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# Monsoon session of Assembly to be held from July 15

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The Pramod Sawant-led Cabinet on Thursday approved holding the monsoon session of Goa Legislative Assembly session starting July

In the first Cabinet held after the Lok Sabha polls, the CM further announced that the session would be fullfledged spanning 21-22 days, which will extend into the second week of August.

"It will be a full session. The days won't be reduced. The business advisory committee will decide the schedule," he said.

Earlier, the Budget session was held on February 2 but it came under criticism as the session was reduced to a week.

### IN SHORT >>

# **Govt amends scheme** for shelter homes

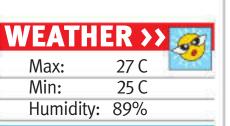
**PANAJI:** The State government has notified the amended scheme for Shelter Homes for Women to give shelter and rehabilitation to those women who have no social support systems due to family problems, mental strains, social ostracism, exploitation and other causes. The assistance includes Rs 10 lakh for staff salary annually, other expenses.

# **Road mishaps claim** 6 in Ponda in 20 days

**PONDA:** Roads in Ponda have claimed six lives in the last 20 days and locals have felt that authorities have not done enough to curb road mishaps in the taluka. On May 23, a scooter rider was killed following a collision between a scooter and a cargo truck near the Top Cola factory at Borim. On the next day, a motorcycle rider rammed into an electricity pole on the flyover at Curti, killing the rider on the spot. >> See **pg 5** 

# **POCSO case: NBW** against Yeddiyurappa

**BENGALURU:** A Bengaluru court on Thursday issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against former Chief Minister and senior BJP leader B S Yediyurappa in a POCSO related case. The CID, probing the POCSO case against Yediyurappa, had earlier summoned him for questioning. He, however, had sought time to appear the officials.



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### **GOA**

Ferreira challenges OCI rules amidst Goan-Portuguese citizenship debate

### **INFO**

# Centre scraps NEET grace marks of 1563 candidates

# **TELLS APEX COURT THEY HAVE OPTION OF RE-TEST ON JUNE 23 OR FORGO COMPENSATORY MARKS**

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### **NEW DELHI**

Amid a raging row over the NEET-UG examination, the Centre told the Supreme Court on Thursday it has cancelled the grace marks given to 1,563 candidates who took the examination for admission to MBBS and other such courses. They will have the option to either take a re-test or forgo the compensatory marks awarded to them for loss of time.

Refusing to stall the counselling for NEET-UG, 2024, scheduled to commence from July 6, the top court made it clear that the admission of successful candidates to medical colleges and other institutions will be subject to the outcome of the petitions which have sought reliefs like cancellation of the examination held on May 5 on grounds of

# No evidence of paper leak in NEET-UG, **Opposition spreading lies: Pradhan**

**NEW DELHI:** Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday rejected allegations of paper leak or rigging in the medical entrance exam NEET-UG, saying there is no evidence to substantiate the claims, and accused the opposition of spreading lies without knowing facts.

"No concrete evidence of any kind of rigging, corruption or paper leak has been found so far in the NEET exam. All the facts related to this are before the Supreme Court and are under consideration. The kind of politics being done on this issue is only an attempt to spread confusion and it affects the mental peace of the students," Pradhan said.

question paper leak and other malpractices.

A vacation bench of justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta termed as "fairly reasonable" the decision to cancel the grace marks awarded

to 1,563 candidates on the recommendation of a panel set up to look into the grievances voiced by the petitioners.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducts the all India pre-medical entrance test.

At the outset, lawyer Kanu Agarwal, appearing for the Centre and the NTA, said the committee set up to look into the grievances decided on June 12 to "allay the fears of the students". It was of the view that the grace marks be withdrawn and replaced with an option of re-test for these candidates which will be conducted on June 23. A notification to this effect will be issued during the day.

He said the committee was of the view that the award of grace marks on grounds of loss of time while taking the test resulted in a "skewed situation" as it had to be limited only to the questions that remained un-attempted.

After examining all aspects, the panel concluded that it would be appropriate

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# Govt to HC: Settlement of forest rights by July 24

8 more anti-poaching camps set up; govt in process of complying with all directions, court told

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### **PANAJI**

The State government has informed the Bombay High Court at Goa that claims under Forest Rights and Scheduled Tribes Rights for residents of the Mhadei and nearby wildlife sanctuaries will be settled by July 24, 2024.

This submission, made on June 10, was in response to a contempt petition filed by the Goa Foundation against the Goa government for failing to notify the tiger reserve.

During the hearing before the Division Bench of Justices M S Karnik and Valmiki Menezes, Advocate Norma Alvares, representing the petitioner, stated that the court had issued several directions, including the notification of the tiger reserve, which is currently pending before the Supreme Court.

Advocate General Devidas Pangam informed the court that eight additional



anti-poaching camps have already been established and that the government is in the process of complying with the

directions dated July 24, 2023. On July 24, 2023, the High Court directed the government to notify a tiger reserve in the Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary and other contiguous areas within three months and to determine and settle the rights and claims of Scheduled Tribes and other forest dwellers within a year while hearing a Public Interest Litigation filed by Goa Founda-

"It is submitted that the State Government is directed to comply with... the judgment and order for determining and settling the rights and claims of the Scheduled Tribes and other forest dwellers following the law as expeditiously as possible within 12 months from the date of the judgment and order. The 12-month period is expiring on July 24, 2024," the Court observed while accepting the submission by the AG. The Bench has scheduled the next hearing for the contempt application on July 30.

# AS DEMAND FOR PROFESSIONAL COURSES RISE...

# Colleges clamour for hike in Science stream seats

**DHE CONSIDERING REQUESTS ON CASE-TO-CASE BASIS** 

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### **PANAJI** Even as admissions for med-

ical, pharmacy, engineering and nursing courses are ongoing, nearly all undergraduate colleges offering Science streams have requested an increase in seats due to the growing demand among students aspiring for these professional courses. The Directorate of Higher

Education (DHE) is allowing seat increases on a case-bycase basis. "This is an annual trend. The demand for BSc courses arises because admissions for professional colleges, including medicine, pharmacy, and agriculture, among others conclude in August-September. To be on the safer side, students initially take admissions for BSc and then opt out once they secure places in their preferred courses," said an official wish-

ing anonymity. While the demand for Science courses is high, the increase in seats for Commerce is minimal and almost non-existent for Arts. "This is nothing new. The number of seats across all streams typically remains the same, except during the admission

# WHAT THE GUILDELINES SAY...

- Min strength for students in multidisciplinary courses set at 30
- Skill enhancement courses (including all Science courses, psychology, and geography) require 20 students
- If student numbers increase in seats
- If student numbers fall below the minimum

According to guidelines issued to colleges, the minimum strength for students in multidisciplinary courses is set at 30, while skill enhancement courses (including all Science courses, psychology, and geography) require 20 students.

For Commerce and Arts, the minimum is 30 students. Value-added courses also have a minimum strength of 30 students, except for NCC, where the actual strength will be accepted.

When asked about varia-

- exceed upper limit, institutions need to request

process," the official added. ing in the Science stream. If student numbers fall below the minimum prescribed by the DHE, the institution must seek a relaxation, which is

nor courses in all disciplines,

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# **Extension sought** till June 30 for completion of **Smart City works**

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# **PANAJI**

The Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited (IPSCDL) has sought an extension until June 30 to complete the remaining works including the 150-meter Taad-Maad road in St Inez.

The agency made this submission before the Bombay High Court at Goa after the government's statement to the Bench indicating a need for more time to complete the 150-meter road stretch from the Taad Maad temple to STP in Tonca.

This area reported the collapse of a just-constructed drain on Monday morning, sparking public anger and demands from opposition parties for an investigation into the alleged corruption in the Smart City projects.

The PILs on the matter are scheduled for further hearing on June 18.

During the last hearing on Tuesday, IPSCDL Chief General Manager Eduardo Pereira submitted a compliance report to the Court, stating that the closure of the incomplete 150-meter St Inez road segment does not significantly inconvenience the public and cited alternative arrangements.

However, the report did not make any reference to the drain collapse.

# **AFTER KALA ACADEMY CONTROVERSY...**

# Leaking Assembly building roof new headache for govt

# **PWD UNDERTAKES** ₹2 CR WATERPROOFING WORK

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# **MAPUSA**

Following the recent controversy over the leaking roof at the Kala Academy, Goa's primary cultural centre, the State Assembly building, the main seat of power, has also been found to be leaking.

at several places, including the central assembly hall, library, and various cabins, for the past several years. Senior officials from the Public Works Department

The roof has been leaking

(PWD) have informed that waterproofing work on the roof, costing approximately Rs 2 crore, is nearly complete. The State Assembly Complex, inaugurated in 2000 by

former prime minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, has completed 24 years but has shown signs of wear and tear. Damp patches have appeared on the roof, and water

leakage has damaged panelling and walls in several are-Sources within the Secretariat revealed that the build-

ing's leakage issues stem from its design. The roof, comprising a dome and flat sections, cou-

'Fake police' stumped by language barrier in Goa

with an inadequate

drainage system, has exacerbated the problem. Water has the government has taken seeped inside, causing signifpre-emptive measures by in-

icant damage over the years.

structural audit has been

Despite these issues, no

date. The situation worsened when the central assembly hall's roof began to leak, causing inconvenience to Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) during the

Leakage was also reported in the library, some cabins, and other halls within the building.

monsoon session.

Waterproofing work being carried out at the State Assembly In response to the crisis,

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Speaker of the conducted on the building to Goa Legislative Assembly Ramesh Tawadkar recently assessed the situation and held meetings with PWD officials. Instructions were issued

itiating waterproofing of the

to immediately undertake the necessary repairs. Due to time constraints, only the waterproofing of the

dome has been completed in >Continued on P5

# **GMR** gets more time to pay revenue share of airport

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# PANAJI

Considering the Covid pandemic in 2020, the State Cabinet on Thursday granted an extension to GMR International to pay the State's gross revenue from Manohar International Airport (MIA) at Mopa. The revenue share of 36.99 per cent would now be payable from December 7 onwards instead of the earlier date of May 31 as per the concession agreement.

The decision was taken during the Cabinet meeting on Thursday wherein Chief

**Govt had sought an opinion** from Advocate General **Devidas Pangam, who said** an extension of the date of commencement of annual premium of 180 days may be granted Minister Pramod Sawant re-

ment. "Goa government's share of 36.99% of the gross revenue from MIA will be payable from December 7, 2024. The delay is

futed Opposition allegations

regarding revenue sharing

between GMR and the govern-

Supreme Court and previously due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which affected overall operations," he told reporters after the meeting. In November 2016, the State government entered into an

due to the petition before the

agreement with GMR Goa International Airport for the construction and development of a greenfield airport on a PPP basis. The airport is to be developed in four phases with a design capacity of 4.4 million passengers per annum (mppa) in Phase I, and

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### two of the last three years, it will be discontinued tions in student numbers, the official stated that institutions must obtain permission for relaxation. "If student numbers exceed the upper limit, institutions request an increase in seats, as is currently happen-

prescribed by DHE, the

■ If any program has less

than 10 students in any

institution must seek

relaxation

the official explained. For other major and mi-

then reviewed by the DHE,"

# Do not fall prey to fraudsters, Sawant tells parents

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onkani appears to have spared many unsuspecting parents from falling into the trap of fraudsters across the State even as there has been no decrease in the number of calls made by the "fake police" to parents.

For, the callers identify them as police in Hindi, without realizing that majority of Goa police officers and personnel communicate with the citizens in their mother tongue. A parent told The Goan that

he became suspicious when the caller spoke in Hindi. "I became alert when the caller spoke to me in Hindi. The Hindi language and their from 'fake police', Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Thursday advised parents not panic or pay money to fraudsters who call and inform them that their child has been kidnapped.

