man in the train who sees the beautiful snow capped mountains and smiles with joy. They are the leaders of this world, and once you train yourself to look up, you will automatically become one, yourself. Dare to look up..!

noused on board a spacecraft capable of interstellar travel. The film was released less than a year before humans landed on the moon. And yet, even in this optimism about a new era of space travel, HAL's portrayal sounded a note of caution about artificial intelligence. His motivations are ambiguous, and he shows himself capable of turning against his human crew.

This 1960s classic demonstrates fears that are common throughout AI film history – that AIs cannot be trusted, that they will rebel against their human creators, and seek to overpower or overthrow us.

These fears are contextualised in different ways during different historical eras – in the 1950s they are associated with the cold war followed by the space race in the 1960s and 1970s. Then in the 1980s it was videogaming, and in the 1990s the internet. Despite these differing preoccupations, fear of AI remains remarkably consistent.

My latest research explores how "strong" or "human-level" AI is depicted in film. I examined more than 50 films to see how they shed light on human attitudes to AI – how we interpret it and understand it through characters and stories, and how attitudes have changed since Al's beginnings.

## **Types of AIs**

The idea of AI was born in 1956 at an American summer research project workshop at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, where a group of academics gathered to brainstorm ideas around "thinking machines".

ligence" and just as soon as the new scientific field had a name, filmmakers were already imagining a human-like AI and what our relationship with it might be. In the same year an Al, Robby the Robot, appeared in the film Forbidden Planet, and returned the following year in 1957 in the film The Invisible Boy to defeat another type of AI, this time an evil supercomputer.

The AI as malevolent computer appeared again in 1965 as Alpha 60, in the chilling dystopia of Jean-Luc Godard's Alphaville, and then in 1968 with Kubrick's memorable HAL in 2001: A Space Odyssey.

These early AI films set the template for what was to follow. There were Als that had robot bodies and later robot bodies that looked human - the first of these appearing in Westworld in 1973, where a robot malfunction at a futuristic amusement park for adults creates chaos and terror. Then there were AIs that were digital like the evil Joshua in the 1977 horror Demon Seed, where a woman is impregnated by a supercomputer.

In the 1980s, digital Als started to become connected to network computing – where computers "talked" to one another in an early incarnation of what would become the internet - like the one stumbled upon by Matthew Broderick's high-school student in War Games (1983), who almost accidentally starts a nuclear conflict. From the 1990s, an AI could move

between digital and material realms. In Japanese animation Ghost in the Shell (1995), the Puppet Master exists in the

The Matrix Revolutions (2003), takes over a human body and materialises in the real world. In Her (2013), the AI operating system Samantha eventually moves beyond matter, beyond the "stuff" of human existence, becoming a post-material being.

## **Mirrors**, doubles and hybrids

In the first few decades of AI film, Al characters mirrored the human characters. In Collosus: The Forbin Project (1970), the Al supercomputer reflects and amplifies the inventor's own arrogant overreaching ambition. In Terminator 2: Judgement Day (1991), Sarah Connor has become like the AI Skynet's Terminators herself: her strength is her armour and she hunts to kill.

By the 2000s, human-AI doubles began to overlap and merge into each other. In Spielberg's AI: Artificial Intelligence (2001), the AI "son" David looks just like a real boy, whereas the real son Martin comes home from hospital connected to tubes and wires that make him look like a cyborg.

In Ex Machina (2014), the human Caleb tests the AI robot Ava, but ends up questioning his own humanness, examining his eyeball for digital traces and cutting his skin to ensure that he bleeds.

In the past 25 years of AI film, the borders between human and Al, digital and material have become porous, emphasising the fluid and hybrid nature of AI creations. And in the films In The Machine (2013), Transcenderoded almost to the point of non-existence. These films present scenarios of transhumanism – in which humans can evolve beyond their current physical and mental constraints by harnessing the power of artificial intelligence to upload the human mind.

Although these stories are imaginary and their characters fictional, they vividly depict our fascinations and fears. We are afraid of artificial intelligence and that fear never goes away in film, although it has been questioned more in recent decades, and more positive portrayals can be observed, such as the little trash-collecting robot in WALL-E. But mostly we are afraid that they will become too powerful, and will seek to become our masters. Or we fear they may hiding among us, and that we might not recognise them.

But at times, too, we feel sympathy towards them: AI characters in films can be pitiful figures who wish to be accepted by humans but never will be. We are also jealous of them – of their intellectual capacity, their physical robustness and the fact that they do not experience human death.

Surrounding this fear and envy is a fascination with Als that is present throughout film history – we see ourselves in AI creations and project our emotions onto them. At times enemies of humans, at times uncanny mirrors, and sometimes even human-Al hybrids, the past 70 years of films about AI demonstrate the inextricably intertwined nature of human-AI relationships.

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## Navigating wet weather conditions for an enjoyable ride

*Embracing the* challenge of riding *in the rain not only* enhances your skills as a motorcyclist but also instills a sense of resilience and confidence in the face of adverse weather conditions



droplets and debris that may obstruct your view. By prioritising visibility and awareness, you can navigate through rainy conditions with confidence and safety.

## Safely slowing down in wet conditions

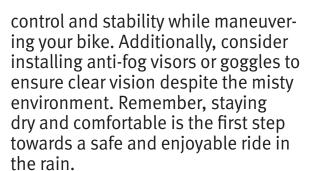
Effective braking is crucial for safely navigating through wet and slippery roads. However, braking in the rain

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iding a motorcycle in the rain can be a thrilling yet treacherous experience. As the skies open up and droplets cascade onto the pavement, riders face a myriad of challenges that demand heightened attention, skill, and caution. From reduced visibility to slippery surfaces, navigating through wet conditions requires a strategic approach to ensure both rider safety and enjoyment.

## Gearing up

Before embarking on a rainy day ride, adequate preparation is paramount to enhance safety and comfort. Start by donning appropriate gear designed specifically for wet weather conditions. Invest in a high-quality waterproof jacket and pants to keep yourself dry and insulated from the elements. Opt for gloves with good grip and waterproof boots to maintain



## **Ensuring traction**

One of the most critical aspects of riding in the rain is maintaining optimal traction on wet and slippery roads. Start by inspecting your tires regularly to ensure they are in good condition and properly inflated. Wornout or under-inflated tires can significantly compromise grip and stability, increasing the risk of accidents in rainy conditions. Consider investing in high-quality tires with deep treads designed to channel water away from the contact patch, thereby enhancing traction and control on wet surfaces. Additionally, reduce your speed and avoid sudden acceleration or braking

maneuvers to minimize the risk of skidding or hydroplaning. By prioritizing tire maintenance and adopting a cautious riding approach, you can significantly reduce the likelihood of accidents while riding in the rain.

### **Enhancing awareness**

Limited visibility is a common challenge faced by motorcyclists when riding in the rain. As raindrops obscure vour vision and fog up your helmet visor, maintaining awareness of your surroundings becomes increasingly challenging. To mitigate this risk, equip your bike with bright and reflective lights to enhance visibility to other motorists on the road. Additionally, activate your headlights and tail lights to ensure maximum visibility in lowlight conditions. Invest in a quality helmet with an anti-fog visor or apply anti-fog treatments to maintain clear vision despite the misty environment. Furthermore, periodically wipe your visor with a clean cloth to remove water

requires a delicate balance between deceleration and maintaining control of your bike. To optimise braking performance in wet conditions, adopt a progressive braking technique that involves applying gentle pressure to both the front and rear brakes simultaneously. Avoid sudden or aggressive braking maneuvers, as this can cause your tires to lock up and skid on slick surfaces. Instead, anticipate your braking distance and start slowing down well in advance to avoid last-minute panic stops. Additionally, be mindful of road hazards such as puddles, oil slicks, and debris that can further compromise traction and stability. By mastering the art of controlled braking, you can safely navigate through rainy conditions and reduce the risk of accidents on wet roads.

## **Embracing the challenge**

Riding a motorcycle in the rain presents a unique set of challenges that demand skill, caution, and adaptability. Embracing the challenge of riding in the rain not only enhances your skills as a motorcyclist but also instills a sense of confidence in the face of adverse weather conditions. So, gear up, stay vigilant, and embrace the adventure of riding through the rain-drenched roads with skill and determination.

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# Chandrababu Naidu sworn in as Andhra Pradesh's CM

## **PAWAN KALYAN AND NARA LOKESH AMONG 24 IN CABINET**

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## AMARAVATI

TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for a fourth term on Wednesday at a ceremony that was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, senior BJP leaders and Union Ministers.

Ianasena chief and actor Pawan Kalyan and Naidu's son Nara Lokesh were among the 24 ministers in Naidu's cabinet who were administered the oath of office by Andhra Pradesh Governor S Abdul Nazeer.

PM Modi hugged and patted Chandrababu Naidu after the TDP supremo took the oath of office. The ceremony was also attended by Union ministers Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari and J P Nadda. Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde was also present.

Attended the oath-taking ceremony of the new Andhra Pradesh government. Congratulations to Naidu on becoming the Chief Minister and also to



PM Narendra Modi congratulated N Chandrababu Naidu after he took oath as the CM of Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday.

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"It is my firm belief that the

Naidu vowed that the TDP,

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all the others who took oath as ministers in the government, said Modi in a post on X.

The TDP, Janasena and BJP government in the southern state is "fully committed to taking AP (Andhra Pradesh) to new heights of glory and fulfilling the aspirations of the

state's youth", Modi said. Thanking Modi, Naidu said, Thank you PM Narendra

## **QUICK LOOK**

N Chandrababu Naidu was sworn in as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for the fourth time, with PM Modi and other leaders attending

Janasena chief Pawan Kalyan and Naidu's son Nara Lokesh were among the 24 ministers sworn in

PM Modi congratulated Naidu and the new ministers, expressing commitment to Andhra Pradesh's progress

NDA government will pivot the state of Andhra Pradesh to new heights of prosperity, fulfilling the aspirations and hopes of the people," the Union Home Minister said.

After the swearing-in ceremony, Modi hugged Telugu megastar Chiranjeevi and Pawan Kalyan and fondly spoke to them while holding their hands.

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SHORT AUCTION NOTICE

All the Villagers of Village Panchayat Curt

Khandepar are hereby informed that the

open bidding for collection of Market Fees

(Sopo) for the Jurisdiction of Village

Panchayat area for the financial year

2024-2025 will be held on 22/06/2024 at

12.30 pm in Village Panchayat Office at

The applicant shall register their name for

bidding auction by paying cash Rs. 5000/-

(non-refundable) and Rs. 30,000/- in form

of Demand Call Receipt / Cash as a

Security Deposit. Registration and

Security Deposit should be deposited by

interested person between 10.30 am to

12.00 pm on same day. The security

deposit will not be accepted after starting

Details of terms and conditions has to be

obtained from Panchayat Office during

Sd/- Sarpanch

Village Panchayat Curti Khandepar

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Office hours since from 21/06/2024.

**Dodamarg** (Maharashtra)

Dist-Sindhudurg

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### PTI

## JAMMU

A terrorist holed up in a borto track down the terrorists. der village in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district was killed by security forces on Wednesday in a more than 15hour operation during which his partner was also shot dead and a CRPF jawan lost his life, officials said.

According to them, two senior officers escaped unhurt even as their vehicles were hit by bullets during the operation that began on Tuesday night after two terrorists were spotted in Saida Sukhal village.

In Doda district, five troopers of Rashtriya Rifles and a special police officer (SPO) were injured when terrorists attacked a joint checkpost in the upper reaches of Chattergalla on the Bhaderwah-Pathankot road late on

CHANGE IN NAME I. CANDOLINA GORGONIA DA COSTA, H. No. 403, Batty Carmona Salcete South Goa, do hereby change my name from CANDOLINA **GORGONIA RODRIGUES to** 

CANDOLINA GORGONIA DA

COSTA. Hereafter in all my dealings

and documents I will be known as

CANDOLINA GORGONIA

## **SC** questions AAP govt on tanker mafia PTI **NEW DELHI**

As the Supreme Court on Tuesday night. Traffic on the Wednesday slammed the AAP highway has been suspended government over the role of as an operation is underway tanker mafia in the water crisis in the national capital, the blame game over the issue in-The two incidents come tensified with Delhi minister Atishi alleging that senior officials colluded with the mafia to reduce the number of DJB tankers and demanding an inquiry into it.