**PANAJI:** Close on the heels of several in-

stances of parents complaining of calls

cannot be Goa police officers or personnel", the parent said. Another parent pointed out that the caller disconnected the call after he told the caller that he can meet him at the police station.

accent indicated the callers

A day after the Goa police epaper.thegoan.net

issued an advisory that people should not take calls of the fraudsters, there seemed no let up in the calls made by the "fake police" to parents of students on the ground their wards have landed in trouble

in fraud and other cases.

While many a parent from

Sawant said. Chinchinim village had received the calls from the fake police in the last couple of days, many a parent from Navelim village have come under the scanner of the miscreants as they have started receiving

similar calls.

"No such kidnapping cases have been

reported in the State. Home department is

keeping a strict watch... Cybercrime Cell is

also investigating the matter. The State is

also in touch with the Centre to block the

VPNs from where such calls originate",

Former Margao Municipal

received a call identifying himself as a police officer. Conversation between the call er and Coutinho revealed that the caller, speaking in Hindi, first sought to know whether a particular girl is her daughter or not. The caller went on to instill fear that his daughter is in the police custody having been arrested in a fraud case. Coutinho was asked by the caller whether he would like to

Chairperson Savio Coutinho

to her, one could hear cries of a girl in the backdrop. As Coutinho kept insisting on talking to his daughter,

talk to his daughter, but when

Coutinho insisted on speaking

the caller had no option than to shout at the former, before disconnecting the call. 

in September last inviting bid-

ders to bid for the sopo fee col-

lection contract was not taken

to its logical conclusion, he

attributed the situation to the

condition in sopo tender that

the contractor should have

10 years experience in fish-

ing business/ activities and a

turnover of Rs 1.5 crore. "Be-

cause of this condition the

PDA could not proceed further

with many a bidder raising

queries on the condition. But,

since the government permit-

ted the PDA to delete the con-

troversial condition, the PDA

will now float the e-tender

Incidentally, the govern-

ment had reportedly scrapped

the 10-year experience in fish-

ing business/ activities way

back in December last, with

questions raised why the PDA

did not rush with the tender

before the code of conduct.

afresh," he said.

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# Sopo fee collection in wholesale fish market comes back to haunt SGPDA

# WITH E-TENDER SCRAPPED IN SEPT LAST YEAR, AUTHORITY IS YET TO FLOAT FRESH TENDER INVITING PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

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The dust kicked up by the recently held Lok Sabha polls has long settled down, with the election authorities lifting the Election Code of Conduct.

There's, however, no word or information when exactly the South Goa Planning and Development Authority (SG-DPA) would float the tender inviting bids to collect sopo fees from the wholesale fish market and enrich the PDA

Indeed, Sopo fee collection in Goa's lone wholesale fish market has come back to haunt the SGPDA once again.

For, while the sopo collection e-tender which was floated around August-September 2023 was scrapped in December last year, the SGPDA is yet to float a fresh tender to invite prospective bidders to submit their bids for the sopo collec-

While the SGPDA has been collecting the sopo fees departmentally from the wholesale fish traders, questions are raised why a fresh tender has not been floated in the last six months. This question assumes significance not only over the inordinate delay in floating a fresh e-tender, but the delay in floating the tender has caused a loss of revenue to the PDA running into lakhs of rupees, if not crores,



The SGPDA wholesale fish market at Margao.

# **STATE OF AFFAIRS**

■ While the sopo collection e-tender which was floated around August-September 2023 was scrapped in December last year, the SGPDA is yet to float a fresh tender to invite prospective bidders to submit their bids for the sopo collection

via the collection of sopo fees. For, the e-tender floated by the SGPDA in August-September last year shows that the PDA had fixed an upset price of Rs 3.88 crore as annual revenue by way of sopo collection fees by the contractor.

This means that the PDA was expecting around Rs 32 lakh every month from the sopo fee collecting contractor. Why the delay in floating the e-tender has caused loss of revenue to the PDA was that PDA had expected the contractor to pay an amount of Rs 32 lakh every month, even though the PDA's collection of sopo fees departmentally has not crossed the Rs 15 lakh per

When The Goan called up SGPDA Chairman, MLA Krishna Daji Salkar to shed light on the long-delayed sopo collection e-tender, he was quick to attribute the delay to the intervening Lok Sabha election and the Election Code of Conduct. "The PDA could not proceed with the sopo collection tender since the elections are now over the code of conduct. But, now that the code of conduct is lifted, the PDA is in the process of floating a new tender," Salkar informed.

On the question why the e-tender floated by the PDA

# **Traders seek intervention** into levy of exorbitant fees

MARGAO: delegation of Wholesale Fish Market Traders Association on Thursday called on SGPDA Member Secretary, Sheikh Ali seeking his intervention to the exorbitant fees charged by the contractor appointed by the PDA.

The SGPDA Member Secretary gave a patient hearing to the delegation, and has promised to put up their grievances before the ensuing Authority meeting.

After the meeting, Sheikh Zaid representing the Wholesale Fish Market Traders Association told the media that the contractor appointed by the PDA to collect sopo charges from the fish traders has been levying exorbitant fees on the fish transporting vehicles entering the market.

"As per the system in place, heavy vehicles entering the market were to be charged Rs 500. We have

now received complaints that the collectors are even charging Rs 1,000 per heavy vehicle entering the market," he claimed. He added: "The whole-

sale fish market traders had been paying fees amounting to Rs 500 on heavy vehicle entering the market. But, now the collectors charge the rates as per their whims and fancies. We do not even know whether the money collected from the wholesale fish market comes to the PDA treasury."

Saying that the SGPDA Member Secretary has promised to cooperate with the traders to ensure that the fees prescribed by the PDA are implemented at the wholesale fish market, Zaid said the SGPDA meeting should take serious cognizance on their complaint

and mete out justice to the fish traders.



The delegation of wholesale fish traders with SGPDA Member Secretary Sheikh Ali on the sopo charges levied in the wholesale fish market. Santosh Mirajkar

# Tense moment at PDA wholesale market over entry of heavy vehicles

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Contractor stops 10-wheeler vehicle entry, confronts traders



The face-off between wholesale fish traders and the sopo contractor on Thursday evening. Santosh Mirajkar

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Tension rent the air at the SG-PDA wholesale fish market on late Thursday evening over the entry of fish transporting vehicles inside the market.

The Fatorda police also rushed to the market as a precautionary measure and to avert any law and order situation.

Trouble began when the contractor appointed by the PDA stopped a 10-wheeler heavy vehicle laden with fish from entering the market, saying the PDA norms are clear only six-wheelers are allowed inside the market.

After a face-off, the traders drove the 10-wheeler vehicle inside the market, but was later told to move out by the police.

The contractor later told the media that he cannot allow the 10-wheeler vehicles inside the market since the heavy vehicles get stuck in the muck affecting the busi-

### THE TENSION

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ness activity.

The traders, on the other hand, maintained that the contractor is seeking revenge since they had gone to the SGPDA Member Secretary Sheikh Ali earlier in the day to complaint of extortion of money by the contractor.

The contractor, however, vehemently denied the allegations of extortion, saying the team has been charging the fees prescribed by the PDA.



the Matanhy Saldanha Administrative complex. Santosh Mirajkar

# Rebellion in Benaulim: **Congress gets into** damage control mode

Party bigwigs interact with members; withdrawal of candidates today

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Even as all eyes are focused on Friday, the time for the withdrawal of candidates for the bypoll for the Benaulim ZP seat, top Congress leaders have gone in a damage control mode by holding interaction with members of the block and other leaders since Wednesday after the party hit rebellion in the Benaulim unit.

# **ZP BY-POLL**

Newly-elected South Goa MP Viriato Fernandes also pointed out that though he favoured the continuance of the INDI Alliance, there's a need to take everyone into confidence. In fact, Viriato said it is still not too late to work out an amicable settlement.

Sources pointed out the Congress leadership on Thursday sent feelers to Royla Fernandes over her decision to quit the party and contest the Benaulim ZP by-poll as an Independent.

Sources further informed that the Congress leadership had a meeting with the members of

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Citizens from Margao on

Thursday cornered the Chair-

person and Chief Officer of

Margao Municipal Council

over the misappropriation of

Rs 17.44 lakh by a LDC of the

izens by former MMC chair-

person Savio Coutinho de-

manded explanation behind

the misappropriation, Chair-

person Damu Shirodkar said

he was not involved in the

organisation of the fair, and

that the Chief Officer inde-

pendently handled the same.

the Chairperson should im-

mediately call for a special

meeting and discuss this

sensitive matter pertaining to

public funds.

Coutinho suggested that

When the delegation of cit-

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Council.

the Benaulim block in a bid to assuage ruffled feathers after the party decided to extend support to the Aam Aadmi Party for the Benaulim by-poll. In fact, the party leadership had to face the brunt of the Congress leaders and workers from Benaulim over its failure to take the block into confidence before leaving the ZP seat to the Aam Aadmi Party for the coming by-poll.

When the media drew attention of the South Goa MP to resentment brewing amongst the Congress workers of Benaulim over the ZP by-poll, the Captain said he was away in Delhi when the pot was boiling in Goa. "I think the issue needs to be resolved amicably. There ought to be an interaction. Though we have to continue with the INDI Alliance, at the same time we have to take everyone into confidence," Viriato added.

Meanwhile, with all the nomination papers filed by the candidates found in order during scrutiny, all eyes are now focused on Friday whether any of the Independent candidates will consider withdrawal of their candidature.

# South MP vows to press for State control of Goa's coast SAYS WILL WORK TO BRING AMENDMENT; MEETS

COLLECTOR, DISCUSSES ISSUES PLAGUING PEOPLE

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Underscoring the need to look beyond politics in the interest of the State, South Goa MP Captain Viriato Fernandes on Thursday said he would work to fight to bring an amendment to ensure that Goa's entire coastline returns back to the custody of the State government and local bodies and not with the Mormugao Port Authority (MPA).

The Captain on Thursday paid a courtesy visit on South Goa district Collector, Asvin Chandru and discussed the issues facing the people of the constituency.

"We don't have problem if the MPT is changed to MPA. But, we are concerned about is that the three main clauses need to be amended since it has divested all powers of the State government and handed over them to the MPA. The MPA is a like a State within the State. This cannot be allowed. The Goa government and the local panchayat and municipal bodies should have jurisdiction on the coast," he said. Asserting that the three lin-



Collectorate on Thursday. Santosh Mirajkai

ear projects have been mooted by the government to facilitate coal transportation to the neighbouring state, Viriato said he met a couple of MPs during his stay in Delhi wherein I explained that there are alternate ways of transporting coal to the State and not necessarily from Goa.

Saying he has many plans for the people of South Goa, Viriato said he had come across a host of problems facing the people of South Goa, especially those staying in the hinterland areas. "I have discussed some of the issues with the district Collector. We have to provide basic amenities such as road and water supply to the people inhabiting the far flung areas of the constituency. We will all

join hands for the benefit of the people of Goa," he said.

When the media drew his attention to the MPLAD projects craving for attention on the maintenance front, the South Goa MP said he would call for an audit of the MLPAD works to find out their status before finding solutions.

"We take pride in claiming that Goa is a developed State. But we have come across people walking a kilometer and half away to fetch a bucket of water. In some places, there are no roads as a result of which children do not go to school. We have to work for these people," he said, while promising to serve the people without any party and politi-

# Debate arises over new judge's role in politician trials in South Goa court

3 criminal cases to be heard in sessions court today

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As the criminal cases against politicians are scheduled to come up for hearing before the newly-posted South Goa Sessions Judge Sherin Paul on Friday, questions are being raised in legal circles whether the South Goa Sessions Court will continue the trial against Ministers Mauvin Godinho and Atanasio Monserrate and Taleigao MLA Jennifer Monserrate.

For, South Goa Principal Sessions Judge, Irshad Agha stands transferred as the North Goa Principal and Sessions Judge, while Sherin Paul has assumed office as new South Goa Principal Sessions Judge after the vacation on June 10.

In fact, there's debate of sorts in the corridors of the South Goa court whether Judge Sherin Paul will take up the three criminal cases against politicians on the ground that the High Court had appointed outgoing Sessions Judge Irshad Agha as the designated and special court to try the three criminal cases against the three politicians.

Sources pointed out that tri-



al in all the three criminal cases have been pending before the South Goa Sessions Court since February 2023 when the High Court had designated Session Judge Irshad Agha as the designated judge.

However, with Judge Irshad Agha now transferred as North Goa Sessions judge, the issue over the court jurisdiction in trying the three criminal cases against the Monserrates and Godinho is expected to come up before the Sessions Court when the three cases come up for hearing on Friday.

Minister Mauvin Godinho is facing trial in the alleged power rebate scam case, while Revenue Minister Atanasio Monserrate is facing trial in the alleged minor girl rape case. Atanasio and wife Jennifer are also facing trial in the Panaji police sta-

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tion attack case.

A defence lawyer told The Goan that the issue may be raised before Sessions Judge Sherin Paul when the three criminal cases against the three politicians come up for hearing on Friday.

"Let us wait and see how things unfold in the Sessions Court on Friday when the three cases come up for hearing. As far as I understand, the High Court had appointed outgoing South Goa Sessions Judge as the designated judge to try the three cases. We expect clarity in the matter when the cases come up for hearing before Judge Sherin Paul," remarked a lawyer.

# With no sign of LDC depositing ₹17.44 lakh in treasury, CO says will file police complaint

MARGAO: With no sign of the LDC depositing the amount of Rs 17.44 lakh in the Municipal treasury, Margao Municipal Chief Officer Gaurish Sankhwalkar has informed that he would lodge a complaint with the Margao police against the erring employee on Friday.

He also mulled initiating proceedings for the recovery of dues amounting to Rs 17.44 lakh from the LDC.

Saying that he has prepared a draft complaint which would be submitted to the Margao police on Friday, Sankhwalkar said he has sent the draft to the Municipal retainer for vetting. "The MMC will take all possible action to ensure that the

civic body recover the amount from the LDC. We are filing a police complaint against the employee on Friday. Recovery proceedings will be initiated against the employee," he added.

The Chairperson asthe Chief Officer to seek his sured the delegation that he will ensure that the entire amount would be recovered, and went a step ahead to state that he would not allow

transfer unless he (CO) recovers the amount from the Municipal staff. When the citizens called

on the Chief Officer Gaur-

Madgavkars confront MMC over Fair fund misappropriation ish Sankhwalkar for an explanation, the Chief Officer tried to justify that the delay in filing of a criminal case was on account of compiling the exact figures of misappropriation.

Coutinho, however, cornered the Chief Officer stating that the suspension order will not help in recovery of

the amount, and that harsher measures were needed. Later speaking to the media, Coutinho revealed an interesting fact that the receipts of the collection were issued by the Market inspectors but the money was left in the possession of the LDC. "We wonder what would

happen if the suspended LDC

claims that he never had the

money (cash) with him, and

that he was answerable only

to the amounts received by

him through his QR code, Coutinho said expressing concern over the recovery. Jose Maria Miranda ques-

tioned the audacity of the Council to knock on taxpayers doors seeking taxes, while allowing the loot of public funds. Loyola Rodrigues charged

that the MMC was deliberately delaying the filing of criminal offence before the police as the concerned staff had the backing of political godfathers. The delegation warned

that if the MMC fails to recover the amount of Rs 17.44 lakh from the concerned staff, then the competent court of law would be approached seeking directions for the recovery from all the responsible Municipal officials.

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# Health checks reveal illegal biz operations at Karaswada

# HEALTH CENTRE TO INFORM MAPUSA CIVIC BODY ABOUT UNSANITARY CONDITIONS

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**MAPUSA** 

A team of officials from the Mapusa Urban Health Centre on Thursday conducted a thorough inspection of several alleged illegal business establishments at Karaswada junction.

The inspection revealed that nearly all the establishments were operating without the necessary health No Objection Certificates (NOCs) and in unhygienic conditions.

A senior health official stated, "There is no question of issuing health NOCs to the shops and kiosks at this junction, as almost all of them are

The official emphasised that while the health department could not directly take action against these businesses, a report detailing the unsanitary conditions would be sent to the Mapusa Municipal Council (MMC), which holds the authority to make the final decision on the matter.



the Karaswada junction, Mapusa on Thursday.

The inspection followed a complaint lodged by local resident Atmaram Gadekar, who urged authorities to ensure that the establishments either obtain the required trade licenses or cease their opera-

Gadekar expressed concerns that the lack of government intervention not only undermines the rule of law but also raises serious questions about corruption and accountability within local

For over two decades, at least a dozen business establishments, including several restaurants, have been operating illegally at the Karaswada junction. These businesses have been functioning without the mandatory trade licenses from the civic body.

Reports suggest that the establishments have been shielded by a councillor, which has prevented previous attempts at demolition.

# **CONCERNS ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH**

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has placed the responsibility squarely on the Mapusa civic body.

The health department's inspection and subsequent report to the Mapusa Municipal Council mark a significant step towards resolving the long-standing issue. The local community now awaits the council's decision, which will determine the future of the illegal establishments and their compliance with health and safety regulations.

# Ferreira pushes for clarity in process of issuing OCI cards

Highlights case of minor in UK who got show-cause notice questioning renewal of Indian passport

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### **MAPUSA**

Aldona MLA Carlos Ferreira has raised concerns over the Indian government's process for issuing Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards to individuals of Goan origin who have acquired Portuguese nation-

Ferreira highlighted the case of a minor residing in the UK, who received a show-cause notice from the Indian High Commissioner for allegedly contravening rules by obtaining an Indian passport after birth registration in Portugal.

According to Ferreira, the minor had obtained an Indian passport in March 2015 as a minor, followed by Portuguese registration in September 2015. Despite renewing the Indian passport in 2020, the minor acquired a Portuguese passport in December 2023 before reaching adulthood in January 2024. An application for an OCI card was filed in January 2024, and subsequently, a show-cause notice arrived in May 2024 questioning the re-

### THE CASE

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consistency in requirements from Indian missions abroad, where renunciation certificates are demanded even af-

ter passport surrender due to birth registration in Portugal complicating the OCI applica tion process.

He cited constitutional Article 9, stating that acquiring foreign citizenship results in the automatic cessation of Indian citizenship. Ferreira ar gued for clarity from the central government, emphasising that those registering births in Portugal should automatical ly cease to be Indian citizens without the need for additional renunciation certificates.

Ferreira called for a one-time amnesty scheme for Goans who registered births in Portugal but continue to reside in India without utilising their Portuguese citizenship rights fully.

He highlighted potential challenges faced by such individuals in property ownership, banking, employment, and business transactions under foreign exchange regulations.

The MLA urged the central government to provide clear guidelines to avoid international confusion and ensure consistent application of citizenship laws.

# INDIA bloc activists confront PWD, WRD over water supply woes

# Officials cite lack of NOC to draw Gaunem dam water

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**CANACONA** INDIA bloc activists from Canacona confronted the WRD and PWD (water supply) officers for their failure to supply water despite completing the Gaunem Dam seven years ago, making it difficult for residents of Gaondongrim and Cotigao villages to get water for their daily needs.

WRD officials, however, washed off their hands and said the department completed the construction of Gaunem dam in 2017 itself, and since then, has been waiting for PWD (Water Supply) to make necessary provisions (pump-house, storage tanks, etc) to draw water from the dam, and to commission the dam for public use.

On the other hand, PWD (Water Supply) Officers expressed their helplessness to draw water from the dam as their efforts to obtain an NOC to set up a pump-house, storage tanks, water treatment plant/tank for the Gaunem dam had been unsuccessful.

"Almost thrice before, we have prepared estimates, but every time the files come back for want of a suitable place to set up the required plant/ tank for the Gaunem dam," said Canacona PWD (WS) Assistant Engineer Sanjay Thopil, while interacting with the INDIA block activists on Wednesday.



Assistant Engineer and Junior Engineer. Kathy Fernandes

# TANK BUILT, BUT IN VAIN

- Gaondongrim Panch Anand Gaonkar blamed Speaker and Canacona MLA Ramesh Tawadkar for his inability to obtain necessary NOCs to set up a pump house, tanks, laying of supply pipelines and other related measures
- A tank is already built but we are told that seven people are not giving their NOCs, and the government has not done anything for the last 7 years, making people suffer
- Vikas Bhagat said they are willing to approach the 7 landowners who are allegedly holding residents of Gaondongrim-Cotigao to ransom by denying NOCs to set up pump house, OH tanks, pipelines, etc

"Recently, our talks are underway with a prominent Devalaya to allocate a piece of land (approximately 4,000-5,000 sqm), and if everything goes well, we expect to complete the work and begin supplying water from the Gaunem

Sr. No.

dam to the people of Gaondongrim and Khotigao in two years time."

Goa Forward Party Environment Cell Chairman Vikas Bhagat said it is unfortunate that the PWD could not set up a plant/tank to utilise water was taken up for construction more than 12 years ago, and completed in 2017. "The government must en-

from the Gaunem dam, which

sure that water reaches the needy and deserving people living in Gaondongrim and Cotigao villages." Ex-Shristhal Sarpanch Pan-

drugang (Datta) Gaonkar said it was sad to see a 75-80 yearold man forced to carry water utensils over his head from a well located some distance away. Gaondongrim Panch Anand

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Gaspar Coutinho said they would apprise newly elected South Goa MP Capt Viriato Fernandes about the government's inability to commission the Gaunem dam for seven-long years.

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**PANAJI** 

The Bombay High Court at Goa on Thursday asked the Goa government department of Public Works to file a compliance report concerning the completion of the water supply projects at Ganjem (Usgao) along with the timelines by when the projects will be completed.

The High Court, which is hearing a public interest litigation petition filed by residents of Usgao led by one

directed officials of the PWD to personally inspect the water supply situation in the village and file a compliance In its report the PWD said

that while water is being sub-

Rohan Rauji Naik, had earlier

Submit timeline for Usgao water projects: HC to PWD

stantially provided, the situation will improve no sooner the two pending projects are completed. The projects include the construction of a 25 MLD Water Treatment Plant on Mhadei River at Ganjem which is said to be in progress and 80% completed as well as

In its report the PWD said that while water is being substantially provided, the situation will improve no sooner the two pending projects are completed

a project for the improvement of distribution network at Palwada, Navewada and surrounding areas in Usgao Ganjem village panchayat which

is tendered and awaiting expenditure sanction. "We expect the Respond-

ents to indicate the timeline within which the statements made therein will be adhered to. The affidavit is to be filed by a responsible Officer of the Water Works Department within a period of two weeks from today," the High Court bench of Justices M S Karnik and Valmiki Sa Menezes said.

### ROYAL TWINKLE STAR CLUB PRIVATE LIMITED & CITRUS CHECK INNS LIMITED NOTICE OF SALE

BY SALE-CUM-MONITORING COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY HON BLE SUPREME COURT SALE OF ASSETS BY SALE CUM MONITORING COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY SUPREME COURT OF INDIA VIDE ORDER DATED 10/05/2018 IN CASE OF ROYAL TWINKLE STAR CLUB PVT, LTD. AND CITRUS CHECK INNS LIMITED (UNDER LIQUIDATION)

Offers are invited by electronic mode through https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net to be submitted between 11:00 am to 01.00 pm on 12th July 2024 for sale of the Properties/Investments as per Annexure - A uploaded on web portal citrusroyal.com, sebi.gov.in & https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net sale of the properties/investments are strictly on "As is where is basis and whatever there is basis and as is what is".