**Delhi water crisis:** 

After the Supreme Court's observations, the Lieutenant Police have announced a Governor Secretariat wrote to Rs 20 lakh reward for inforthe Delhi Police Commissionmation on the whereabouts of er, asking him to take action the terrorists involved in the against the tanker mafia inattack on the bus and have dulging in the theft of water also released the sketch of one from the Munak canal that carries water from Haryana.

## Wanted

were the reason for the spurt one laboratary Assistant in OBC categary on regular basis. Minimum gulification 12th science pass., Two laboratory attendants one phisically handicapped and one in General category on regular basis. Minium qulification 10th pass. Apply on or before 24/6/24. With required documents. The Principal shri То vijayanand Dnyan. saunstha. Higher seccondary school of Arts, commerce & science, Ardhvada Mayem Bicholim

**CHANGE OF NAME** , Padma, Spouse of No-1250627W Ex NK Krishna Gawas Resident of Vill-Shirange Punarvasan PO-Shirange, Teh-Dodamarg, Dist-Sindhudurg (Maharashtra) 416512, have changed my name from Padma to Padma Krishna Gawas and my date of birth is 01 June 1956 vide affidavit dated 11 June 2024 before Executive Magistrate Dodamarg (Maharashtra)

## **VILLAGE PANCHAYAT SURLA BICHOLIM, GOA**

Ref. No: VP / SURLA / BICH / 2024-2025 / 194 Date: 10/06/2024 QUOTATION NOTICE

he Sarpanch of this Village Panchayat Surla Bicholim, Goa on behalf of V. P. Surla Bicholin Boa invites the sealed quotation from the eligible Contractors, so as to reach in this office on o before 18/06/2024 upto 11.30 a.m. as below. Supply of labours for the work of Desilting cleaning of gutters and water logged area from ward no.1 to 7 in jurisdiction of Village Panchayat Surla of Bicholim, Goa under XVth inance Commission Fund.

contractors should submit their sealed uotations, along with certified copies of Income Tax Clearance or Pan card. GST Registration Certificate, Contractors License along with application form on or before 18/06/2024 upto 2.30 p.m. to this Panchayat & the opening will be on dated 19/06/2024 at 11.30 a.m. The west quotation will be accepted.

Rate quoting the lowest amount likely to be accepted the said quotation. Incomplete juotation received and guotation received later on, beyond the schedule time will not be onsidered

### he Village Panchayat Surla reserves the right accepting or rejecting any or all quotations ithout assigning any reason there off. or complete description of work, specification letails contact V.P. Surla. Sd/- Vishranti D. Surlakar (Sarpanch) Village Panchayat Surla

**IN THE COURT OF JOINT** MAMLATDAR-I OF TISWADI TALUKA AT PANAJI - GOA CASE NO. MND/PUR/14/2023/JM-I(Calapor Surendra G. Vaigankar, R/o. H. No. 1453, Premeiro Bairo, Santa Cruz, Tiswadi, Goa. ....Applicant V/s Tolentino loreto Joao Pinto Alias Lourento Joao Pinto Since

Deceased through his legal heirs,

7. Mr. Alvarez Alexandre Antonio

Pinto, 8. Mr Mrs. Finola Dias Julio

9. Mr. Pascoal Peregrino Rosario

Pinto 10. Mrs. Ira Amalia Joana

Nazaro 11. Mr. Manuel Francisco

Nazaro All R/o Premeiro Bairro,

Santa Cruz, Tiswadi-Goa. 12.

Richard Cosme Pinto R/o Bay

view, Sagan Society, Dona Paula,

Goa. 13. Celia Perpetua Pinto

14. Mrs. Jorgina Ana Pinto Both

r/o Premeiro Bairro, Santa Cruz

Tiswadi-Goa. 15. Mr. Gurudas

Vaingankar 16. Mr. Vincy G.

Vaingankar 17. Mr. Narendra G.

Vaingankar All R/o H. No. 1208,

Segundo Bairo, Santa Cruz,

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Whereas the above applicants

has made an application before

this court under the provision of

Section 16(1) of Goa Daman and

And Whereas the applicant Ade

his application dated 14/04/2024

has prayed for substitute service

by way of Publication on any daily

newspaper stating that notice sent

to the opponent by the applicant

by Registered A.D. are returned

unserved with the postal remark

Therefore notice is hereby given

under V Rule 20(I-A) of Civil

Procedure Code, 1908 to appear

in this court in person or by a

pleader duly instructed and able

to answer all material questions

relating to the case or who will

be accompanied by some person

able to answer all such questions

on 15/07/2024 at 10.30 a.m. to

Take notice that in default of your

appearance on the date and time

mentioned the matter will be

Given under my hand and seal of

this Court on this **11<sup>th</sup> day of June**,

Sd/-

(Rosario Caravalho)

Jt. Mamlatdar - I Tiswadi Taluka,

Panaji-Goa

..... Opponents

ſiswadi. Goa.

Not found".

answer the claim

2024.

Seal

heard in your absence.

Fo, The Opponents

Diu Mundkar Act, 1975.

just days after terrorists attacked a bus carrying pilgrims from the Shiv Khori temple to Katra, causing it to veer off the road and fall into a deep gorge. Nine people died and 41 were injured in the Sunday evening attack.

## Majhi sworn in as Odisha's first BJP CM

## Former chief minister Naveen Patnaik also attends ceremony

## PTI

## BHUBANESWAR

Four-time MLA and tribal leader from Keonjhar district Mohan Charan Majhi was on Wednesday sworn in as the first BJP chief minister of Odisha at a ceremony here attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, several Union ministers and chief ministers.

Senior BJP leader and Patnagarh MLA KV Singh Deo and debutant from Nimapara assembly segment Pravati Parida took oath as deputy chief ministers.

Governor Raghubar Das administered the oath of secrecy and office to 52-yearold Majhi, who hails from the Santhal community, and



Mohan Charan Majhi taking oath as the new CM of Odisha on Wednesday.

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notice.

Date : 07.06.2024

Place : Panaji Goa

other members of his council of ministers at Janata Maidan here.

This is the first time that a BJP government has been formed in the eastern state after defeating the 24-year-old Biju Janata Dal (BJD) governand others attended the ceremony.

Several chief ministers of BJP-ruled states including Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Haryana and Uttarakhand were also present.

Odisha's former chief minister and BJD president Naveen Patnaik also attended the ceremony.

The 16-member council of ministers led by Chief Minister Majhi includes a diverse group with four tribals, including Majhi himself, two Dalits, and one woman.

Majhi's council of ministers includes two deputy chief ministers, eight cabinet ministers, and five ministers of state (independent charge).

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С	HANGE IN NAME
	CHANDRAKANT AGONDEKAR,
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	Navelim Salcete South Goa, do
	hereby change my name from
	CHANDRAKANT RAMA
A	GONDCAR to CHANDRAKANT
A	GONDEKAR. Hereafter in all my
	dealings and documents I will

CHANGE IN NAME

be known as CHANDRAKANT

AGONDEKAR.

VIDISHA VINIT BANDODKER. R/o Flat no: 15/2521, 5th Floor Kalika Chambers, Margao, Salcete, South Goa 403601, Goa would like to change my name from VISHAYA VITHAL KALANGUTKAR to VIDISHA VINIT BANDODKER. Henceforth I will be known as VIDISHA VINIT BANDODKER in all my documents, proceedings and dealings.

BOSS - 9822100065

Government of Goa, Office of the Executive Engineer, Division XIX, PWD, Sanguem – Goa. (E-TENDERING MODE ONLY)

Tender Notice No. PWD/Divn.XIX(Bldgs.)/ASW/F.4/ 23-24/03 dated: 12/06/2024

1.The last date of online application & submission: 18/06/2024 upto 12.00 hrs.

2. Date & time of opening online tender: 18/06/2024 after 15.00 hrs.

For more details please contact the Office of the Executive Engineer, WD XIX, PWD, Sanguem. Website :http://eprocure.goa.gov.in

## DI/ADVT/166/2024-25

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## **GOVERNMENT OF GOA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WORKS DIVISION XI,** WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT,

RAWANDFOND, NAVELIM-GOA

NO. WRD/WDXI/PB/F.24/2024-25/358 DATED: 11/06/2024

IN THE COURT OF MAMLATDAR OF BARDEZ AT MAPUSA, GOA Mutation Case No : 92293, 92294, 92295 Village Tivim

goa.

. Agnelo John Pereira 2. Ruby Pereira, both r/c Kamat Plaza, Flat No. 6/T3, Teofilo Braganza Road, St. Inez, Panaji, Goa ..... Applicants

. Andrew Lawrence Pereira alias Andrew Lawrie Pereira alias Andrew John Pereira 2 John Victor Pereira 3. Lydia John Pereira alias Socorro Perpetua Fernandes alias Lydia Pereira . Mary Nathaline Pereira alias Nataline John Pereira 5. Sebastian Pereira ....Opponents

PUBLIC NOTICE To The above named Opponents / Legal Heirs if any / interested parties if any

Whereas the applicants Agnelo John Pereira and Ruby Pereira, both r/o Kamat Plaza, Flat No. 6/T3, Teofilo Braganza Road, St. Inez, Panaji, Goa, have applied for mutation under Section 96 of L.R.C. 1968, to include their names in the occupants column under Sy No. 142/9, 173/1 and 152/7 of Village Tivim, Taluka Bardez, after deleting the existing name o John Victor Pereira as per Inventor Proceedings No. 194/2022/F dated 12.04.202 passed in the Court of the Civil Judge J Division 'F' Court at Panaji, Goa.

AND WHEREAS, the notices in Form no. X were generated to be served to the party b registered A/D. Party was unserved with postal remark as unserved insufficient address, party expired etc hence to be served through alternative means and so the notices are prayed to be served by way of publication in local newspape

AND WHEREAS, the applicant have prayed ide his application for substitute service, by publication of public notice in any one daily newspaper as required under Order V Rule 20(1A) of C.P.C. as the applicant does not know the legal heirs and the addresses of the interested parties. All the interested parties are hereby giver

the notice of the said mutation entry and called upon to submit to me their objections if any to the mutation entry within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the suitable order under the provision of LRC shall be issued by the certifying officer. Mapusa, Dated: 12/06/2024

Sd/- Prataprao Gaunker Seal Mamlatdar of Bardez, Mapusa, Goa

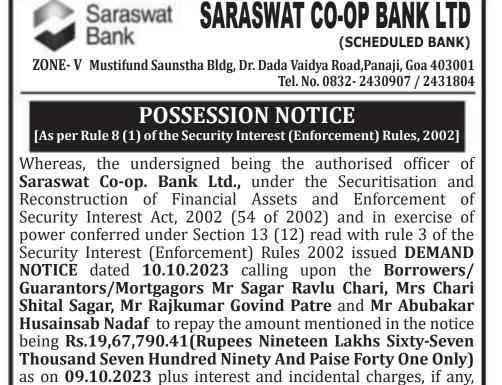
**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PANAJI** ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION PANAJI GOA Phone No. 2223339/2422736/2423556/2423557 Fax No. 2426998 Web:www.ccpgoa.com/ Email:commissioner@ccpgoa.com Ref No: 106/17/2018-CCP/Admn/Brief Case/2024-25/2487 Date:11.06.2024

## SHORT TENDER NOTICE

The Commissioner, Corporation of the City of Panaji invites sealed Tender on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Panaji towards the supply of 38 Nos. of brief cases. 1. Date of application for obtaining tender forms by 18.06.2024 upto 1.00 p.m. on payment of Rs. 200/- non refundable. 2. Date of submission of Tender forms on 19.06.2024 upto 3.00 p.m. and will be opened at 3.30 p.m. on the same day. The Commissioner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

## **Russian warships reach Caribbean ahead of** military exercises





The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **07<sup>th</sup> day** of June, 2024.

thereon within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said

Singh, Bhupender Yadav, Dharmendra Pradhan, Jual Oram, Ashwini Vaishnaw

ment headed by Naveen Pat-

chief JP Nadda, Union Min-

isters Amit Shah, Rajnath

Apart from Modi, BJP

The Russian Navy Admiral Gorshkov frigate arrives at the port of Havana, Cuba on Wednesday.

### PTI

## CARACAS

A fleet of Russian warships reached Cuban waters on Wednesday ahead of planned military exercises in the Caribbean in what some see as a projection of strength as tensions grow over Western support for Ukraine.