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CA Devendra Jain RESOLUTION PROFESSIONAL PLACE: MUMBAI ON BEHALF OF SALE CUM MONITORING COMMITTEE

# पावरग्रिड

Petition for determination of tariff under Section 62 read with Section 79 (1) (d) of Electricit

Act, 2003 and under Regulation 15 (1) (a) and Regulation 23 of Central Electricity Regulator Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2023 read with Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Condition of Tariff Regulations) 2019 for Asset-1: 01 No. 765kV 80 MVAR Single Phase Reactor at Bilaspur S/S under "PROCUREMENT OF TRANSFORMER AND REACTOR AS PER ERPC & WRPC RECOMMENDAIONS The beneficiaries of the above-mentioned Transmission system are (a) Madhya Prades

Power Management Company Ltd, Jabalpur (b) Electricity Department, Administration of Daman & Diu, Daman, (c) Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd., Vadodara, (d) Electricit Department, Government of Goa; Panaji, (e) Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd., Mumbai, (f) Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam (Indore) Ltd. Indore, (g) Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Co. Ltd, Raipur (h) DNH Power Distribution Corporation Limited, Silvassa Tariff details

Transmission tariff for 2019-24 Tariff Block

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Name of the Asset	Asset-1
Schedule DOCO (FR)	26.03.2024
DOCO (Actual/Anticipated)	06.10.2023
Estimated Completion Cost (Rs in Lakhs)	673.97
Tariff for 2019-24 Tariff Block (Rs in Lakhs)	72
2023-24	47.18

website at www.powergrid.in.

The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission 6th, 7th & 8th Floors, Tower B, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice. Place: Gurugram

Date: 07.06.2024

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# Agri Produce & Marketing Board committee named

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# **PANAJI**

Goa government has appointed a Committee of Administrators to manage the affairs of Goa Agriculture Produce & Marketing Board for a period of six months. One of the functions of the Committee will be to hold the election to the Board of Directors, as the order takes

effect retroactively from April 6. Agriculture director Sandeep Fol Dessai has been appointed as Chairman while Avadhut Mahatme and Gurunath Naik are the Administrators. The Committee will manage affairs

with retrospective from June 6. The Board was constituted on September 6, 2018 for a period of five years till September 5, 2023. The term was then extended for 3 months while the election process to elect new members of the Board could not be completed.

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STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

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sons of Sh. Vijendra Kumar Jain. 2. ALL THAT PART AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY i.e. Residential Villa bearing no.B-3 admeasuring 220.00 sq.mtrs in residential complex

Jain(Original Title Deed seized by EOW, N. Delhi)

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# Need zero tolerance against contamination of water bodies, seas

ish dying due to chemicals or pollutants in water bodies has triggered a concern as three incidents have surfaced in the past few days. Dead fish were found lying scattered on the shores of Velsao in two separate instances, both within a week. A few days later, a large quantity of fish was found in a creek near the Waste Treatment Plant at Cacora-Curchorem.

The Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) team visited Cacora and observed that the fish die-off happened due to the leachate that flowed from the nearby remediated dump into the creek. The Pollution Control Board also revealed that improper storage of urea and other fertilisers by a fertiliser company Paradeep Phosphates Ltd at Velsao led to a spill which made its way to the Velsao bay.

Time and again, reports from various quarters have pointed to water bodies in Goa being heavily polluted, but nothing seems to change. A recent report released by the GSPCB said major rivers in the State are having exceeding levels of faecal contamination threatening the aquatic ecosystem. The report has also highlighted the industrial contamination of some rivers. Last year, the Central Pollution Control Board released a report citing that major beaches in Goa are polluted with high levels of faecal coliform with contamination way beyond limits. Tourists have cited pollution of beaches on travel portals like Tripadvisor with a mention of business establishments and shacks channelling untreated sewage to the seas.

In the last monsoon session of the Legislative Assembly, Minister for Water Resources Subhash Shirodkar submitted in a written reply

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that 75 lakes across Goa are polluted with sewage and have a high presence of e.coli bacteria. Incidentally, Salcete led with 29 lakes being polluted. An earlier study published in 2016 by the GSPCB maintained that water in most of the rivers in Goa was unsafe for human consumption.

It is obvious that the situation is spiralling out of control, and the fish die-off at the Velsao shore and Cacora are indica-

tors that we are headed for worse times. The beauty of Goa has been its pristine beaches and water bodies that include creeks and rivers. River water contamination in various forms and scales, which is going unchecked, does not bode well for the State. The fish die-off cannot be the alarm, rather, it is an indicator that we don't have inherent mechanisms and checks and balances to stop violations.

It appears that the GSPCB is handling the issue with kid gloves. In the Velsao incident, although the company was served a show cause notice over the chemical leak, it has let them off the hook without any reprimand. They have been asked to submit an action plan for improving housekeeping, and the company have promptly agreed to do so. That's all. Let's not forget, that Velsao was a witness to fish die-off twice within a week.

Fish die-off raises a scare because fish forms part of Goa's staple diet, and there is a vast section, especially in villages that consume river fish and there is even a larger section that is dependent on netted sea fish for their daily fish-curry-rice. The worry is not only because of sewage release but also the flow of toxic chemical waste into rivulets, the recent cases being Ponda and Bicholim.

The State needs robust monitoring coupled with swift punitive action. An accident cannot be a trigger to act or visit these polluting industries or contamination sources. Strong deterrents must be set, including suspending of licences, and there has to be zero tolerance over such violations.

# **OPEN SPACE >>**

# Stop mega projects that will destroy our villages

his is with refernce to the recent protests/objection to a proposed mega project in Chandor. I recall that the opposition to these mega housing projects go back to approx 20 years when the Congress was in power for a while but did nothing to address the menace. The latter was one reason why the Congress Party lost confidence with many Goans i.e. on their reluctance to save Goa from these destructive real estate projects that cater mostly to clients from outside Goa. BJP has taken this real estate destruction to an even worse level. The current Goa CM and TCP Minister has taken land conversion of green to brown/ concrete to even higher levels; with massive destruction of hills, water bodies, fields and the environment in general. My point now is for the Congress Party to start redeeming itself and start addressing things like the mega projects which threaten Goa's identity/demographics, villages, environment, fields, trees etc. The Congress should on a war footing start demanding issues like these be addressed to preserve Goa and promise to address the same themselves should they come to power.

**ARWIN MESQUITA, Colva** 

# The myth of indispensability shattered

The voters' voice is clear: Real progress, development are paramount, and no political leader or party can take their support for granted



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**SAYANTAN GHOSH** 

■he 2024 Lok Sabha election has concluded, delivering an outcome that resonates profoundly across India's political spectrum. This election has shattered the myth of indispensability that many political parties and leaders might have harboured.

It serves as a powerful reminder that in a democracy, no political entity or leader is irreplaceable. The electorate has once again proven its pivotal role in shaping the country's future, emphasising the importance of tangible development over polarising narratives.

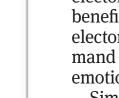
For the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its alliances, the election results are a wake-up call. Despite their strong foothold in Indian politics, the electorate has signalled that overconfidence and complacency have no place in a democracy. The BJP's loss in Uttar Pradesh, despite the significant development of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, underscores that the electorate values genuine development over symbolic gestures.

This loss in Faizabad, a constituency believed to be a BJP stronghold, highlights the limitations of relying solely on religious or cultural projects to secure votes. The people have made it clear that real progress on the ground is what truly

The election results also challenge the BJP's assumption that the support from minority communities, including Muslims and Dalits, is irrelevant in the face of a strong Hindu majoritarian voting

The anticipated perpetual dominance of this bloc did not materialise, signalling a more nuanced and inclusive voter base than previously acknowledged. This shift suggests that the electorate is moving beyond simplistic communal divides, demanding accountability and development that benefit all sections of society. Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains a popular figure, and the BJP continues to be a favoured party among many Indians. However, the electorate's decision not to grant the BJP a full majority is a clear message against compla-

The people of India have demonstrated that while they respect and support



The 2024 Lok Sabha election serves as a stark reminder that the electorate is the ultimate arbiter in a democracy. The concept of "Janta Janardhan" — the people as the ultimate authority — has been reinforced



strong leadership, they also expect consistent and inclusive governance. The BJP must now introspect and work towards developing robust local leadership, ensuring that their governance is not overly reliant on the charisma of central figures like Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

The election has also conveyed significant lessons to other Opposition parties. For instance, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Delhi faced a harsh reality check. Despite the sympathy wave following Arvind Kejriwal's arrest, the party lost all seven seats in Delhi.

This outcome indicates that sympathy alone is insufficient to sway the electorate; performance and tangible benefits to the public are crucial. The electorate's decision reflects their demand for substantive governance over emotional appeals.

Similarly, the Congress party, which hoped to regain its footing in Karnataka, faced setbacks due to internal conflicts. This result underscores the detrimental impact of infighting and the need for a united and coherent strategy. The electorate's preference for stability and effective governance over fragmented and discordant political manoeuvres is evident.

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Since the 2014 Lok Sabha election, there was a narrative suggesting the rise of a "New India", where certain leaders and political dispensations were deemed indispensable.

The 2024 election has decisively shattered this notion. It highlights that the electorate values accountability, development, and inclusive governance over any perceived indispensability of political figures or parties.

The election results also emphasise that polarising narratives centred

on Hindu-Muslim divides are losing their efficacy. The people of India are increasingly focused on issues that directly impact their lives, such as economic development, healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

This shift in voter priorities is a crucial lesson for all political parties. It is a call to move beyond divisive politics and focus on policies that foster inclusive growth and development.

For the BJP, the message is clear relying solely on the charisma of central leadership without addressing local issues and developing regional leaders is a flawed strategy.

The party must address this gap to maintain its relevance and effectiveness. This election is a critical juncture for the BJP to reflect on its strategies and recalibrate its approach to governance and political engagement.

For the Congress and other Opposition parties, the election results high light the importance of unity and coherent strategies. The electorate has shown that it does not tolerate infighting and disunity, which can undermine the effectiveness of any political party. The Opposition must now focus on presenting a united front, addressing internal conflicts, and offering a viable alternative to the electorate.

In conclusion, the 2024 Lok Sabha election has delivered a profound lesson in the dynamics of democracy. It underscores the importance of genuine development, accountability, and inclusive governance.

The myth of indispensability has been shattered, reaffirming that in a democracy, the power lies with the people. Political parties and leaders must heed this message and work towards creating a more inclusive and

progressive India. The electorate's voice is clear: Real progress and development are paramount, and no political leader or party

can take their support for granted.

# THE INBOX >>

# **BJP leaders must resign and** not blame priests for loss

BJP State spokesperson Giriraj Pai Vernekar and Mormugao MLA Sankalp Amonkar while addressing a press conference on Wednesday were both heard blaming Catholic priests/religious leaders for the humiliating defeat of their South Goa parliamentary candidate in the just concluded Lok Sabha elections. Well, for the kind information of the BJP leaders, priests/religious leaders do not name or force their followers to vote for candidates of certain political parties by mixing religion through their sermons but only advise them to vote for some really good candidates of secular parties in Goa. Now, what is wrong in that? And why should we Goan Catholics wait to hear only Sunday sermons of some priests to decide whom to vote for? I therefore personally feel that if the BJP leaders want to show that they are not communal and want to take their 'Sabke Saath Sabka Vikas' really forward in the state then they should stop this madness of blaming priests/religious heads unnecessarily for the loss of their South Goa parliamentary seat candidate to entertain their own die-hard supporters and instead should take moral responsibility for that loss & voluntarily resign in Goa.

**JERRY FERNANDES,** Saligao

# **Condolences to kin of those** who died in Kuwait fire

We are deeply shocked with the Kuwait fire tragedy where 42 Indians among 49 dead were reported and around 50 people have been hospitalised. The fire started from the kitchen of Al Mangaf building as the NBTC group rented the building for their employees. Indian labourers are in a large number in the Gulf countries and receive very low salaries. The accommodation where workers are staying is basic without adequate safety measures. India should make an agree-

# Official inaction against illegal constructions

This is with reference to the report, "GCZMA AT SEA OVER CRZ VI-OLATIONS - The Goan Everyday - June 13, 2024." CRZ regulations have been framed all across the country with a view to protect both Nature as well as humankind. But man in his wisdom, seems to disregard all such regulations and is resorting to unfair means for his own benefit. This is evident from this news report. The notable point in this news report is, the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) appears to be working only on the basis of complaints against illegal structures. This is similar to the authorities in Mumbai asking citizens to identity potholes and upload pictures. The question is, what are the authorities doing, as part of their job, to prevent or take immediate action against illegal constructions or repair the potholes without waiting for complaints from the public?

**MELVILLE X D'SOUZA, Mumbai** 

ment with Gulf countries like the UAE to pay minimum salary of at least AED 1,500. Indians go aboard leaving their family behind for the better future of their children. Our Indians are working hard for their families in hot weather and give good service to the companies they work for. Our deepest condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and wish full recovery to those who have been injured. Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis and other nationals live and work together in the Gulf countries for the sake of their families. Remember that safety always comes first. There should be fire extinguishers and fire wardens to control any fire during an emergency and proper training should

**RONNIE DSOUZA, Chandor** 

be given to ensure safety.

# **Don't tinker with Patto** to provide nightlife

It has come to light that the Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) is planning to turn Patto area in Panaji into an entertainment zone to provide nightlife to the residents of Panaji. Patto area



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in Panaji city by any reckoning is a wellplanned and laid out commercial centre that occupies the pride of place in the capital city of Panaji, with some resemblance to Mumbai's prestigious Nariman Point. Any plans by the Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) to turn this area into an entertainment zone will only prove disastrous. We have had enough nightmarish experiences with the Smart City project that has ruined Panaji and turned it into a war- ravaged zone. Panaji also has enough of entertainment places and nightlife for its residents by way of casinos, boat cruises, bars, hotels, dance halls, etc. Let us not tinker with Patto now and destroy what little is left of Panaji.

**AF NAZARETH,** *Alto Porvorim* 

# **Underground cabling and** risks of electrocution

Power department officials were reportedly forced to disconnect supply in Anjuna after a snag in the underground cabling led to current flowing into a streetlight pole. It was noticed that some stray cattle seemed agitated as they passed the streetlight pole. It was found that current was flowing in the pole and in the area around it. According to the power department officials a fault in the underground cables caused a short circuit which was rectified. It may be recalled that a few days back a buffalo calf died at Marcel. Locals have claimed that the calf was electrocuted due to underground cabling. Underground cabling has been completed in several places across the state. In the rainy season roads and pavements get flooded. Hence if a live wire from an underground cable comes in contact with rainwater it can lead to electrocution. Poor workmanship while laying the cable, external mechanical damage during digging, moisture, overloading among others, are the reasons for faults appearing in underground cabling. Necessary precautions need to be taken to avoid any untoward incident.

**ADELMO FERNANDES, Vasco** 



# Nerul periphery to get better power supply

# 100 KVA TRANSFORMER TO BE INSTALLED IN MAIMAWADO

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**PORVORIM** 

Residents at a tail-end area in Nerul are set to get better power supply as a 100 KVA transformer is being installed at a cost of Rs 83 lakh.

While launching work to install the transformer, Saligao MLA Kedar Naik said Maimawado in Nerul is at a tail-end and has remained neglected over several years.

"There is only one transformer of 100 KVA here, while there are several business establishments in the area. This transformer is unable to cope with the power demand of this locality," said Naik.

"Following a request from locals, one more transformer of 100 KVA capacity is being installed at a cost of Rs 83 lakh. With the installation of this transformer, frequent disruptions and fluctuations in power supply will be reduced."

The Saligao MLA stated that Nerul beach had remained



Saligao MLA Kedar Naik launches work to install a transformer at Maimawado-Nerul. Anil Shankhwalker

undeveloped for a long time. "Every year, thousands of tourists visit Nerul beach and

boat operators conduct rides for tourists. But there are no proper facilities at the beach for tourists to board the boats. Tourists are required to wade through the water to board the boats," said Naik.

"There are neither toilets nor changing rooms at the beach for tourists. One portable toilet has been kept on the

beach but there is no place on the beach to sit and relax. If the Nerul Comunidade gives its permission, the tourism department is ready to set up the required infrastructure at Nerul beach," said Naik.

Nerul Sarpanch Rajesh Calangutkar and ZP member Sandeep Bandodkar also spoke on the occasion. Others present at the function included Dy Sarpanch Piedade Almeida. panch members and locals.

informed a medical attendant that she was going for a scan but instead slipped out of the hospital. She rejoined her companion, who was waiting outside, and the pair attempted to flee.

Assault incident takes

Mapusa cops intervene

dramatic twists as

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In an incident that could ri-

val a Bollywood plot, a wom-

an and her male companion

were involved in a dramatic

sequence of events while trav-

The duo encountered trou-

ble upon reaching Guirim

when the man assaulted the

woman in a fit of rage over

The woman sustained se-

rious injuries and was bleed-

ing, prompting the man to

However, their luck took a

turn for the worse as bystand-

ers, noticing the suspicious

situation, alerted the police.

The man fled the scene with

the vehicle, leaving the in-

transported to the North Goa

District Hospital in Mapu-

sa, where she received seven

stitches on her head before

being referred to the Goa Med-

ical College (GMC) for further

The incident took another

twist at GMC when the woman

**PANAJI:** The Goa Union of

a new initiative called

will be introduced to its

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Citing the threat of uniden-

tified migrants, the St Andre

Congress block has submitted

a memorandum to the Agas-

saim police urging them to

conduct tenant's verification

The memorandum was

submitted to Agassaim PI

Anant Gaonkar by Congress

leader Mohan Dhond, on

Thursday, in the presence of

block president Manoj Palkar,

block youth president Terence

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Journalists (GUJ) has started

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**MAPUSA** 

However, their luck ran out once again as the police tracked their car and brought them back to the Mapusa police station.

At the station, the drama continued as the woman refused to file a complaint against the man, insisting that her injuries were caused accidentally by the car door and not by an assault.

Despite this, Mapusa PI Nikhil Palekar indicated that the man, known for his notorious background and having several cases against him, posed a potential threat to the woman.

"We feel this man can be a threat to the woman and therefore will arrest him," Palekar stated.

Further investigation is ongoing, and by late evening, the police were yet to register a formal complaint in the matter.

GUJ to begin 'Behind The Byline', know your GUJ member monthly series

celebrated will be former

member Gurudas Sawal.

decades of experience,

editor at Prudent Media.

GUJ president and founder

The veteran journalist has

having formerly been chief

associate editor at Goa Doot

St Andre Congress urges police to

hold tenant verification drive

# 6 road mishap deaths in Ponda taluka in 20 days

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### **PONDA**

Roads in Ponda have claimed six lives in the last 20 days and locals have felt that authorities have not done enough to curb road mishaps in the taluka.

On May 23, a scooterist was killed in a collision with a cargo truck near the Top Cola factory at Borim. The next day, a motorcycle rammed into an electricity pole on the flyover at Curti, killing the rider on the spot. In another accident, a worker

was killed at Mapa-Panchwadi

after the tanker overturned following a collision with a truck. On May 25, a youth was killed in an accident involving a bike and a car on the service road in Bethora. On June 11, a motorcycle pilot died after being crushed under a crane at the Kadamba bus stand at Ponda. Later that night, a scooter rider was seriously injured when his scooter slipped and he fell on the road

He died the next morning. Locals have claimed laying of underground power cables is posing severe problems for traffic. After awarding the contract, PWD officials have been accused of washing their hands off when accidents take place.

and chief reporter at Daily

Navprabha. Sawal will be in

conversation with Pandurang

Gaonkar, Editor, Goan Varta,

Shakti Bhavan, Patto, Panaji

at the GUJ office, Shram

The event will be held on

Friday, June 14, at 4pm.

due to a pothole in Usgaon.

# IN SHORT >>

# Three injured in multi-vehicle accident at Dramapur

MARGAO: Three persons were left injured on the NH16 at Dramapur on Thursday morn ing after an accident occurred involving a car, two two-wheelers and a goods carrier. The incident is believed to have happened when a



The vehicles damaged in the road accident on the NH66 at Dramapur.

two-wheeler rider Santosh Mirajkar suddenly came on the road. The car driver tried to save the rider, but in the bargain resulted in an accident involving the four vehicles. This is the

second accident at the spot in the last one week. The injured were later shifted to the hospital. The Margao police is investigating the accident.

# **Vasco-Yesvantpur train to get** enhanced safety, comfort

**BELAGAVI:** The South Western Railway (SWR) has decided to convert the Vasco-Yesvantpur-Vasco train from conventional rakes to Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) rakes to enhance passenger safety and comfort.

The LHB rakes will be made available on Train No. 17309 Vasco-Yesvantpur Express with effect from June 21 and Train No. 17310 Yesvantpur-Vasco Express with effect from June 22. The revised coach composition for these trains will be as follows: AC Two Tier (1 coach), AC-3 tier (3 Coaches), Sleeper Class (10 Coaches), General Second Class (4 Coaches) and 1 Brake van cum Generator van.

# **AOAGMJ** to celebrate Eid-Ul-Zuha on June 17 at Usgao

PANAJI: EID-UL- ZUHA (Bakrid Eid) will be celebrated on Monday 17th June 2024. This Eid, the festival of sacrifice coincides with the annual HAJJ performed in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. The Muslims in Goa celebrate this Eid by sacrificing the animal which is called as Qurbani.

Every year we perform this religious obligation Qurbani at the abattoir of Goa Meat Complex at Usgao. This year we will perform Qurbani from 17th June to 19th June. The Government authorities and managing Committee of Goa Meat Complex is making all the arrangement and rendering their full cooperation in performing Qurbani.

# Porvorim's class 10, 12 toppers to be felicitated on Sunday

**PORVORIM:** A felicitation ceremony for students of Porvorim Constituency will be organised at Socorro Panchayat Hall, Porvorim on Sunday, June 16 at at 4 pm for students who have passed with 75% and above marks in March-April 2024 examinations conducted by the Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary

Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte will be the Chief Guest while Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Chairman Bhagirath Shetye will be the guest of honour. Social worker and Psychiatrist Dr Rupesh Patkar will give the keynote address during the function. The organisers have appealed to all eligible students and their parents to be present on time for the function. The ceremony will be organised by Porvorim Rising.

# Roadside trees pose danger in Netravali

**SANGUEM:** A number of roadside Gulmohar trees which were planted many years back at Zamgall-Netravali and other places have become old and are leaning dangerously towards the road, posing a threat to motorists, commuters and pedestrians alike. It may be recalled that a year ago, a young woman from Sanguem had lost her life after a roadside tree fell on her car, killing her on the spot. There are serious concerns that old Gulmohar trees on the road leading to Netravali could come crashing down during the monsoon.

Locals claimed that though the forest The roadside Gulmohar department is aware of the danger that lies to the road users, it has not taken steps to prune/cut the danger- Netravali.

dangerously at Zamgall-

trees which are leaning

The road to Netravali village is a busy route with hundreds of vehicles using the road on a daily basis.

The villagers have appealed to authorities to cut the trees lying dangerously by the roadside before any tragedy takes place.

# National meet on Musical

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Thomas Stephens Konknni Kendr (TSKK), Porvorim, joint collaboration with the Department of Gazetteer and Historical Records, will organise a National Conference on 'The Contribution of the Goan Christian Musicians to the Musical Heritage of Goa' at the TSKK AC hall on Friday.