Three ships slowly crossed the mouth of the Havana Bay accompanied by small boats that guided them through the narrow channel. The flagship frigate, adorned with the Russian and Cuban flags, was greeted by 21 cannon salutes. Sailors in dress uniform stood in military formation as they approached the island.

A nuclear-powered submarine was expected to arrive behind them.

The US military expects the exercises will involve a handful of Russian ships and support vessels, which may also stop in Venezuela.

Russia is a longtime ally

of Venezuela and Cuba, and its warships and aircraft have periodically made forays into the Caribbean. But this mission comes less than two weeks after President Joe Biden authorised Ukraine to use US-provided weapons to strike inside Russia to protect Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, prompting President Vladimir Putin to suggest his military could respond with asymmetrical steps elsewhere in the world.

Most of all, the warships are a reminder to Washington that it is unpleasant when an adversary meddles in your near abroad, said Benjamin Gedan, director of the Latin America Programme at the Washington-based Wilson Centre think tank, referring to the Western involvement in Russia's war in Ukraine.

It also reminds Russia's friends in the region, including US antagonists Cuba and Venezuela, that Moscow is on their side.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Saraswat Co-op. Bank Ltd. for total outstanding amount of Rs. 19,67,790.41 (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Sixty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety And Paise Forty One **Only)** as on **09.10.2023**, with further interest thereon.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors 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

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY**

All that shop bearing Shop No.G.F.S.7(A4), area of 26.30m2, situated on the Ground Floor of the building known as "HOUSE OF BOM Jesus" along with undivided proportionate share in the said property constructed on the property known as "HORTA" also known as "FALMAR SORPACHEM", situated at Wado am Paulo of Ella Village or Santo Luiza, Taluka and Sub District of Ilhas at Panaji, North Goa District, State of Goa, described in the Land Registration office of Ilhas at under No.8172 of Book no.21 new series coservatoria de Registo PredialIIhas and Matriz No.186 of Land Revenue Office surveyed under Survey No.94/3 of Ella Village and is bounded as under :- North : - By existing church of Santa Alexio; South : - By public road and this property bounded by a laterite stone fencing; **East :-** By the property of house of Camotim and possessed by Pagode of Shri Deuqi-Crishna Revonata of Paneilo Situated of Marcel of Ponda Taluka; **West :** - By a road in the direction of convent of Carmo.

> Sd/-AUTHORISED OFFICER Saraswat Co-op.Bank Ltd. Under Section 13 (4) of The Securitisation

and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

### **TENDER NOTICE** TENDERNOTICE

## (e-TENDERING MODE ONLY)

The Executive Engineer, Works Division XI, Water Resources Department, Ravonfond, SalceteGoa has published the above mentioned Tender Notice. Detailed tender Notice may be seen onthe website https://eprocure.goa.gov.in

## DI/ADVT/172/2024-25

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## DI/ADVT/150/2024-25

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## **OSE** State Bank of India

SARB Thane(11697) Branch : 1st floor, Kerom, Plot no A-112, Circle Road No 22, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane (W) 400604, Email id : sbi.11697@sbi.co.in

## **POSSESSION NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization 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 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice

The Borrower 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 power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against account. The Borrower 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 STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereon.

Name of Account / Borrower / Guarantor & Address	Description of theproperty mortgaged/ charged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding as per Demand Notice		
<ul> <li>Smt Sanjana Sandeep Kakatkar &amp; Shri Sandeep Krishna Kakatkar</li> <li>a) H No.1-G, Plot No.26, S No.30, Mazagally or Madagally alias Mungully, Seraulim Salcete, Margaon, Goa 403601,</li> <li>b) H No.608/5, Chinch Nagar, Xeldem Qupem, Mahadev Temple, Qupem, South Goa 403705</li> <li>c) ASK Developers, NH 17, M 26 Housing Board, Porvorim, Near Maruti Temple, North Goa-403501</li> </ul>	H No. 1-G, Plot No.26, S No.30, Mazagally or Madagally alias Mungully, Seraulim Salcete, Margaon, Goa 403601	02.04.2024	11.06.2024	Rs.90,23,611.66 (Rupees Ninety Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Eleven & Paise Sixty Six Only) as on 02.04.2024 and further interest thereon at contractual rate (s) and incidental expenses, costs, charges incurred / to be incurred, till date of payment.		
Sc Date:-13.06.2024 Pranseh Thakur,Chief Manager & Authorised Offic Place:- Thane State Bank of India, SARB Thane Bran						



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Thursday June 13, 2024

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## **BIZ BULLETIN**

## **EPACK Prefab order book** up 48% in FY24 to ₹1,233 cr

EPACK Prefab, which makes preengineered buildings and prefabricated structures, on Wednesday said its order book rose 48 per cent last fiscal to Rs 1,233 crore and the company is looking at a growth of 35 per cent in FY25. In a statement, the company said it has achieved a 48 per cent growth in order book for 2023-24 in comparison to 2022-23, standing at Rs 1,233 crore.

## **Dee Development eyes** ₹418 crore via IPO

Piping solutions provider Dee Development Engineers Ltd on Wednesday said it is looking to raise Rs 418 crore through its initial share sale, which will open for public subscription on June 19. The issue, with a price band of Rs 193-203 apiece, will conclude on June 21. The initial share sale comprises fresh issuance of equity shares worth Rs 325 crore and an offer for sale of 45.82 lakh equity shares valued at Rs 93 crore by promoter and CMD Krishan Lalit Bansal at the upper end of the price band.

## **Skincare startup Foxtale** raises \$18 million

D2C skincare brand Foxtale on Wednesday said it has raised USD 18 million (about Rs 150 crore) in a funding round led by Singapore-based Panthera Growth Partners and plans to deploy the fresh capital towards category expansion and top-level hiring. The Series B funding round also saw participation from the company's returning investors Matrix Partners India and Kae Capital.

## **315Work Avenue leases** 450 desks to MoEngage

## Coworking firm 315Work Avenue has

# **NSE NIFTY HITS FRESH ALL-TIME HIGH**

Sensex climbs 150 pts, Nifty jumps 58 pts on buying in power and capital goods stocks amid positive trend in global equities

## PTI / New Delhi

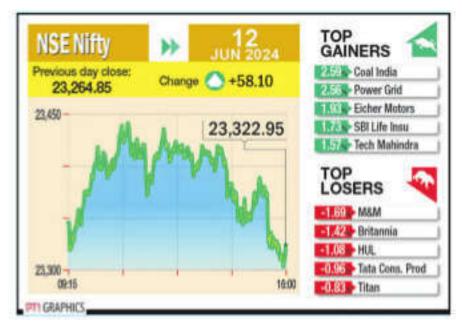
Benchmark equity indices ended higher on Wednesday, with the Nifty hitting its fresh record closing level, mainly due to buying in power, capital goods and industrial stocks amid a largely positive trend in global equities. Besides, a heavy rush on select index-heavyweight counters like HDFC Bank and Reliance Industries boosted investors' sentiment, traders said.

In a highly volatile trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 149.98 points or 0.20 per cent to settle at 76,606.57. During the day, it jumped 593.94 points or 0.77 per cent to 77,050.53. The BSE benchmark is just 28.51 points away from breaching its previous lifetime peak of 77,079.04.

The NSE Nifty went up by 177.1 points or 0.76 per cent to hit its new all-time intra-day high of 23,441.95. It ended at a new closing peak of 23,322.95, up 58.10 points or 0.25 per cent.

"After opening on a positive note, the market continued to move up for the better part of the session. Intraday weakness in between has been used as a buying opportunity," Nagaraj Shetti, Senior Technical Research Analyst at HDFC Securities, said.

Power Grid was the biggest gainer on the Sensex chart, rising 2.54 per cent, followed by Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Fi-



nance, NTPC, UltraTech Cement, Larsen & Toubro, Tata Steel, Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finserv and HCL Technologies.

In contrast, Mahindra & Mahindra, Hindustan Unilever, Infosys and Titan were among the laggards.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge jumped 1.07 per cent and smallcap index climbed 1.06 per cent.

Among the sectoral indices, industrials, power, capital

## Mcap of BSE-listed companies hit record high of ₹429.32 lakh crore

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies hit a record high of Rs 429.32 lakh crore on Wednesday as the BSE benchmark Sensex ended higher amid a largely positive trend in global equities. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms stood at Rs 4,29,32,991.65 crore (USD 5.14 trillion) -- its lifetime high.

goods, energy, commodities, healthcare, and metal were among the biggest gainers. On the other hand, realty and FMCG were the laggards.

"Ahead of US inflation data and FOMC meeting, global markets largely remained positive. The consensus indicates expectations of stable US inflation, but the trajectory of potential rate cuts holds significant importance for future direction, as rate cut expectations have tempered to 2 from 3 earlier.

"The domestic market is trading at new high on expectations of the final budget with a focus on growth. which was amplified by the RBI's upgrade in GDP growth forecast," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said.

## **2ND CONSECUTIVE TERM** Sitharaman assumes charge as FM



PTI / New Delhi

Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday assumed charge as the Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister for the second consecutive term and is slated to soon present the final Budget for FY '25, that is going to set the tone for the Modi 3.0 government's priorities and direction for Viksit Bharat

Upon her reaching the North Block office, Sitharaman was greet ed by Finance Secretary T V Somanathan and other top officials.

Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary was also present. After assuming charge, the Finance and Corporate Affairs minister was briefed on the ongoing policy issues by the Secretaries of the different departments, an official statement said.

She noted that the government is fully committed to ensuring 'Ease of Living' for its citizens and will continue to take further steps in this regard. Sitharaman also stated that the reforms undertaken since 2014 will continue, which will further provide macroeconomic stability and growth for India.

## **Fiscal roadmap beyond** India's industrial output growth slips to FY26 is key, says Fitch 3-mth low of 5% in Apr due to slow mfg

## **INFORMIST** / Mumbai

With the Indian government's medium-term goal of bringing down the fiscal deficit to 4.5% of the GDP within reach, the focus will now shift to the mediumterm fiscal consolidation path beyond 2025-26 (Apr-Mar) in the upcoming Budget, according to Fitch Ratings Asia Sovereign Ratings Director Jeremy Zook.

For any fiscal roadmap to have a favourable impact on India's rating, it would need to be backed by a credible action plan on how the government hopes to achieve the stated fiscal targets, Zook said

## PTI / New Delhi

India's industrial production growth slipped to 3-month low of 5 per cent in April 2024, mainly due to poor show by the manufacturing sector, though mining and power segments performed well, according to official data released on Wednesday.

Factory output growth, measured in terms of the Index of In-

in April 2023, according to a statement by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implemen-

against a contraction of 1.1 per cent in the same month of the last year.

As per use-base classification. the capital goods segment growth fell to 3.1 per cent in April 2024 from 4.4 per cent in the yearago period.

In April this year, consumer

given on lease 450 desks at its facility in Bengaluru to US-based MoEngage. The company has leased an additional 450 seats to MoEngage, an insights-led customer engagement platform. It had earlier leased 450 seats to MoEngage, totalling to 900 seats now, according to a statement on Tuesday.

## **Corporate Infotech bags** ₹114 cr project with IOCL

**IT Solutions Provider Corporate Infotech** Pvt Ltd (CIPL) on Wednesday said it has secured a three-year contract worth Rs 114 crore from the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) for the comprehensive annual maintenance of IT infrastructure across all divisions of the state-owned firm. CIPL said in a statement that it will deploy more than 400 engineers to manage the regular comprehensive maintenance of IT infrastructure across 131 locations of Indian Oil nationwide.

## **Škoda launches Kushaq** Onyx with AT at ₹13.46L



Škoda Auto India has implemented one more enhancement in its 5-star safe fleet -- the introduction of the Kushaq Onyx AT. The company, based on latest customer feedback, has now further enhanced the Kushaq Onyx with an automatic transmission and a host of new features, making it the most affordable automatic in its segment Kushag Onyx 1.0 TSI ET is exshowroom.priced at Rs 13,49,000.

## **SpiceJet discontinues** Hyd-Ayodhya direct flight

Ajay Singh-promoted no-frills carrier SpiceJet has discontinued its direct flight services to Ayodhya from Hyderabad within two months of its launch, citing demand issue. The Gurugram-based airline had started its three times a week non-stops flight services on the Hyderabad-Ayodhya route from early April this year.