The conference will be inaugurated by Archbishop of Goa and Daman Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrão, while Fr Pedro Rodrigues, SJ, Provincial Superior of the Goa Province Jesuits, will be the guest of honour, states a press note by TSKK Director

Fr Joaquim Loiola Pereira, Secretary to the Archbishop, will deliver the keynote

address. The conference comprises nine scholars presenting their papers focusing on the various facets of the Goa's musical traditions. Many

'SOD' to mark the 25th anniversary of having its own campus. Selected 25 papers

traditions of Goa.

'Goan music.'

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will also

The introduction of the

western musical traditions

by the missionaries marked

the beginning of new era

that resulted into today's

Konknni Kendr (TSKK)

commemorative edition of

its annual research bulletin.

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published in 'Sod' during last 25 years have been included in this commemorative edition. The persons interested

to attend this conference as delegates are requested to pre-register themselves via email (tskkgoa@gmail.

Research students of any university will have free entry, while other delegates will have minimal registration fees of 200

inclusive of lunch. Further details are available on Ph: 9699383648.

# Congress demands arrest of BJP leaders over religious polarisation

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# MARGAO

Demanding arrest Mormugao BJP MLA Sankalp Amonkar and Spokesperson Giriraj Pai Vernekar for creating religious tensions, leader Girish Congress Chodankar on Thursday said that BJP is blaming 'church' and 'religious leaders' for defeat of South Goa Lok Sabha seat to divert attention from reality wherein its cadre voted for Congress and Bahujan Samaj distancing from the saffron party.

Chodankar on Thursday filed a complaint with the police against Sankalp Amonkar and Giriraj Pai Vernekar for allegedly violence against inciting which catholic priests can trigger a Manipur-like

situation. Chodankar, Permanent Member of CWC, said that both the BJP leaders accused Catholic priests of polarising the people of Salcete taluka, attributing this as the reason for the BJP's loss in the South Goa parliamentary constituency.

"How BJP can blame

Congress leader Girish **Chodankar said that** BJP is blaming 'church' and 'religious leaders' for defeat of South Goa Lok Sabha seat to divert attention from reality wherein its cadre voted for Congress and Bahujan Samaj distancing from the saffron party

religious leaders and church if their cadre itself didn't accept the candidate and if Bahujan Samai distanced them. They are trying to divert attention of public from this reality and are repeatedly attacking the

This is not acceptable as we believe in protecting our harmony," Chodankar said.

He demanded that both the leaders should be arrested to send a clear signal that such religious remarks will not be accepted. "Post Lok Sabha election BJP leaders are repeatedly blaming the church for their defeat in South Goa.

During every election the church plays its role to guide the people. BJP remains

mum when it favours them and blames the church when they get defeated. Communal hatred is created by the BJP and hence I have complained against them," Chodankar said.

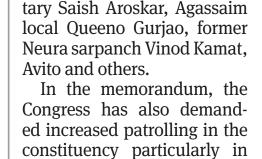
"Religious tensions are created by such incidents. BJP should accept the verdict. They have some hidden agendas and hence repeatedly targeting church.

Party president Sadanand Shet Tanawade along with other MLAs and leaders are trying to spoil the harmony of Goa," he said.

"BJP fielded the richest candidate, still they got defeated. They had 15 MLAs and the whole cabinet to campaign including Prime Minister. Still, the people of Goa have shown them the doors. BJP is trying to cover their failures by attacking the church.

Their cadre itself didn't accept the candidate. They voted for us and even Bahuajn Samaj has distanced from the BJP.

This is visible in talukas like Ponda, Quepem, Sanguem, Canacona and Mormugao,' Chodankar pointed out.



those areas where the popula-

tion is sparse. Special mention has been made of Siridao village where many thefts have taken place in the past, mainly after the conclusion of the 'Pejechem Fest'.

Later, speaking to reporters, Dhond informed that it has been noticed in recent times that many outsiders are



St Andre Congress leader Mohan Dhond submitting the memorandum to Agassaim PI Anant Gaonkar on the need to conduct tenants verification and increase patrolling in the Manuel Vaz constituency.

staying on rent, but without any tenant verification.

"We do not have problem with them staying on rent but the government procedure like tenants verification has to be done so that the safety of the locals is not compromised," Dhond informed while stating that it is important to take timely precaution before any untoward incident occurs.

"So, we have submitted the memorandum to the Agassaim PI and also have demanded that patrolling be increased in areas where there is sparse population," he said.

Dhond then pointed to the running of furniture businesses and stalls along the roadsides by outsiders.

"I have not seen them make any business. So, it is important to find out the activities happening in these places and also keep a check on the antecedents of the owner and employees," he added.

On his part, Palkar pointed towards the Siridao village where most of the people are working abroad. "The families come to par-

ticipate in the 'Pejechem Fest' and then move back abroad to their workplace. However, it's been noticed that after they leave many thefts take place," Palkar pointed out while demanding that the police should increase patrolling in such areas to keep a tab on such crime.

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# **Centre scraps NEET grace** marks of 1563 candidates

these beneficiary candidates. "According to the recommendations, it has beer suggested that the score-cards of the affected 1563 candidates issued on June 4, 2024 will

to recommend cancellation of scorecards of

stand cancelled and withdrawn. These affected 1563 candidates will be informed of their actual scores without compensatory marks. Further, re-examination will be conducted for the affected 1563 candidates.

"The results of the affected candidates who do not wish to appear for the re-examination will be declared on their actual marks without compensation obtained by them in the examination held on May 5, 2024 and the marks obtained by the candidates who will appear in the retest will be considered and their marks based on the examination held on May 5, 2024 will be discarded,"

the bench noted in the order. The results of the re-test will be declared on June 30 and the counselling for admissions to MBBS, BDS, and other courses will start on July 6, the Centre said.

### **Colleges clamour for hike** in Science stream seats

and Marathi, the DHE has set a minimum strength of 10 students. The department has further informed institutions that only programs with a student strength exceeding this minimum will be permitted. If any program has had fewer than 10 students in any two of the last three years, it will be discontinued. Likewise, any program that has been in operation for two years but has consistently had fewer than 10 students in both years will be discontinued, effective from the 2024-25 academic year. The same rule applies to programs in operation for one year but fewer than 10 students. "We are following the NEP 2020," the official said.

including languages but excluding Konkani

# **Leaking Assembly building** roof new headache for govt

preparation for the upcoming monsoon session, which starts in mid-July. The remaining roof work is expected to commence after the monsoon season. Chief Engineer of PWD Santosh Mhapne confirmed that the waterproofing work is complete, with tile fixing currently underway. This incident mirrors the recent situation at the Kala Academy, where Minister for Art and Culture Govind Gaude faced criticism from opposition MLAs after the complex started leaking with the first rains. The leaks in the Assembly building may provide the opposition with further ammunition against the ruling government.

# **GMR gets more time to pay** revenue share of airport

5.8 mppa, 9.4 mppa, and 13.1 mppa in Phase II, Phase III, and Phase IV, respectively. In 2020, the Cabinet granted an extension of 634 days for the development of MIA due to restraints imposed by the High Court, National Green Tribunal and the Supreme Court. The revised date for payment of the annual premium/concession fee was set to May 31, 2024, with an overall 'revised concession period' set on May 30, 2059. The government also sought an opinion from Advocate General Devidas Pangam, who opined that an extension of the date of commencement of annual premium of 180 days may be granted. "It is reasonable to construe this Concession Agreement to mean that the period accepted by the government as having been covered by a Force Majeure Event which prevented the Concessionaire (GMR)from performance of its obligation to complete the project and achieve the COD, would require to be added and consequently the date fixed for the commencement of annual premium will be have to extended/revised for such period of time," it had noted, followed by the matter placed before Cabinet for resolution.

# Desai wins 2nd term at Canacona's **Centro Promotor De Instrucao**

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**CANACONA** 

Shamba Naik Desai has won a second term as president of the managing committee, while Babuso Naik Gaonkar got elected as president of General Assembly at the Centro Promotor De Instrucao (CPI), a century-old educational board running a higher secondary, high-school and primary and pre-primary schools in Canacona.

Shamba, who is also Vice-President at Goa Cricket Association (GCA), contested a second term and secured 151 votes to defeat Prataprao Naik Gaunkar (79).

Shamba Naik Desai is credited with bringing several changes in the CPI's higher secondary and high school including smart classrooms and construction of a lab-cum-library-computer block.

Ram G Desai (130) defeated Pankaj D Naik Gaonkar (96) to win the post of Secretary of epaper.thegoan.net



Centro Promotor De Instrucao, Canacona.

the CPI Managing Committee. Babuso Naik Gaonkar polled 122 votes to defeat Babaji Sawant (102) to be president of the General Assembly of CPI, while Prasad M Naik Gaoncar (139) defeated Anil D

bly). The Managing Committee of CPI comprises Shamba Naik Desai (President), Ram G Desai (Vice-President), Omkar A Desai (Secretary), Sidharth V Chari (Jt. Secre-

RBS Komarpant (Treasurer), while the members are Avind A Naik Gaonkar, Pramod B Naik Gaonkar, Chandrakant N Bhagat, Vijaynath K Bhaireli and Prathana R. Naik Gaunkar Phaldessai (83) for the post of (unopposed). The General Assembly of

tary), and Ramesh Babai alias

Secretary (CPI General Assem-CPI comprises Babuso Naik Gaonkar (President), Ajay K Bhagat (Vice-President), Prasad M Naik Gaonkar Naresh (Secretary) and B Desai (Jt. Secretary unopposed).

# Heritage of Goa today the ancient vibrant musical

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Connecting with young Goa

read a few chapters of a textbook

a few episodes of our favourite TV

show.

but also go to the gym and binge

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science offers some insights

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aid future planning. For instance, you

could multiply your expected time on

tasks by 1.5 to help buffer against the

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vary in their ability to plan and

might forget to take a goal-di-

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our attention back toward our goals

by linking them to an environmental

marker. These simple "if-then" plans

are shown to help overcome issues with

self-regulation. Such a statement might

pear, I will get up and turn off the TV so I

be "if I see the 'next episode' icon ap-

can read a chapter of my textbook".

Implementation intentions bring

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# Understanding the psychology of goals can help tick things off your to-do list



*Incorporating goal* monitoring into an activity can boost progress while reviewing your estimations and expectations against your actual time can aid in future planning

### KIM M CAUDWELL

sychology has long been interested in our goals – our mental representations of desirable outcomes. Much of this research is on how we form, pursue and attain goals, plus how goals make us feel. Across studies, we see a consistent pattern of successful goal pursuit and wellbeing. So, having time to work toward our goals is important.

With this in mind, what is the best way to get things done – and how can we get better at achieving our goals, especially when we feel time poor?

### Make a list

Most of us approach multiple goals with the age-old "to-do" list. First, you write down everything you need to do. Then you "check" or tick things off as vou do them.

One reason to-do lists are useful is because we are more likely to remember things we haven't completed, rather than things we have. This is known as the Zeigarnik effect.

While to-do lists are easy to write, they don't always work. There are however various approaches for to-do lists that may improve their effective-

Another thing to consider is the wide range of apps, tools and platforms that can make tasks more fun and outsource mental load. Adding elements of game play like point scoring or competition – called "gamification" – can help people work toward goals in educational and work settings. Similarly, app-based reminders can help people reach physical rehabilitation goals and form good exercise habits

### Juggling goals – 4 to-do tips

So, what happens when we have multiple – perhaps even competing – goals, or goals that aren't so enjoyable? We might want to finish writing a report or assignment, then

Beware the planning fallacy. This happens when we underestimate the amount of resources (such as time) it will take to reach a goal. As writer and religious thinker William Penn put it: "Time is what we want most, but what we use worst". Think through the all the steps and time required to complete

your goal.

. Focus on mastery. Self-concordant goals and tasks feel easier, and their underlying tasks may be less subject to forgetting. Tedious but necessary goals (such as doing the dishes or filling out forms) are less intrinsically motivating. This means planning, reminders and support become more important to goal progress.

With time being frustratingly finite, it is inevitable we will run out of time to do all of the things on our to-do list. Finding an approach that works for us will take time and effort. But it's probably a worthy goal in itself.

# Finding your why

Researchers have focused a lot on the psychology of why people pursue goals – and how this affects their approach to tasks.

For example, some people want to complete a university degree because they want to get a job. Others may be more interested in developing skills or knowledge. In both cases, there is a desired outcome – albeit with differ-

> Our goals can be differentiated by who or what is driving them. Goals that feel like our own, and for which we experience a sense of intrinsic motivation, are known as "self-concordant". These goals represent enduring personal interests, are aligned with values and are positively linked to wellbeing.

Goal orientation theory offers a similar perspective. Using the same example, you may study so you score well on a

test (a performance goal) or because you want to be sure you develop your knowledge (a mastery goal). Mastery goals tend to lead to better results and self-regulation.



# Celebrating the Glorious life of St Anthony of Padua

DR. ALVARINHO J. LUIS THE GOAN | PANAJI

t. Anthony of Padua, a revered saint in the Catholic Church, was a well-known Franciscan teacher and preacher, often depicted holding a book, a lily, an infant Jesus, or a combination of these objects. Preaching, teaching, prophecy, knowledge, faith, healing, and kindness were his gifts.

The life of St. Anthony of Padua exemplifies the virtues every Christian should aspire to: steady courage in facing life's challenges, a call to love and forgiveness, concern for others, adeptness in managing crises, and unwavering trust in God. Revered worldwide, St. Anthony is known for his receptiveness to all needs and his remarkable intercessory abilities. Miracles and Traditions of St Anthony

The life of the Saint is marked by many wonders that he is called "the miracle worker." In a family crisis, Anthony intervened when a man refused to hold his newborn, suspecting infidelity. Anthony asked the infant to reveal its true father. Unable to move its hands, the baby replied, "Here is my father!"

The reason for invoking St. Anthony's help in finding lost items traces back to an incident in his life. Anthony had a treasured book of Psalms, which included his notes for teaching students in his Franciscan Order. A disillusioned novice took Anthony's Psalter upon leaving the community. Anthony prayed for its return, and the novice, along with the Psalter, returned to the Order, who was welcomed back. Legend claims a devil, wielding an axe, threatened

the novice, compelling him to return

Many donate to St. Anthony Bread in gratitude for blessings received through his intercession. One legend dates back to 1263, when a child named Tommasino drowned near the Basilica of St. Anthony, still under construction. The mother promised to give the poor an amount of bread equal to the child's weight if he was restored to life. Her prayer was answered, and the boy was revived, giving rise to

Anthony Bread. The story of Anthony "preaching to the fish" originated in Rimini, where heretics treated him with contempt. Anthony went to the shore of the

the tradition of St.

the book.

Marecchia River and preached until a crowd of fish

gathered before him. Astonished, the heretics flocked to witness this miracle. Anthony then pointed out that the fish were more receptive to his message than the heretics, which moved the people to listen to him.

In another story from Rimini, a heretic challenged Anthony to prove Christ's presence in the Eucharist. The heretic brought out a starved mule and offered it fresh fodder. Anthony presented the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament, and the mule ignored the fodder, bowing instead before the Blessed Sacrament. While dining with heretics in Italy, Anthony discovered poisoned food. Despite their challenge, he blessed and ate it, unharmed, affirming Mk (16:18) "... and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.'

During a money lender's funeral, Anthony preached that the man's soul suffered in hell as his heart

wasn't in his body but in

his treasure chest, fulfilling the Gospel: "For wherever your treasure is, there will your heart be too (Mt 6:21; Lk 12:34). Opening the chest revealed the missing heart. Anthony's unwavering

courage intimidated even tough leaders. His political boldness is exemplified in

his encounter with Ezzelino da Romano, a feared Ghibelline leader holding Guelph prisoners. Anthony fearlessly confronted him, urging conversion from his treacherous ways and advocating for the release

of the prisoners. A man confessed to kicking his mother to Anthony, who sternly admonished him. Overcome with remorse, the man cut off his foot.

attached it, bringing joyous healing. Elsewhere, the religious asked Anthony to find water near their monastery. Upon his prayer, clean water gushed forth at his feet, which also possessed healing properties, drawing people for miraculous healings.

Various legends surround Anthony's death on 13 June 1231 at Arcella. One claims that when he died, children cried in the streets, and church bells rang on their own. When his body was exhumed 30 years later, only his tongue remained intact. symbolising his preaching prowess. His tongue, jaw, and vocal cords are preserved relics.

Pope Gregory IX canonised Anthony in 1232, calling him the "Ark of the Testament" and the "Repository of Holy Scripture." Anthony is often depicted holding a burning light or Scriptures. In 1946, Pope Pius XII declared him a Doctor of the Universal

The Franciscans introduced Christianity to Bardez, with the construction of the church in Siolim in 1568. In a later rebuilt church along the Chapora River, St. Anthony is depicted holding a serpent on a stick, symbolising an incident where a snake bit workers and halted the construction work until a statue of St. Anthony intervened, trapping the snake. He's revered in churches, chapels, homes for blessings. Patron saint of Brazil, Portugal, sailors, pregnant women, elderly, and horses, his thirteen miracles are honored during the Trezen. His feast is celebrated at various locations in Goa including St. Anthony's cross, Miramar, Aquem Tolebando Chapel, Deussua Chapel, Goa Velha, Nomxint Chapel-Taleigao, and St. Anthony

Anthony prayed and miraculously re-Church, Siolim and Monte Guirim. epaper.thegoan.net

# Apple watch used to track lions heart health

eterinarians in Australia are pioneering a new approach to wildlife health monitoring using the Apple Watches. Dr Chloe Buiting, a wildlife vet shared a fascinating video on Instagram showcasing this innovative technique.

The video shows a sedated lion with an Apple Watch strategically placed on its tongue. This "off-label" use, as Dr. Buiting describes it, highlights the potential of technology in animal conservation. The caption reads: "@apple Watch can measure a lion's heart rate



if you strap it to the tongue... a true 'technology meets conservation' story."

# They're not drunks and whores..!

followers away, to get a much needed respite away from his busy schedule of teaching and preaching and healing. But as his head touched the side of the brick wall, a woman appeared. I knew who she was and tried to shoo her away. He was a holy man, and she a woman of low repute. "He's resting!" I whispered to her, "Go away and

e was resting at the well. I knew he'd sent his

draw water from another well!" But like all women of such character, women who had no respect for reputable men like me, she did not heed my voice and went to the well, waking my sleeping Lord.

"Will you give me some water to drink?" my Lord "Lord!" I wanted to shout, "Don't talk to her. She's a

prostitute!" But my Lord continued his conversation with her, and soon I saw her, the Samaritan woman going away, her

eves sparkling. "How could you, Lord!" I cried out silently. "What did you see Bob?" asked my Lord.

"I saw a woman of low character, one who has slept with all the men in the village!"

"And I saw why she had to do that!" whispered my Lord, "That she was looking for security, and each man she turned to, used her body but gave her none! She looked for marriage, from five different men, but not one of them shared wedding vows with her! What else did you see in her eyes?" "Lust!" I said.

"Loneliness!" sighed my Lord. I hear sounds and see her bringing others to the man

at the well. I leave my Lord and come back to the present and notice those shunned by society all around me. I see an alcoholic, and it seems I hear my Lord's voice coming all the way from that old well, "What do you see in his eyes Bob?" "Craving!" I whisper.

"Defeat!" says my Lord, "Rejection!"

I look around and see them; vagabonds, homeless,

drug addicts, whores, all slinking away from me in shame, "Look deeper!" cries my Lord, "See what I saw in the eyes of that woman!" I look deeper, and see despair! "Give him hope!"

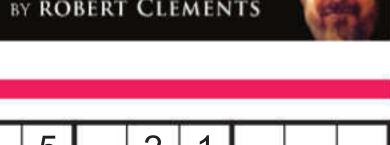
whispers my Lord urgently.

I see shame, "Give her confidence!" pleads my Lord. I hear the slurred speech of a drunk, "Give him new focus!" cries my Lord. "Will you look deeper?" He asks you and me, "and stop branding them as drunks, whores, cheats and other words you've coined for despair and hopelessness? Will you?"

feedback@thegoan.net

# **BOB'S BANTER**

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



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# **HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU**

■ Each row, column, and 3 by 3 square must have the numbers 1 through These numbers can't be repeated in each row, column, and square. ■ When solving an easy Sudoku, the first thing

you should do is look for definites. Definites are numbers that are definitely going to be

there. Starting at 1, draw imaginary lines through boxes in that 1's row and/or column. When there is only one box left

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in the 3x3 box, you know that is a definite. ■ If you get stuck, go back alook at everything. That one number is usually all you

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need to get going again. If you still cannot find any solutions, start labeling every block with every number that could possibly go in that box.

PM reviews J&K situation

**NEW DELHI** 

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

on Thursday asked officials to

deploy the "full spectrum of

counter-terror capabilities" as

he reviewed the situation in

Jammu and Kashmir follow-

ing a spate of terror incidents,

including an attack on a bus

National Security Adviser

Ajit Doval and other officials

attended the meeting chaired

by Modi, who also spoke to

Home Minister Amit Shah and

discussed the deployment

of security forces and coun-

ter-terror operations, govern-

Doval back as

NSA, Mishra

as principal

secy to PM

Spymaster Ajit Doval and

seasoned bureaucrat P K

Mishra were on Thursday

re-appointed to the post of

National Security Adviser

and principal secretary to

Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a fresh five-year

With the fresh appoint-

ment, Doval has become the

first NSA to be appointed to

the key post for three consec-

The Appointments Com-

mittee of the Cabinet (ACC)

has approved the two ap-

pointments with effect from

June 10, 2024, the Personnel

Their appointment "will

be co-terminus with the term

of the prime minister or until

further orders whichever is

earlier", it said in identical

Both Doval and Mishra

will be assigned the rank of

Cabinet Minister in the Table

of Precedence and terms and

conditions of their appoint-

ment will be notified sepa-

Doval, who belongs to the

1968 batch of Indian Police

Service, retired as Intelli-

gence Bureau chief in 2005.

He was appointed as the

NSA for the first time on May

30, 2014, and re-appointed

for another term on May 31,

During his first tenure, Do-

val is believed to have played

a pivotal role in the surgical

strikes on terror launch pads

in Pakistan-occupied Kash-

mir after the Uri terror attack.

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**NEW DELHI** 

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**ASKS OFFICIALS TO DEPLOY FULL SPECTRUM** 

Bus terror attack: 50 detained, search

expanded to far-flung areas of Reasi

were terrorist hotbeds between 1995 and 2005.

They said Modi spoke to

Jammu and Kashmir Lt Gov-

ernor Manoj Sinha as well

and took stock of the situation

in the Union Territory. Sinha

briefed him on the efforts be-

ing undertaken by the local

2024/F-5/03/2024-25,

DI/ADVT/187/2024-25

at 10.15a.m.

In the meeting, the prime

administration.