"Beyond FY26 (2025-26), I think we're waiting for the Budget to see where the more medium-term fiscal path goes at this point. And so I think that will sort of be a key document in framing," Zook told Informist in an interview.

For any fiscal roadmap to have a favourable impact on India's rating, it would need to be backed by a credible action plan on how the Zook said.

government hopes to achieve the stated fiscal targets, Zook said.

According to the Interim Budget, the government aims to lower the fiscal deficit to 5.1% of GDP in 2024-25 from 5.6% of GDP last year. Next year, the government has set a target to lower the fiscal deficit to below 4.5% of GDP. Both the targets look achievable now.

dustrial Production (IIP), was 5.4 per cent in March and 5.6 per cent in February 2024.

The previous low of IIP was recorded at 4.2 per cent in January, 2024. For the fiscal 2023-24, IIP growth was 5.9 per cent against 5.2 per cent in the preceding financial year.

India's Index of Industrial Production grew by 4.6 per cent

tation. As per the latest data, the mining output growth accelerated to 6.7 per cent in April against a 5.1 per cent expansion in the year-ago month.

The manufacturing sector's growth decelerated to 3.9 per cent in April compared to 5.5 per cent a year ago.

The power generation increased by 10.2 per cent in April period.

cent in April 2023. Consumer non-durable goods production contracted by 2.4 per cent during the reporting month as against a growth of 11.4 per

durables output expanded 9.8 per

cent. It had contracted by 2.3 per

cent in April 2023. According to the data, infrastructure/construction goods reported a growth of 8 per cent in April 2024 against a 13.4 per cent expansion in the year-ago

India to lead world in fuel demand growth: IEA

role for petrochemical feedstocks

and underlying growth comfort-

ably outpacing deployment of

decade, India will become by far

the most important contributor to

900,000 bpd between 2025 and 2030

will be well ahead of China's

570,000 bpd and three-quarters of

demand peaking by 2029 and be-

ginning to contract the next year.

is primarily driven by its fast ex-

For the world, IEA forecast oil

The oil demand growth in India

India's oil demand rising by

"In the second half of this

clean energy technologies.

overall growth," it said.

net global gains, it said.

panding economy.

She also highlighted India's commendable growth story in recent years amidst global challenges and

noted that there is an optimistic economic outlook for the coming years She urged the departments to advance the NDA government's development agenda with renewed vigour and ensure responsive policymaking to achieve the PM's vision of a 'Viksit Bharat'.

## **Indian corporates' large capex to** need offshore funding: Moody's

### IANS / New Delh

Indian corporates' large capex will need to rely on offshore funding despite improving domestic liquidity and companies' earnings growth, a new report showed on Wednesday.

As per Moody's report, capacity expansion, inorganic growth, refinancing and working capital needs, along with shareholder payments, will keep capital requirements high for non-financial corporates in India.

"While India's domestic liquidity and companies' internal cash flow can largely cover their capital needs, offshore funding will remain key despite its share reducing to 12 per cent of India Inc's total funding due to its higher costs



and rising domestic liquidity," said Vikash Halan, a Moody's Managing Director.

The report also mentioned that Indian corporates have the capacity to incur additional debt to meet funding needs. Over the past decade, the corporate sector has steadily cut debt to 55% of GDP from 72% while leverage has remained stable. Meanwhile, ICRA noted that the Indian corporate sector saw steady business momentum in FY24, supported by both consumption and investment activity.

Investment of \$190-215 bn needed for India's 500 GW renewable energy capacity Investments of \$190-215 bn will be needed to achieve the target of 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030 in India, Moody's Ratings said. India's infrastructure companies will be spending on energy transition to meet demand resulting from the country's relatively strong economic growth. However, government policies and stable regulatory frameworks will support credit quality, Moody's said. It also estimates that another \$150-170 bn of investment will be required for electricity transmission and distribution as well as energy storage.

### PTI / New Delhi

India, the world's third biggest oil importer and consumer, will in the second half of the decade become the driver of global oil demand, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said Wednesday, forecasting rise in consumption by a massive 1.3 million barrels between 2023 and 2030.

In its Oil 2024 Report, it said India's oil demand is forecast to grow more than any country's other than China between 2023 and 2030. India's oil demand is projected to rise from 5.4 million barrels per day (bpd) in 2023 to 6.7 million bpd by 2030, a growth of 3.2 per cent or 1.3 million bpd.

"Unusually, in a global context, an increase of more than 1.3 million bpd will be dominated by rising demand for road transport fuels, with a comparatively small



**Crude oil mkts likely to** face unprecedented glut by 2030, says IEA

The oil markets are likely to see a major glut by 2030 with spare production capacity expected to swell to unprecedented levels only seen during the COVID-19 pandemic as supply growth outstrips global demand, the International Energy Agency said on Thursday. Total supply capacity of crude oil is expected to rise by 6 mln barrels per day to nearly 113.8 mln bpd by 2030, a staggering 8 mln bpd above the projected demand of 105.4 mln bpd, the Paris-based agency said in its medium-term outlook. "Such a massive cushion could upend the current OPEC+ market management strategy aimed at supporting prices," the energy watchdog said.

Govt bonds end flat on caution ahead of FOMC meet outcome

**INFORMIST / Mumbai** 

Government bond prices ended largely unchanged as traders avoided placing aggressive bets on caution ahead of the US Federal Open Market Committee's meeting outcome later tonight, dealers said. The market was also awaiting the May CPI inflation prints for the US and India.

The US policy outcome is all but certain, with the FOMC

## PLI scheme to attract ₹3-4L cr investments over 4 years: Icra

## PTI / New Delhi

The PLI scheme is expected to attract investments of Rs 3-4 lakh crore in the next four years and generate 2 lakh jobs as large projects in sectors, including semiconductor, solar module and pharmaceutical intermediaries, are expected to take off, a top Icra executive said on Wednesday. Icra Executive Vice President and Chief Ratings Officer K

Ravichandran said that going



ductor, solar module, and pharmaceutical intermediaries are some areas where large projects are expected to happen which can be capital and employment-inten-

## **Bks** face technical glitch in managing cash balance with **RBI**, says dealers **INFORMIST** / Mumbai

Some banks are in breach of regulatory norms on maintaining minimum cash balances with the Reserve Bank of India due to a technical glitch in the central bank's e-Kuber system on Tuesday, several dealers across banks told Informist.

An automated system for liquidity management at the end of the day failed on Tuesday, which resulted in banks falling short of regulatory norms for meeting their cash reserve ratio. The automated sweep-in and sweep-out system is used by most banks

Life insurers to mandatorily provide loan facility against policies: Irdai

### PTI / New Delhi

Regulator Irdai on Wednesday said the facility of policy loan is now mandatory in all life insurance savings products, enabling policyholders to meet liquidity requirements.

Issuing a master circular which consolidates all regulations with regards to life insurance policies, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) also said the free look period, which pro-



said. According to the master circular, the facility of partial withdrawal under pension products is allowed enabling the policyholders to meet their specific financial needs for important life events

## Foxtale raises ₹150 crore led by Panthera Growth

D2C skincare brand Foxtale on Wednesday said that it raised about Rs 150 crore in its Series B round of funding, led by Singapore-based Panthera Growth Partners (PGP). The round also saw participation from the company's existing backers Matrix Partners India and Kae Capital.

## **TPREL** deploys over 850 e-bus charging points

Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd (TPREL) on Wednesday said it has deployed more than 850 e-bus charging points at various locations in the country. The robust bus charging network has led to more than 1 lakh tonnes of tailpipe CO2 emissions savings, the company said in a statement.

## **Digital is lucrative channel** for FMCG brands: Meta

On the sidelines of Meta Marketing Summit - FMCG edition, the company announced findings from several Meta commissioned studies with Nielsen and Kantar that show the growing relevance of digital for the country's FMCG sector. Among the key findings, the studies call out digital platforms, especially Meta, a crucial pillar in driving brand imagery, equity, and higher return on investment across categories. —Agencies

ahead private sector capex is expected to pick up in oil and gas, metals and mining, hospitals, healthcare and cement sectors. However, taking the private sector capex to record high levels would require the government to give some tax breaks so that people have more disposable income in their hands.

"Under the PLI scheme, we are expecting Rs 3-4 lakh crore of additional investments in the next 3-4 years. Going ahead, semiconcrore.

sive. They would be generating 2 lakh jobs in different sectors," Ravichandran told PTI.

The PLI scheme was announced in 2021 for 14 sectors, including telecommunication, white goods, textiles, manufacturing of medical devices, automobiles, speciality steel, food products, high-efficiency solar PV modules, advanced chemistry cell batteries, drones, and pharma, with an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh

across the country. Currently, the RBI-mandated cash reserve ratio is 4.5% of banks' net demand and time liabilities, which for the banking system needs to average 9.66 trln rupees for the fortnight ending Friday.

vides time to review the policy terms and conditions, is 30 days as against 15 days earlier.

The latest master circular follows a similar exercise by the regulator for general insurance policies. "This is an important step in the series of reforms taken up by the insurance regulator with interests of the policyholders at the core. A conducive environment is facilitated to now spur innovation, enhance customer experience and satisfaction," Irdai

### like higher education or marriage of children; purchase/ construction of residential house/flat; medical expenses, and treatment

of critical illness. In case of surrender of policies, reasonableness and value for money is to be ensured for both surrendering policyholders and continuing policyholders, Irdai said. Further, the regulator said robust systems should be in place for grievance redressal of policyholders.

## unanimously expected to hold interest rates

The 10-year benchmark 7.10%. 2034 bond ended at 100.60 rupees. or 7.01% yield, against 100.59 rupees, or 7.01% yield, on Tuesday. The 7.18%, 2033 bond closed at 100.78 rupees, or 7.06% yield, compared with 100.77 rupees, or 7.06% yield, the previous day.

"The market was cautious today. Nothing besides spread trading," a dealer at a state-owned bank said. "All are waiting for FOMC (meeting outcome). We are hoping Thursday is not going to be too crazy."

The US policy outcome is all but certain, with the FOMC unanimously expected to hold interest rates. The 'dot plot' that is released along with the policy outcome, which shows the interest rate projections of individual Federal Reserve officials, will be the more important cue, dealers said. Most dealers said they expect the median projection to show a rate cut of 25 basis points in 2024, down from 75 bps at the previous projection in March.

With the US and India CPI inflation data for May released after market hours, bond traders fear volatility in the market on Thursday.

## **BOOSTING DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING**

## Govt steps help boost toy exports, mfg; more work needed: DPIIT Secy

PTI / New Delhi

Government measures such as mandatory quality control orders and increasing customs duty have helped boost exports of toys from India, but there is a need to do much more for the sector, a top official said on Wednesday.

Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Rajesh Kumar Singh also indicated that they are diligently pursuing the proposal of extending fiscal incentives under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for the sector.



He said that the industry is wondering about one proposed major policy intervention and "let me assure you that we are still pursuing that". In the interim Budget in February, the Commerce and Industry Ministry recommended an outlay of Rs 3,489 crore for the PLI scheme for toys to boost domestic manufacturing in the sector.

As the scheme is yet to be cleared by the Union Cabinet, the interim Budget has made a token provision of Rs1 lakh towards the scheme for 2024-25.

The scheme aims to attract investments in key sectors and cutting-edge technology; ensure efficiency, bring economies of size and scale in the manufacturing sector and make Indian companies and manufacturers globally competitive hegoan.net

Toy exports expand to more than 100 countries

The Indian toy industry has expanded its global presence to more than 100 countries including the US, the UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark and even China and the next step for the toy manufacturers is to reach international consumers through the effective use of online mediums, a senior official of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) said here on Monday.

In line with the objective of providing an impetus to the growing Indian toy sector, DPIIT organised a "Workshop with Flipkart and Indian Toy Industry" on Wednesday in New Delhi, which played a pivotal role in laying the roadmap for enabling further growth of the toy sector, scaling domestic consumption and upskilling/reskilling workforce.

Addressing a joint workshop of Indian toy manufacturers and e-retail giant Flipkart, Joint Secretary, DPIIT, Sanjiv said: "The success of the Indian toy industry reflects in the enhanced exports, increasing robustness of the manufacturing ecosystem and reduced import dependence."

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## **Decor tips**

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## Making a rock garden in your apartment

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o build a rock garden (also called Alpine garden) is one of the easiest things to do because you are basically dealing with plants that grow in harsh terrain under not so favourable conditions. Also, it is built on rocks; now how difficult or expensive is it to find rocks? While making a garden in the Alpine way you must remember that it is not just a garden you are building but a work of art. To begin with, a basic rock garden should not take too much trouble to make.

• The choice of place will depend on what kind of plants you are growing. Most alpine or mountain plants are good with bright open sunshine but there are a few that prefer shady spots. If it is a tropical climate you are looking at then it is best to have this spot of the garden indoors in a place that receives slant

should be rock solid. You need to start with two huge rocks and then balance the smaller ones on it as you go up. It is always better to have two rocks that are gripping each other for that perfect balance that can be rarely achieved with a single stone.

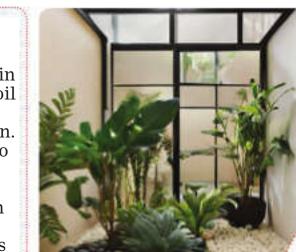
have built the rock structure, you need to fill in the gaps with soil for the indoor plants to grow in. Now you need to be very careful while choosing the composition of the soil.

After you

Mountain soil is

The rocks that you choose You can for making the structure also try doing what mountain farmers do; terrace planting. Plant the rock plants at different levels of rocks so that the topsoil washed from one level gets deposited on the nest and that brings us to the most important element, water.

> • Almost any kind of stones will yield results but an expert's pick would be lime stone because it is porous and the plants can extract calcium from the lime. Granite provides stability and a burst of colours to your garden. It is not like all the rocks have to be from the same family; you can mix and match to add contrast to the ensemble.



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lucking the eyebrows is kept for the time we are feeling lazy and we want to push our eyebrow appointment a week further. Because to be real, doing your eyebrows can instantly make-up you look well puttogether. Well-groomed eyebrows make you feel confident and good about your appearance. But, what about the time you are unable to visit the parlour? Like the self-quarantine period today. Dealing with hair is one of the major struggles of being stuck at home. And while waxing the arms, legs and bikini area probably has to wait until after the quarantine is over, your eyebrows can be easily dealt with at home by yourself. The problem that we face is the pain that we have to undergo. Let us help you with that. These tips and tricks are certainly going to make dealing with the eyebrows at home a lot less painful.

**1** Cleanse and exfoliate first The specks of dirt or any product that you have applied to your face makes the process of plucking tricky. The moisturiser and face creams make your skin slippery and hence difficult to pluck. Clean skin is a better way to get things done and make it less painful. If you have ingrown eyebrow hair, we suggest you exfoliate before starting to do your eyebrows. It will save you the trouble of having to dig the eyebrow hair before plucking.



### **2** Get a sharp plucker or trimmer

When you are plucking, your equipment- a pair of tweezers in this case- should be

## **4** Powder it

You might have noticed the parlour lady putting some powder on your skin before doing your eyebrows and upper lips. Well, this is done to remove any moisture in the skin. Our skin secrets sebum, a natural oil that moisturises and protects the skin. It also makes the skin greasy and difficult to do the brows. Putting some powder on the skin soaks up the oil, moisture and sweat and prepares your skin. This makes the task easier and reduces the pain.

## **5** Clip the upper eyebrow hair

Plucking your brows is easier for the hair growth under your brows. For a well-groomed look, you need to deal with your upper eyebrow hair as well. To make it quick and painless, just brush your eyebrow hair upwards and clip the extra hair gently. Be careful though not to clip more than necessary. You might have seen the salon lady do it multiple times but it is very easy to overdo it.

## **Z** Save your tea and coffee for later

Caffeine in your system reduces your pain tolerance. So. avoid tea and coffee before you do your eyebrows.

## **8** Stretch your skin good

There is a common mistake that we make while doing our eyebrows- not stretching the skin. The skin under your eyes is thin and delicate and plucking without stretching has the risk of your pulling the skin along with the hair. This can be rather painful. In some cases, it can lead to bruising. And we need to avoid that. So, using your fingers stretch the skin before grabbing the hair and plucking it. After you stretch the skin, place the hair between the flaps of the tweezers, grab the hair and pull it quickly. Pull the hair in the direction of the hair growth for a good finish.

## 9 Put on aloe vera gel afterwards

After the excruciating task of pulling your eyebrow hair, your skin tends to become sensitive. In many cases, there is redness of the skin as well. And that is why a soothing gel or cream is applied to the area after your eyebrows are done.

Aloe vera gel is a great alternative to soothe the skin after you are done plucking. The soothing, moisturising, healing and anti-inflammatory properties of aloe vera gel give you immense relief. After you are done doing your brows, take a small amount of aloe vera gel and massage your skin with it until it is absorbed into the skin. Let it be and you do not have to

## eyebrows at home **B** Do not wait for the full growth The more you allow your eyebrow

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hair to grow, the more painful it is going to be. If you know that it is going to be sometime before you can get to visit the parlour next, let your hair grow to the length that it is easy to grip and pluck them. Not longer than that and definitely not shorter. You will also notice that your eyebrow hair grows at a different pace at different places. The growth near the ends is faster as compared to the hair growth at the beginning of the brows. So, that means if you wait for the brows to grow evenly, you would be dealing with a lot of eyebrow hair and that will be painful. Even if you have to groom the eyebrows every few days, do it to avoid the pain.

sunlight.

• What you really need with sand that for a perfect rock garden makes it well is a slope. Any kind of draining. When inclined surface is the you are growing rock plants they best suited for making a garden of this kind need to have more humus rich because it ensures that fertile topsoil and the water flows out of the the percentage soil quickly. Rock plants are used to growing on of sand needs to increase in the slopes and cannot stand water logged soil. lower layers.



 Most rock gardens have a flowing source of water. You can easily make this yourself with the help of a motor pump and a couple of pipes. You need to have the pump at the back and a water pool made of rubber or polythene in front of the garden.

sharp and able to do the task at one go. If you have a pair of tweezers that are thick and blunt at the ends, you will have a bad grip and hence it will do a lousy job of plucking the eyebrow hair while also making the process painful.

lower the pain. Take a piece of ice and rub it under your eyebrows. Wait for the skin to get dry before starting with plucking your hair. What it does is to make the area numb for some time and thus it helps to reduce the pain.

6 Rub a piece

of ice under your

brows

This tried and

tested trick is sure

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Prevents

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## **NEHA GHOSH**

luoride is a vital Hindrad required for strengthening the teeth that helps to prevent cavities and related oral diseases. This mineral keeps your bones strong and aids in preventing tooth decay. According to the National Library of Medicine, the amount of fluoride that an average person needs totally depends on his/her body weight. Men should have 4 milligrams of fluoride each day, women require approximately 3 milligrams, and children need 0.5 milligrams of fluoride per day. Fluoride is found in many foods and beverages. It is mostly found in potatoes, shellfish, broths, stews, etc. This mineral is also found in toothpaste or mouthwash that contains added fluoride. So, have a look at the foods that are rich in fluoride:

## **Foods rich in fluoride** you didn't know

### Black tea

Black tea is rich in fluoride. The amount of fluoride in the tea depends on the water that you use to make the tea. A 3.5 ounce serving of black tea contains between 0.25 and 0.39 milligrams of fluoride. This will provide you with 9.7 percent of the daily fluoride requirement.

### **I** Raisins

The sweet and soft raisins are rich in fluoride too. They are also rich in vitamins like vitamin E, vitamin K, vitamin C, Vitamin B6, etc. Raisin is a type of dried grape which helps to relieve constipation, prevents anaemia, fever and sexual dysfunction.

## Shrimps

Shrimps are shellfish that survive in water, and they contain fluoride because of the fluoride content in water. They are packed with protein and other vital nutrients. Shrimps contain minerals like selenium, vitamin B12, phosphorus, choline, copper and iodine.

## **I** Crabs

Crabs are also loaded with fluoride. And they are the most consumed shellfish after shrimps. Crabs are low in saturated fat and are good sources of vitamin C, riboflavin, niacin, iron, copper, vitamin B12, magnesium and phosphorus.

**Wine** White wine contains 0.06 milligrams of fluoride. This will provide 7.5 percent and 10 percent of the daily fluoride requirement for men and women, respectively. Avoid gulping down many glasses of wine and limit yourself to two drinks per day. **Oysters** Oysters are

another type of seafood that contain fluoride but in smaller amounts. Oysters contain 0.05 milligrams in every 3 ounces and most of the types of fish contain 0.02 milligrams in a 3.5 ounce serving. Start eating them now!

**Grapes** Did you know grape juice contains fluoride too? Grapes are also full of antioxidants and phytonutrients. It contains vitamin C, manganese, vitamin A, magnesium, vitamin B6

**I** Flavoured water Flavoured water made with natural fruit flavours contain fluoride too. The amount of fluoride in flavoured water largely depends on the water that you use to make it. Flavoured water with artificial sweeteners are not healthy and can increase the risk of tooth decay.

### **Sodas** The

amount of fluoride a soda contains will depend on the water used to prepare

it. Though sodas are not good for your health, especially sugary sodas, these should be avoided. It's because the acidic composition in soda can cause tooth decay.

## **I** Potato

Potato provides approximately 0.14 milligrams of fluoride. This will fulfil 3.5 percent of the daily fluoride requirement for a man. And for a woman, it will provide 5 percent of the

peas make for a perfect healthy and nutritious replacement for them.

White peas are often confused with chickpeas (garbanzo beans), however, the prior can easily be distinguished due to their small size, spherical shape and white colour compared to the latter's bigger size and slightly beige or yellow colour. Though white peas belong to the family of beans and lentils, they are separated into another group due to the difference in the ways they are prepared. In this article, we will discuss the benefits of white peas. Take a look. Lowers cholesterol White peas are

a great source of cholesterol-lowering fibre. The fibre shows a positive effect on cholesterol levels by lowering the total and LDL cholesterol in the body. Also, the

**Diagnosis of** 

hyperpigmentation

includes examining

hyperpigmentation.

may also ask for the

medical history of

if any medications

or environmental

**Skin biopsy:** It

involves taking a

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**Blood test:** To get a

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A medical expert

or dermatologist

**Physical exam:** This

# Health Benefits: White peas

presence of multiple vitamins and minerals such as vitamin B, potassium and

magnesium in white peas help increase the good cholesterol and benefit the heart. Helps with weight

loss

White peas are low in fat and high in protein and dietary fibre. When consumed, they help you lose belly fat by reducing the appetite, maintaining a balanced gut microbiome and promoting the overall health of the digestive system.

### Stabilises glucose levels

Dried peas are rich in fibre, proteins and phytochemicals such as flavonoids. phenols, tannins and alkaloids. They possess antidiabetic, antioxidative and antiinflammatory properties which help manage the glucose levels and keep

bowel movement and intestinal bacteria. They help bulk the stool and reduce the risk of constipation. The good amount of minerals, vitamin B and protein in white peas also help maintain the digestive health and prevent related problems like flatulence and gastric problems. **Good** for heart Phenolic compounds like flavonoids and isoflavone in white peas act as potent antioxidants and help keep the heart

healthy from the effect of various oxidative stress diseases such as atherosclerosis and stroke. The fibre in this food item also helps lower the cholesterol levels



the fluoride content, you can have a glass of grape juice.

and iron. To increase

recommended fluoride intake. You can either bake the potatoes or add them in your soups to get the most of the mineral.

the pancreas healthy from the harmful effect of free radicals. This helps manage diabetes or prevent its risk.

## **Treatment of** hyperpigmentation

The treatment is entirely based on the cause of the condition.

and prevent

high blood

pressure.

A medical expert will try to treat the underlying condition involved in causing hyperpigmentation. Common treatment methods are as follows:

**Laser treatment:** It is basically done to remove the birthmarks, on the choice of the person.

Anti-pigment cream: It includes dermatologistproven topical creams to reduce excess melanin production.

**Chemical peels:** It involves exfoliating the affected skin by applying a chemical solution. Chemical peeling removes the dead skin and makes ways for the growth of new skin.

**Hydroquinone:** It is prescribed medicine to lighten the skin. This medicine must be taken strictly under dermatologist instruction as it may cause adverse effects.

Broad-spectrum sunscreen: Specially designed to protect from all types of harmful sun rays.

### **Prevention of hyperpigmentation**

• Using sunscreen of SPF of at least 30-40. • Covering the face and exposed body parts from sunlight by wearing hats or gloves. Limiting sun exposure when it is strongest (10 am to 4 pm)

• Consuming vitamin C rich foods.

Maintaining a proper skincare routine.

## Is hyperpigmentation a serious skin condition? Know about the causes, treatments and prevention

## **AMRITHA K**

yperpigmentation is a common skin condition characterised by darker skin or discoloured skin either found in small patches or on the entire body. Some of its forms are due to sun exposure and others due to injury, drug usage, skin inflammation or autoimmune disorders. Extra pigmentation in some skin areas are harmless, but sometimes it can be a serious medical condition. Hyperpigmentation can occur at any age and on any skin type. Take a look at its details.

## **Causes of hyperpigmentation** Melanin is a

natural pigment that gives the skin its colour. When the cells responsible for producing melanin get damaged due to certain factors, they start producing more melanin and cause hyperpigmentation.

There are numerous factors that trigger excess production of melanin. Some of the common causes are:

## Sun exposure:

Melanin acts as a natural sunscreen for the skin but longterm exposure to sunlight can damage

## the cells and cause hyperpigmentation.

Melasma: The condition is common in women during pregnancy. Melasma occurs due to hormonal changes that get excess when a woman is pregnant. It can also occur as a side effect of hormonal treatments.

### Skin inflammation/

**damage:** Caused due to skin infection, chemical exposure, burns or trauma to the skin.

## **Medications**:

Hyperpigmentation can be triggered as a side effect of certain

drugs or medications such as anti-seizure drugs, antimalarials and chemotherapy. It can also occur due to certain autoimmune or metabolic disorders and vitamin deficiency.

Age: As a person ages, the melanin production decreases causing uneven distribution of the pigment to body parts, leading to hyperpigmentation. **Birthmarks:** It is a skin discolouration mark either from the birth or appears a few weeks after birth. Sometimes it goes with age while sometimes it can be permanent.



Darkened skin (in) • Symmetric patches on patches or entire body) the face (melasma)

- Vision problems • White patches • Age spots
- Skin sensitivity Acne

(albinism)

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The cast open up about their upcoming film Ishq Vishk Rebound

## **RIA SHARMA**

makers of Ishq Vishk Rebound shared the trailer of the film at an event in Mumbai on Tuesday, giving the audience a glimpse of Rohit Saraf, Pashmina Jibraan Roshan, Naila Grewal and Jibraan Khan's world Khan of modern love. Directed by Nipun Avinash Dharmadhikari, the film delves into the complexities of today's relationships. *The Free Press Journal* was present at the event. Sharing his experience of working on the film and the love he has been receiving from fans, Rohit said, "We all are nervous but also happy. I can't tell you how incredible it feels when a dream is realised. I don't feel pressurised but very secure. Doing work that I haven't done before and taking risks by exploring new genres is an incredible feeling."

Shahid Kapoor, Rohit stated, "The comparisons started happening soon after the title track was released. I honestly feel that it is a huge honour to be compared to somebody as legendary as Shahid Kapoor. I have been Shahid's huge fan over the years, especially with *Ishq Vishk*. I remember watching him dance to the title track. I have been in awe of how amazing a dancer he has been. Over the years, he has proven himself to be a phenomenal actor too. I take the comparisons in the right spirit because I don't have the pressure that I am trying to fill his shoes. Deep down I feel happy that somebody is comparing me. If I have to choose between Rohit and Shahid, I will always choose Shahid." On making her debut with Ishq Vishk, Pashmina gushed, "I feel very emotional. Iss Ishq Vishk ke chakkar mein humari toh life bann

gayi hai." Opening up about her character in the film, she said, "I did not relate with my character because I am the kind of person who finds it difficult to say no and my character Sania finds it difficult to hear no. It was unique to play her but I liked it. I enjoyed setting a boundary and being a little gundi. It was different but now we are similar because I adopted some qualities from her into my personality." Naila said she is grateful for the opportunity. "We've made the film with a lot of heart and love. It's so reassuring. I'm so grateful to be getting this opportunity. The makers have put in a lot of faith and belief in all of us. We're all so new and fresh. I have come with no baggage and I just want everyone to enjoy the love that we have shown in the film. It will take you back to the quintessential love story which we adored in the 1990s and 2000s. It is back with a bang in 2024," the actress shared. Jibraan said it was a dream come true for him to make his debut as a lead with Ishq Vishk Rebound. He gushed, "This is a beautiful dream which I'm getting to share with wonderful

## 'It's nobody's business'

Actress breaks silence on wedding rumours with **boyfriend Zaheer Iqbal** 

**CJ DESK** 

onakshi Sinha is all set to tie the knot with actor and longtime boyfriend Zaheer Iqbal. For the unawares, it has been reported that Sonakshi and Zaheer will marry in an intimate ceremony on June 23 in Mumbai.

However, in an interview, Sonakshi's father, veteran actor and politician, Shatrughan Sinha said that he is not aware of the wedding plans. Recently, Sonakshi's brother Luv Sinha too went on record to deny any involvement in the marriage. In an interview with news website, Sonakshi said that she fails to understand why people are so 'concerned' about her wedding. The Heeramandi actress also stated that such media reports doesn't bother her. Reacting to rumours of her wedding, Sonakshi said, "Firstly, it's nobody's business. Secondly, it is my choice, so I don't know why people are so concerned about it. People ask me about my marriage more than my parents, so I find that very funny. Now, I am just used to it. It doesn't bother me. People are curious: what can we do about it?"

Sonakshi

and Zaheer

have been

dating for

quite some



## The couple to have registered marriage on June 23 in Mumbai?

ollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha Dis all set to get married to beau Zaheer Iqbal. The couple will have a registered court marriage on June 23. As per media reports, the invitations have been sent on the couple's behalf to their dear ones. However, the invitation doesn't detail any elaborative wedding ceremony. There's going to be just a celebration of their union as per the itinerary. Earlier, it was revealed that the dress code for the wedding is formal and festive with

the celebrations happening at a restaurant in the Dadar area of Mumbai. The couple has been reported living together for a year.

On being compared with *Ishq Vishk* lead

Rohit Saraf

> people. I'm numb after all the things happening with me right now. It is a dream. I'm not able to process this. There is pressure because we want everyone to feel the love, we want people to come back to the cinema and enjoy the simple love story. We've worked hard and put in a lot of effort. I hope that transcends and you all keep giving the love which we all have been receiving." The film is all set to release in theatres on June 21.

### **CJ DESK**

amir Khan is all set to host a grand party for his mother Zeenat Hussain on her 90th birthday in Mumbai today. The celebration, according to

sources, will see over 200 family members and friends flown in from various cities to celebrate this special day. The grand celebration will take

place at his residence. As per a source close to the actor,

'Aamir Khan will fly in 200 plus family members and friends from different cities to celebrate his

mother's birthday on June 13. She has been unwell for over a year. Now that she has recovered and doing well, everyone wanted to do a large get together. Family and friends from all over India will gather to celebrate this special day. People are coming from Banaras, Bangalore, Lucknow, Mysore, and other cities."

Aamir who shares a special bond with his mother often seeks her approval on scripts and films he does. She plays a very integral part in his personal and professional life. Aamir also kept his promise to his mother of taking her to Mecca for the holy *Haj* pilgrimage.

time now and they have never shied away from acknowledging their relationship in public. The two are often seen posting mushy posts about each other on their social media handles and never miss a chance to pack on some PDA. They are also spotted outside restaurants and different loca tions in Mumbai. In January 2024, the couple also vacationed together. They collaborated for the 2022 film Double XL and for a music video titled Blockbuster.

PICS: VARINDER CHAWLA

Celebs were snapped as they were out and about in Mumbai

Gaurav Kapur, Masaba Gupta, Satyadeep Mishra, and Kritika Kamra spotted at a restaurant in Bandra

Aditi Rao Hydari rushes to her car after finishing her daily workout

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Director's Cut The Folklore Saga

Filmmaker is aiming for a longer theatrical run of his film



people. We went with the common interpretation in the film. When this film came to me, it was mostly written. I had the first draft ready when I got to the screenplay of the film."

"I was separately working on the similar story but only my team knew about it. They also knew that Dinesh Vijan was also **CAUGHT** ON CAM

### **ROHIT BHATNAGAR**

nown for Marathi blockbusters like Mauli, Class*mates*, *Zombivli* and *Faster Fene* among others, Aditya is currently basking in the glo-

ry of his recent Hindi theatrical debut with Munjya. Featuring Abhay

Verma, Sharvari, Mona Singh, Suhas Joshi, S Sathyaraj among others, the film released on June 7, 2024. In an exclusive interview with The Free Press Journal, filmmaker talks about what pushed him to make a film on the famous folklore from the Konkan region of Maharashtra and more.

*Munjya,* that garnered more than 28 crores so far. When asked about the challenges to narrate the story through a CGI artist. he shares. "For me, this world isn't new so I didn't have to research anything on it. I had grown up with the story of Munjya. With folklores, there are so many versions of it so there are several interpretations of *Munjya* by different

working on the similar subject. So, I reached out to him and proposed a collaboration. Yogesh is the original writer of the film and it was earlier told through a female protagonist but we made certain changes and rewrote it," he adds.

Producer Dinesh's horror-verse comprises of Stree, Roohi and *Bhediya*. Sharing further on *Munjya* being the part of the existing slate of films, Aditya reveals, "Dinesh saw the potential in *Munjya* to be a part of his horrorverse since he wanted to build it with the characters that have come from the folklore space."

Munjya saw an amazing crossover with Varun Dhawan's Bhediya. When probed further on the sequel to his film, Aditya states, "Bhediya was majorly targeted by the older generation. It had a certain maturity to it. Munjya is more for the Har*ry Potter* audience. Even when we created the CGI artist, we kept a round and sweet face that has some innocence in him."

On a concluding note, Aditya is keeping his fingers crossed for a bit longer theatrical run of his film than the usual especially when *Chandu Champion* is arriving this Friday. "We are hoping that if we could make it over this weekend and we are quite confident about it," he signs off.

Akanksha Puri strikes a pose as she spotted outside an event in

suburbs

Ammy Virk and Sonam Bajwa pose for the shutterbugs as they snapped outside the Mumbai airport



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# Ronaldo stars against Ireland in Portugal's warm-up match

## **STRIKER EXTENDS INTERNATIONAL RECORD AS EURO CAMPAIGN LOOMS**

## AGENCIES

## LISBON

Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice in the second half in what might have been his last international appearance on home soil as Portugal beat Ireland 3-0 in their final Euro 2024 warm-up on Tuesday.

## **INTERNATIONAL** FRIENDLY

The home side took the lead in the 18th minute when João Félix drilled the ball into the net following a well-worked short corner, and four minutes later Ronaldo gave notice of his intent by thumping a deflected free kick off the far post.

The 39-year-old was not to be denied and he curled home a brilliant goal with his left foot early in the second half

Portugal kick off their Euro 2024 Group F campaign against the Czechia in Leipzig in a week's time before facing Turkey and Georgia

before adding another on the hour mark to take him to 130 international goals in 207 appear-

his country. Cris-

ances for

tiano Ronaldo extended his record in men's international football to 130 goals.

There has been speculation that Ronaldo, who played at his first Euros in 2004 and won the tournament in 2016, may call time on his international career or possibly even quit football altogether after

this year's tournament in Germany, but team mate Rúben Neves says he still has a role to play.

"Phenomenal. I have no words to describe how it feels to play with him. Two more goals today, he finished very well the warm-up for the Euros, so the expectations are very high," Nevez told Irish broadcaster RTE.

"We know he will give 200 percent to help the national team, and we count on him of course to score more goals," he added. Portugal kick off their Euro 2024

Group F campaign against the Czechia in Leipzig in a week's time before facing Turkey and

Georgia.

## Sumit Nagal wins thriller against Giannessi to enter ATP Challenger quarterfinals

to take things to the decider.

## **Controversy and heartbreak as India loses** 1-2 to Qatar in World Cup Qualifiers

## THE GOAN | NETWORK

PANAJI

Qatar defeated India 2-1 at home on Matchday 6 of the Asian Qualifiers for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Despite a strong start and early lead by India, controversial refereeing decisions marred the match and led to India's elimination from the qualifiers.

## **Post-match reactions**

India's coach Igor Stimac expressed his disappointment but remained positive about the team's effort. "The boys gave everything on that pitch last night. It was an unfortunate result, but we will learn from this and come back stronger.'

Captain Gurpreet Singh Sandhu also voiced his frustration over the controversial goal. "We had the belief and the chance to make history, but the equalizer was a harsh lesson. No one will hand us anything; we have to take it ourselves."

AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey issued a strongly-worded statement, revealing that the federation has written to FIFA and the AFC, urging an investigation into the controversial goal. "Victory and defeat are part of the game, but the goal against India raised several questions. We call for a thorough investigation and urge officials to consider sporting compensation for the injustice." AIFF has written to the FIFA Head of Qualifiers, Match Commissioner, AFC Head of Referees & Competitions, regarding the supervision error that practically cost India a place in FIFA World Cup Qualifiers round 3; We call upon officials for a thorough investigation & urge them to explore the possibilities of sporting compensation





## MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

India's early lead: Lallianzuala Chhangte scored in the 37th minute, giving India a 1-0 lead after a brilliant pass from Brandon Fernandes.

Controversial equaliser: In the 73rd minute, Yousef Aymen scored for Qatar under controversial circumstances. The ball appeared to go out of play before Aymen's header was saved by Indian goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu. However, Hashmi Hussein kicked the ball back into play, allowing Aymen to score. Despite protests from the Indian players, the goal was awarded.

## MATCH STATISTICS

> Goals: Qatar 2 - India 1 > Possession: Qatar 55% - India 45% **> Total Shots:** Qatar 18 - India 9 > Shots on Goal: Qatar 8 - India 2 **> Total Passes:** Qatar 471 - India 388 > Fouls: Qatar 7 - India 13

tar after Indian goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu saved his initial header. Indian players claimed the ball had gone out of play before Hashmi Hussein kicked it back, allowing Aymen to score from close range. Despite their protests, South Korean referee Kim Woo-sung, after consulting with his assistant, allowed the goal to stand.

The absence of the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system in such an important match added to the controversy. Fans and pundits expressed their outrage on social media, criticizing the lack of VAR, which could have potentially overturned the decision. This was especially surprising given that Qatar had used VAR extensively when hosting the 2022 FIFA World Cup. The decision not to use VAR in this crucial game raised many questions and left Indian fans

and players feeling unfairly

treated. The lack of VAR, de-

spite its success in previous

tournaments, remains a puz-

zling issue. India's dream of

making it to the third round

of World Cup qualifiers for

the first time ended in heart

and strong efforts, the contro-

overshadowed the match. As

India looks back on this set

back, the team and fans are

determined to move forward

with renewed hope and deter-

mination.

### PTI

### PERUGIA

Indian tennis star Sumit Nagal continued his fine form as he entered the quarterfinal of the ongoing Perugia Challenger here.

On Wednesday, the sixth-seeded Indian toppled unseeded local Alessandro Giannessi in a three-set thriller 0-6, 7-5, 7-6(7-5).

Last week, India's top singles player had won the

Heilbronn Challenger in Gerthe tie-breaker, where Nagal survived to take the set 7-6(7many. 5).

In the opening set, Nagal received heavy thrashing after the Italian blanked him 6-0.

In the quarterfinal, the Indian will face off against However, the 77th-ranked the winner of the pre-quar-

Indian did not back down terfinal clash between Maks Kasnikowski of Poland and from a fightback and kept things close in the followthird seed Borna Coric of Croing set before earning a lone atia. break and winning the set 7-5

Earlier, in the opening round, Nagal had secured a As for the final set, it was straight-set 7-6(7-1), 6-2 victory over an unseeded Nerman 'game on' for both the compet-Fatic of Bosnia and Herzegoitors, who eventually took to vina.

> Following the conquest at Heilbronn, the Indian has assured himself of a spot in the singles event of the Paris Olympics next month.

Winning goal: Qatar secured their win with a goal from Ahmed Al-Rawi in the 85th minute, finishing with a longrange shot that sealed India's fate.

President Kalyan Chaubey

### Fan outrage

India's hopes of advancing to the third round of the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifiers were dashed by a controversial 2-1 loss to Qatar. The match, which took place in

break. Despite their early lead Qatar, saw India take an early lead thanks to Lallianzuala Chhangte's goal in the 37th versial refereeing decisions minute. However, the game was overshadowed by a contentious equaliser for Qatar in the 73rd minute.

The controversy arose when Yousef Aymen scored for Qa-

## Nadal and Alcaraz to play doubles for Spain in Paris Olympics

### AGENCIES

### PARIS

Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz will play doubles together for Spain at the upcoming Paris Olympics, the Spanish tennis federation said Wednesdav.

The announcement comes three days after the 21-year-old Alcaraz won the French Open for the first time – earning his third Grand Slam trophy.

Alcaraz is widely seen as the heir to Nadal in Spanish tennis and has frequently remarked that Nadal was his childhood hero.

The 38-year-old Nadal already owns Olympic gold medals in singles (2008) and doubles (2016 with Marc López) alongside his 22 Grand Slam titles. "Rafa and Carlos will be playing together in Paris," said Spain captain David Ferrer, while announcing the squad. "One pair, which I think everyone knows and was hoping for is Carlos Alcaraz and Rafael Na-



## **MASTER & APPRENTICE**

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dal and the second pair is yet to one of his top career goals. be decided, it hasn't been 100% He said after winning at Roconfirmed yet. We'll wait a bit land Garros that this year, he before announcing that." Ferrer would prefer a gold medal at the Paris Olympics over suctold reporters.

Alcaraz has set winning an cessfully defending his Wim-Olympic medal for Spain as bledon title.

Agxem SC down Eklate FC, storm into semifinals

to address the issue, said AIFF

### THE GOAN | NETWORK

### **MARGAO**

Agxem Sports Club secured a thrilling victory over Eklate FC, booking their place in the semifinals of the 9-a-side football tournament organized by Sporting Club Virabhat. The action unfolded at St. Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Wednesday.

Eklate drew first blood in the fifth minute. Vicky Cardozo found the back of the net, putting pressure on the Agxem defense. However, Agxem responded swiftly. A foul just outside the box in Agxem's favor presented an opportunity. Nickson Castanah stepped up to the free kick and delivered a clinical strike, leaving the Eklate goalkeeper helpless. Before the half-time whistle, Agxem took the lead through Alroy Gomes, making the score 2-1.

Eklate came out strong in the second half, desperate for



Elroy Gomes of Agxem SC receiving the man of the match prize from Stanley Fernandes.

an equaliser. Joy Hilario had a golden chance but his shot went wide. At the other end, Agxem capitalised on a counter-attack. Nickson Castanah unleashed a powerful left-footed shot from outside the box, finding the net and extending Agxem's lead to 3-1. Eklate mounted pressure

in the dying minutes, searching for a consolation goal. However, a combination of Agxem's resolute defense and strong goalkeeping ensured they held onto their lead. Elroy Gomes of Agxem was adjudged as the Man of the Match and was awarded by Stanley Fernandes.

## IN SHORT >>

## GTTA announce calendar for events in 2024

PANAJI: The Goa Table Tennis Association (GTTA) announced its Calendar of Events for 2024, featuring an array of activities designed to enhance the sport at all levels.

The Upcoming All Goa Major Ranking Tournaments are as follows June 16 to 23: Organised by BPS Sports Club (All categories) at Multipurpose Stadium, Fatorda; June 24 to 30: Organised by YMCA (All categories) at Indoor Stadium, Campal, Panaji; July 1 to 7: Organised by MCC (U-11 / 13 / 15 / 17) at Multipurpose Stadium, Fatorda; July 8 to 14 - Organised by Chandor Sports Club (U-11 / 13 /15 /19) at Chandor club Multipurpose Hall, Chandor; July 15 to 21 - Organised by Clube Tennis De Gaspar Dias (All categories) at Gaspar Dias Hall, Miramar; September 21 to 25 - Vasco Da Gama Tournament Entry For BPS Ranking Tournament is online at: bit.ly/ bpsrankingtt2024. For more details, contact Santosh Verenkar.

## PY Nuvem get better of CAC Cansaulim

**MARGAO:** Parish Youth Nuvem got the better CAC Cansaulim 5-3 via the tie-breaker to enter the guarter-finals of the 13th Cana-Benaulim Panchayat cup inter-village football tournament, organised by UC Benaulim, at St John Baptista ground, Dando Benaulim.

PY Nuvem enjoyed more ball possession but could not find goals with striker Melvin Fernandes was wasteful. Nuvem's winger Shenoy Colaco worked his way through the rival defense but his feeble attempt was shot straight at the rival goalkeeper Jovito D'Souza. After the change of ends, Parish Youth Nuvem almost got the elusive goal when striker Joywin Costa's long range shot struck the cross piece and went out. A minute later, Shenoy sent Joywin inside the box but again the striker loose shot went out. After a barren full session, PY Nuvem were successful through Alvito Dias, Richard Colaco, Jonas Colaco, Joywin Costa and Alloid Colaco while Chadwick Furtado, Elvino Fernandes and Aaron Fernandes found the mark for CAC Cansaulim. Ashwin Fernandes of CAC Cansaulim was adjudged as man of the match.

## GBA hold meet with parents of state ranked players

## THE GOAN | NETWORK

## PANAJI

The Goa Badminton Association organized a highly interactive meeting involving parents of state-ranked badminton players and coaches at the Indoor Stadium, Campal, Panaji.

During the meeting, parents were briefed about the association's upcoming activities, tournament protocols, selection procedures, upgradation programmes, academy plans, and other initiatives.

The forum also provided an opportunity for parents to voice their suggestions and concerns.

Many expressed their satisfaction with the initiative and suggested improvements



national level excellence.

The meeting marks a signifi-

cant step towards a collabo-

rative approach , and we will

have regular meetings like

these," said Patil.

coaches and other stakeholdsuch as enhancing infrastructure and repair works at ers in the consultative process to elevate badminton's status stadiums, including parents in the consultative processes, in the state. formulating a concrete policy "We are also looking at generating CSR support to fund regarding the participation of non-Goan players, and seekgrassroots training and help our ranked players achieve

ing exemptions from schools during tournaments and camps.

Manoj Patil, President of the Goa Badminton Association, emphasized his commitment to involving parents,

## **Goan football fraternity remembers TK** Chathunni's immense contribution **RENOWNED COACH PASSES AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78 AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS**

### **CHARLES D'SOUZA** THE GOAN | MARGAO

Renowned Kerala football coach TK Chathunni passed away on Wednesday after a brief illness. He breathed his last at a hospital in Kochi. He was 78. Chathunni survived by his wife and two daughters The former Indian player had over half a century of experience as both, a football player and coach..

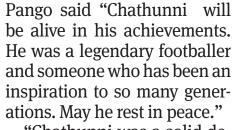
A well-known defender of the 1960s and 1970s, Chathunni was a member of the Indian team in the 1973 Merdeka Tournament in Kuala Lumpur. He played six matches for the National team. In domestic football, he played for EME Centre, Secunderabad, Vasco Club, Goa

and Orkay Mills, Mumbai. Similarly, he represented Santosh Trophy teams like Services, Goa and Maharashtra (state team).

Under Chathunni's coaching, many became leading figures in Indian football, including the likes of Kerala player I M Vijayan and Bruno Coutinho of Goa.

Chathunni's life as a coach was also distinguished. In ball Association Dr Caitano 1979, he coached Kerala in the Fernandes in his condolence Santosh Trophy. In 1990, he said: "It's sad to hear that one coached MRF Goa, Churchill of India's greatest footballers Goa, KSEB, Kerala Police, Demis no more. His contribution to po, Salgaocar, Mohun Bagan, Indian football will never be FC Cochin, VIVA Kerala, Goldforgotten. I share the grief. His en Threads, Josco FC and VIVA contribution football will nev-Chennai, among others, leader be forgotten and will remain ing various clubs in four major alive in our hearts." footballing states in India. Senior vice president of Goa

The President of Goa Foot-Football Association Anthony



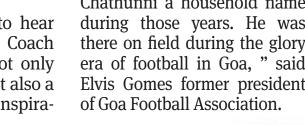
"Chathunni was a solid defender and was an integral part of the famous Vasco SC team that won many tournaments especially in South India. He was very successful as a coach guiding different teams to success in the National league and other tournaments," condoled former

tion to many of us. Personally. I am indebted to him for being an important part of my foot ball career. His dedication passion, and unwavering commitment to excellence left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time" said former In dia and Salgaocar FC defend er Franky Baretto.

"Though I didn't get to interact with him during my GFA days, playing for Goa in General Secretary of AIFF Al-Santosh Trophy had made Chathunni a household name "Deeply saddened to hear

about the passing of Coach Chathunni. He was not only a remarkable coach but also a profound mentor and inspira-

berto Colaco.





# Arshdeep blazes, SKY anchors as India clinch Super Eight spot

PACERS DISMANTLE USA, BUT SHAKY CHASE HIGHLIGHTS BATTING WOES

## **SCOREBOX**

**USA: 110/8** in 20 overs (Nitish Kumar 27, Steven Taylor 24; Arshdeep Singh

India: 111/3 in 18.2 overs) (Suryakumar Yadav 50 not out, Shivam Dube 31 not out; Saurabh Netravalkar 2/18) **PLAYER OF THE MATCH** 

Arshdeep Singh 4/9

PTI

## **NEW YORK**

Arshdeep Singh's artistry and Suryakumar Yadav's coolness combined well for India as they staved off USA's challenge, etching a seven-wicket win to clinch a Super Eight berth in the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday. After Arshdeep's career-best 4 for 9 restricted USA to what looked like a manageable 110 for 8, India made a heavy weather of an easy chase on a slightly challenging track before Suryakumar (50 not out off 49 balls) reasserted his status as world's No. 1 ranked T20 batter. He traded his flamboyance, waiting like a tiger on the prowl for his prey, in the company of Shivam Dube (31 not out off 35 balls), who didn't inspire much confidence de-



## **MATCH RUN**

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The Surya-Dube pair added 67 runs for the

unbroken fourth wicket



## **PAINE URGES AUSTRALIA TO 'MANIPULATE' SCOTLAND GAME**

**MELBOURNE:** Former Australia Test captain Tim Paine wants Mitchell Marsh and Co. to "manipulate" their final group game against Scotland to ensure that England are knocked out of the T20 World Cup.

Defending champions England find themselves in a precarious spot after a washed out game and a heavy defeat against Australia, who have qualified for the Super Eights.

"Absolutely they should (manipulate the result) and I'm not even joking. I've spoken to people about this in the last few days. I'm dead serious," Paine said on Sen Radio.

In order to progress to the Super Eights, Jos Buttler and Co. not only have to win both their remaining games by heavy margins but also hope familiar foes and table leaders Australia hand Scotland a huge defeat to dent the Scots' NRR.

"I'm not sure what the net run rate looks like, you don't have to lose the game, I think they can just let Scotland get close enough." "Again, let's not get too far ahead of ourselves, Scotland could have a day out. But say Scotland batted first and got to 140 and we chased it off 19.5 overs to make sure they don't suffer a big net run rate loss.

## **STRANGE THAT NET-RUN RATE WILL COUNT FOR NOTHING IN SUPER EIGHT: HAZLEWOOD**

**NORTH SOUND:** Australian pacer Josh Hazlewood finds it a bit strange that their superior net run-rate after three comprehensive wins will count for nothing in the Super 8 stage of the T20 World Cup.

Considering it is the biggest-ever T20 showpiece with the involvement of 20 teams, the ICC created four groups of five teams, out of which two from each pool make the Super 8 stage of the tournament.

Thereafter, two groups of four will be formed to determine the semifinalists of the competition.

The format is different from the previous edition, when all the top teams began their competition in the Super 12 stage where two groups of six teams were created and top two from each pool made the semifinals. "Yeah, it's a little bit strange that it doesn't really, it doesn't go through the tournament. This is probably the first T20 World Cup I've played that's set up this way, or first World Cup in general that's set up this way, so it's a little bit different," said Hazlewood in the post match media interaction.

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to be a bit of ignorance about the rules from the US bowlers, who flouted the rule of taking only 60 seconds between the

overs on three occasions and conceded five penalty runs at an inopportune time.



India needed 35 off 30 balls spite the chase being completat that stage when umpire Paul Reiffel informed skipper Aaron Jones about the deci-

sion and that effectively end-The turning point seemed ed the US resistance. That was the opportunity Surva waited for as he then

finished the match in a jiffy with a flurry of shots. But not before Saurabh Ne-

travalkar (2/18 in 4 overs), the Oracle programmer from Sil-

icon Valley, wrote a couple of perfect codes to remove an outof-form Virat Kohli (o) with a delivery that shaped away and then bowled a slower one to find the leading edge of former Mumbai senior teammate Rohit Sharma's willow.

Dube once again struggled on a slow track as India were 53 for 3 after 11 overs with 58 more to get in the last 9 overs. The shackles were finally broken when Surya uppishly flicked Ali for a boundary towards mid-wicket and Dube, after an arduous struggle of 25 deliveries, picked Corey Anderson's slower ball to dispatch him for a six over deep

mid-wicket. India will head to Florida for the final group league game against Canada but the weather forecast in Miami is gloomy and that would cer-

stand tainly raise the US team's spirits as a draw against Ire-

land would help them knock

Pakistan out of the tourna-

ment. Having opted to bowl, Arshdeep hardly took his foot off the pedal enjoying career-best figures of 4/9 as USA managed 110 for 8, which was decent if not great if one factored in the track at the Nassau County Cricket ground.

## **UP NEXT**

**MATCH RUN** 

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*Live on Star Sports Network and Disney + Hotstar* 

## New Zealand clash with West Indies in virtual knockout

## **RAIN THREATENS TO DERAIL ENGLAND AGAIN**

## PTI

## **TAROUBA**

Staring at early elimination, New Zealand will look to dish out a much-improved show in a do-or-die clash against tournament co-hosts West Indies in the T20 World Cup here.

New Zealand suffered a batting collapse to be bowled out for 75 in 15.2 overs in a stunning 84-run loss to Afghanistan in their tournament-opener at the Providence Stadium.

This loss dropped their run rate to -4.2, the lowest among the four teams in Group D, placing them at the bottom of the standings.

Now, they find themselves on the brink of a rare group stage exit -- an unexpected predicament for a team known for its remarkable consistency in World Cups, having reached the semi-fi-



## Adam Zampa's spin magic seals Australia's Super Eight berth **AUSSIES ANNIHILATE NAMIBIA BY NINE WICKETS**

## **SCOREBOX**

Namibia 72; 17 overs (Gerhard Erasmus 36; Adam Zampa 4/12; Marcus Stoinis 2/9, Josh Hazlewood 2/18) lost to Australia 74/1; 5.4 overs (Travis Head 34 not out, Mitchell Marsh and 18 not out) by nine wickets. **PLAYER OF THE MATCH** Adam Zampa 4/12

## PTI

## **NEW YORK**

Leg-spinner Adam Zampa starred again in the middle overs as Australia annihilated Namibia by nine wickets to qualify for the Super 8 stage of the T20 World Cup here.

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Namibia's Bernard Scholtz (R) is bowled by Australia's Adam Zampa during the ICC men's T20 World Cup 2024 group B cricket match at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in North Sound, Antigua and Barbuda.

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### Super 8 race. Scotland and England are fighting for the second Super spot from Group B. Josh Hazlewood bowler to take 100 wickets in (2/18) removed the Namibian T20 Internationals.

## Nepal, SL stare at exit after washout; SA advance to KOs

### LAUDERHILL

PTI

Heavy rain washed out Sri Lanka and Nepal's crucial Group D fixture in the T20 World Cup that ended up assuring a Super 8 spot for South Africa.

The match was abandoned without a ball being bowled as both teams settled for a point each and are now staring at an early exit from the tournament.

South Africa secured the Super 8 berth by topping Group D with three wins from three matches.

Second placed Bangladesh, who are ahead of the Netherlands on net run-rate, are also vying for the second spot. Nepal next face South Africa (Saturday), and Bangladesh (Monday) in Kingstown, St. Vincent.

landmark in the game as he However, the Lauderhill weather now puts upcoming games at the venue under the scanner. The venue is set to host three Group A games - USA vs Ireland on June 14, Canada vs India on June 15 and Ireland vs Pakistan on June 16 with rain forecast through the week.

nals in all six recent editions: the ODI World Cups of 2015, 2019, and 2023, and the T20 World Cups of 2016, 2021, and 2022.

Only two of their batters managed to score double digits and the Kane Williamson-led side will have to buck up as a batting unit to pose any challenge to the local favourites.

It's not just the batting, their fielding also put them down as they dropped easy chances, missed stumping and run-out as the Afghanistan opening duo of Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran set it up with a solid 103-run opening stand.

West Indies on the other hand face no such issues as a Super Eight berth will be up for grabs if they manage to secure a third win on the trot.

Having started off with a scrappy win over Papua New Guinea, WI have started to come on their own and coasted to a 134-run victory after bowling out Uganda for 39 in their previous match.

Trent Boult of New Zealand bowls during a net session as part of the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup at Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba, Trinidad And Tobago.

Bangladesh, Netherlands hope to stay alive

Bangladesh and the Netherlands will look to keep their Super Eight hopes alive when again threatened to derail dethey lock horn in a crucial Group D fixture at Kingstown. In the group of death, South

who also are on the verge of Africa have already made the an early exit and will face cut and the fight is among the Oman in first of their two Bangladesh, Netherlands, Ne-

pal and Sri Lanka -- in that or-Sound. der -- to book the second slot. England, who have just one point from two matches after Having started off with a

a washout against Scotland, two-wicket win over Sri Lanka, a nervy Bangladesh let it will face Namibia in their fislip against South Africa to go nal group league clash at the down by four runs in their last same venue.

match. Netherlands too are coming on the back of a reversal bowling performance to dismiss Namibia for a meagre 72 before gunning down the target in just 34 balls with Travis Head and skipper Mitchell

Marsh remaining not out on

take on Scotland at Gros Islet in their concluding Group B fixture on Saturday.

For Namibia, it was their second loss in three games, eliminating them from the

openers Michael Van Lingen and Niko Davin before Zampa (4/12) got into the act to run through Namibia, who ended with their lowest total in T20 Internationals.

Opening the bowling alongside Hazlewood, Marcus Stoinis (2/9) also took a couple of wickets while skipper Pat Cummins and Nathan Ellis chipped in with a wicket each.

Zampa reached a major

became the first Australian

## **Shardul Thakur undergoes foot** surgery, out for three months

### **Rain threat for** PTI **England vs Oman**

against South Africa and will

Rain forecast has once

There has been a rain fore-

cast and Jos Buttler's men will

have a watch on the sky.

hope to bounce back.

## LONDON

Team India all-rounder Shardul Thakur has undergone a fending champions England successful foot surgery here on Wednesday and is expected to be out of competitive cricket for minimum three must wins matches at North months.

The 32-year-old shared a post-surgery photo on his instagram page captioned: "Operated successfully".

It happens to be his second foot surgery after he had undergone the same five years back in 2019. The injury recurred during



the South Africa tour earlier this year. Although he managed to make a bold return in the Ranji Trophy last season, helping Mumbai win its 42nd title, he had requested

the BCCI for longer breaks between matches to ensure adequate recovery and preparation time for the players.

In the Indian Premier League this season, playing for Chennai Super Kings, he managed only five wickets in nine outings at an economy of 9.75. Since Thakur is a Grade C annual contract holder of the BCCI, the expenses for his treatment were paid by the board.

As far as his comeback is concerned, while there is no official word, sources in the know of things feels that it will take around three months to get back to training.

## IN SHORT >>

## India men, women make winning start at **Asian Team Squash Championships**

DALIAN: The Indian men's and women's teams have started their campaign in the Asian Team Squash Championships 2024 with comprehensive wins in Dalian, China.

The men's outfit, who were without the injured Abhay Singh, went past Kuwait 2-1 as veteran Velavan Senthilkumar led them well.

The women, spearheaded by Rathika Suthanthira Seelan, beat Macau (2-1) and Mongolia (3-0).

Later, the Indian men went down to Japan in their second group match, and the full results of which are awaited.

## Mendiratta in line to make final at ISSF WC

**NEW DELHI:** Paris Olympic quota winner Bhowneesh Mendiratta shot a three-round qualification score of 74 out of 75 in men's trap and remained in contention for a top-six final berth at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup, here on Wednesday.

On Thursday, the 24-year-old Indian will return for the final two rounds of qualification, with the medal round slated later in the day in Lonato. China's Yu Haicheng was at the top of the leader board with a perfect 75 at this stage.