**JAMMU:** Fifty people have been detained in connection with

pilgrims in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said

on Thursday. To ensure a comprehensive probe, the search

operation to track down the terrorists, has been expanded to

cover Reasi district's far-flung Arnas and Mahore areas which

**GOVERNMENT OF GOA** 

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** 

WORKS DIVISION-XVIII (R), P.W.D., PONDA-GOA

Short Tender Notice No. PWD/DIV.XVIII(R)/TECH/

Last date of online application

2 Date & Time of Opening of Online Tender: 26/06/2024

For more details please contact office of the Executive

Website: https://eprocure.goa.gov.in

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**GOVERNMENT OF GOA** 

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WORKS DIVISION - V(B-N)

Panaji Goa

E-TENDER NOTICE

1. The last date of online submission of tender: 18/06/2024 up to

2. Date & Time of Opening Online Tender for works at Sr

No.01 to 14 is 18/06/2024 after 12.00 hrs For more details

please contact the office of the Executive Engineer, WD V

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**GOVERNMENT OF GOA** 

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** 

**WORKS DIVISION I BUILDINGS** 

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER** 

(E-Tendering mode only)

TENDER NOTICE NO:-NO PWD/WD1/ASW-17/2024-

Last date and time for online applications & submission

Tender will be opened online on: 27.06.2024 at 15.00

hrs in the office of Suprintending Engineer II (Bldgs)

For more details contact the office of Executive

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of tender documents 26.06.2024 upto 15.00 hrs.

Engineer, Works Division I,(Bldgs), PWD Panaji.

Website: https://eprocure.goa.gov.in

No. PWD /WD I /ASW/F.24 /2024-2025/30

submission:24/06/2024 upto 3.00 p.m.

No. PWD/DV(B-N)/ASW-I/20/2024-25

Website :- https://eprocure.goa.gov.in

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Engineer, WD XVIII(R), PWD, Ponda-Goa.

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view of the security-related sit-

uation in the region and was

apprised of the counter-terror

efforts being undertaken. "The

prime minister asked them to

deploy the full spectrum of

our counter-terror capabili-

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ties," an official source said.

the investigation into the recent terror attack on a bus carrying

**OF COUNTER-TERROR CAPABILITIES** 



Vasco-da-Gama - Goa Tel. No.: (0832) 2512258, 2512275 Fax: (0832) 2512447 Email: co@mmcvasco.com, councilvasco@gmail.com Website: www.mmcvasco.com

**Mormugao Municipal Council** 

No.MMC/Tech/E-Tender Notice/2023-2024/298 Date: 07/06/2024

### **TENDER NOTICE** (E-Tendering Mode Only)

The Chief Officer, Mormugao Municipal Council, Vasco--da-Gama, Goa invites on behalf of the Mormugao Municipal Council "Tender" via online mode from the Registered PWD Contractors.

For detailed tender notice and for participation in E-Tender, please visit website https://eprocure.goa.gov.in detail notice is also displayed on Council notice board.

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# The Sports Authority of Goa Khelo India State Centre of Excellence

No. SAG/KISCE/RECRUIT-STAFF/2024/792 Date: 13/06/2024

The Sports Authority of Goa, an autonomous organisation under Govt. of Goa, invites applications for recruitment by selection on contractual basis for the post of Physiotherapist (Grade I) at Khelo India State Centre of Excellence, at Campal Panaji Goa on consolidated monthly remuneration between Rs. 40,000/- to Rs. 60,000/-.

The Interested and eligible candidates should submit their applications online or offline in the prescribed format "Annexure A" to the Sports Authority of Goa on the email ID; ed.tsag-gov@ gov.in latest by 28/06/2024 (5.00 p.m.). The particulars are available on our website www.tsag.org. Applications received after due date will be summarily rejected.

(Dr. Geeta S. Nagvenkar) **Executive Director** 

DI/ADVT/183/2024-25

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# VILLAGE PANCHAYAT HARVALEM

BICHOLIM - GOA. Upper Harvalem, Bicholim - Goa, 403505. Phone No: (M) 9359861458. E-mail: vpHarvalem@gmail.com. Website:- www.villagepanchayat Harvalem.com.

Ref. No. VP/HAR-BICH/Quotation Notice/2024-2025/107

# Date: 13/06/2024

# **QUOTATION NOTICE**

The Sarpanch of this Village Panchayat Harvalem, Bicholim-Goa on behalf of Village Panchayat Harvalem, Bicholim-Goa invites the sealed quotations from the eligible Contractor/agency do as to reach in this office on or before 22.06.2024 up 11.30 am for supply of labour for the work of "Desilting of Existing Gutters and Drains in all the Five Wards of Village Panchayat Harvalem, Bicholim Goa. Under V.P Fund". The Contractor should submit their sealed quotations along with certified copies of Income Tax clearance, Pan Card, GST Registration Certificate, Contractor license along with application/quotation form on or before 22.06.2024 upto 11:00 am to this Panchayat and the opening will be on dated 22/06/2024 at 11.30am.

The rate quoting lowest amount in quotation likely to be accepted. The Village Panchayat Harvalem reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotation without assigning any reason their off. For complete description of work, specification, details contact Village Panchayat Harvalem, Bicholim-Goa on office hour. Sd/-

(Seal)

S.No.

(Shri. Ankush R. Malik) SARPANCH VILLAGE PANCHAYAT HARVALEM BICHOLIM-GOA

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Registered Office: 601 & 602, Peninsula Business Park, 6th Floor, Tower A, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400013.

**Customer ID** 

# DCB BANK

**Customer Name** 

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Jewellery Auction cum Invitation Notice** The below mentioned Borrowers have been issued notices to pay the entire dues in the facilities availed by them from DCB Bank Ltd. against Jewellery pledged with DCB Bank Ltd. (DCB Bank). We are constrained to conduct auction of the pledged Jewellery as they have failed to pay the entire dues DCB Bank Ltd. has the authority to remove account(s) / change the auction date(s) without any prior notice. The auction will be conducted online through https://gold.Samil.in on 22.06.2024 & 23.06.2024 from 12:00 Noon to

1	104132295	ALEX PHILIP COUTINHO			
2	105328198	ASHISH SUHAS SHINDE			
3	105563946	BASANT KUMAR CHOUHAN			
4	103021724	DATTARAM M SHETYE			
5	105144588	DIVYA DATTA PARAB			
6	100246533	FAKRUDDIN KALEGAR			
7	102204649	HEMANT KUMAR SOLANKI			
8	106328534	KAPESA BESII			
9	102886833	KRISHNA LAMANI			
10	102566043	MANOJ VISHWANATH SARVE			
11	103891583	MILAGRIN FERNANDES			
12	106344634	NIDHI MAHENDRA MALKARNEKA			
13	103150255	NISHA NARVEKAR			
14	106352100	NITESH VISHNU SALGAONKAR			
15 106286136		NUTAN ANANT VARANG			
16	106061009	PRACHI GAVALI			
17	106066564	PRANALI DIGAMBAR PARAB			
18	102938804	PRATIKSHA ASNODKAR			
19	102775197	RUCHITA R MORJE			
20	106365624	SACHIN VISHNU NAIK			
21	103156585	SONY SOMAN			
22	100495247	SUMANGAL V KENI			
23	105214893	SUPRIYA LAVU HONNAWARKAR			
24	106027799	SUPRIYA VASUDEV ARABEKAR			
25	104984797	SWAPNALI S. MURUDKAR			
26	103296814	VAISHNAVI VINOD SAWANT			
27	103274920	VITHAL MANGALPPA LAMANI A			

By way of this publication, the concerned Borrowers / Pledgers are hereby given final notice and last opportunity to pay the facility recalled amount in full, with all interest and charges forthwith or anyhow before the scheduled auction date failing which the Jewellery will be auctioned. Items not auctioned to the highest bidder on the scheduled auctioned date shall be auctioned on any other day(s) without further notice. Participation in the auction and acceptance of bids shall be at the sole discretion of DCB Bank.

Please note that the auction shall be on an "as is where is basis", "as is what is basis", "whatever there is basis" and "no recourse basis" and DCB Bank shall not be responsible and liable in any manner for any claims, disputes objections related to the Jewellery or the auction thereof. Bidders may kindly visit https://gold.Samil.in for detailed terms & conditions for participation in the auctions. Sd/-

Date: 14.06.2024 **Authorized Officer** Place: Goa **DCB Bank Limited** 

### CHANGE IN NAME

SHILPA SHAILESH NAIK, Indian Vational, R/O H.No. 386. Deulwada Rivona, Sanguem, South Goa, 403705 would like to change my name or passport bearing No. F5351181 from SHILPA RAMA NAIK to SHILPA SHAILESH NAIK as per my Aadhaar Card and other documents. Hereafter in all future dealings and documents shall be known as SHILPA SHAILESH

Sd/- SHILPA SHAILESH NAIK

### Wanted

one laboratary assistant in genral categary on regular basis. Minimum qulification 12th science.

Wanted one Laboratory attendant in General on Regular basis. qulification 10th Minium

Apply on or before 25/6/24. With required documents. To the principal shri vijayanand Dnyan. saunstha secondary school of commerce & science, Ardhvada Mayem Bicholim Goa.

### VILLAGE PANCHAYAT CANDOLIM Candolim, Bardez - Goa

Ref. No. VPC / 33 / 2024-25 / 574 Date: 12.06.2024

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION Sealed quotations are hereby invited on behalf of Village Panchayat to take up the work of **Decorative Panel at** Roadside within jurisdiction of Village Panchavat Candolim.

The sealed quotations should reach to this office on or before 18.06.2024 upto 12.00 noon and will be opened on 19.06.2024 at 11.30 am in the fortnightly neeting in presence of V. P. Members. Panchayat reserves right to accept any or reject all the quotation without assigning any reason thereof.

Resolution No. 10(61) dated 04/06/2024. Sd/- Salvador Blaize Fernandes Sarpanch

This notice is issued as per the

Village Panchayat Candolim

### TRANSFER OF VEHICLE

This is to inform the public that the VEHICLE Bearing Registration No. 1) GA-09-D-4876, MARUTI S **CROSS ZETA** 

Registered in the name of Late ABDUL REHMAN KHAN is being transferred in the name of his wife MRS. MEHTAB ABDUL REHMAN KHAN, residing at H. No. 369/C. Haider Manzil, Near Govt. Hospital, Carriamoddi, Kakoda, Curchorem, South Goa, Goa 403706. As he is no more, if anyone has any objection to this they may contact the RTO office Panaji Goa within 15

KRISHNA KUMAR SHARMA, R/o H No. South Goa 403709. Hereby change my name from KRISHNA KUMAR SHARMA to KRISHNA KUMAR VISHWAKARMA as per my Birth certificate and Address as per my Aadhaar Card and my father name from ANIRUDH SHARMA to ANIRUDH NANDLAL VISHWAKARMA and my mother name from SONI ANIRUDH SHARMA to SONI DEVI ANIRUDH VISHWAKARMA In all my future dealings & documents I shall be known as KRISHNA KUMAR VISHWAKARMA and my father name as ANIRUDH NANDLAL VISHWAKARMA and also my mother name as SONI DEVI ANIRUDH VISHWAKARMA.

> Sd/- KRISHNA KUMAR VISHWAKARMA

### PUBLIC N<u>otice</u> -

The Power of Attorney given to the undersigned by 1. Mrs. Josephine Paul, resident of Verla Canca. Bardez. Goa Mrs. Effie Bertha Noronha, resident of Parra, Bardez, Goa 3. Mrs. Filomena Noronha, resident of Parra, Bardez, Goa and 4. Bazalia James Fernandes, resident of Flat No. G/12, Satyam Apts. 8 Mula Road, Khadki War Cemiry, Pune, Maharashtra dated 28/05/2022, duly executed before Notary, Advocate A. K Phadte, bearing registration No. 3324/2022 is surrendered vide letter dated 29/05/2024 to them. This notice is for the information of the

public at large. Parra, Dated: 12/06/2024

Sd/- Mrs. Angela Noronha H. No. 222, Fondac Vaddo, Parra, Bardez, Goa

# Classifieds

mail us at >> desk@thegoan.net

# **SIT VACANT**

Wanted Teacher on Regular basis One Trained Undergraduate Teacher B.Sc. B.Ed to teach (Maths & Science). in Hush Mayrah English Medium High School Fatorda Margac ALONG WITH ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES on 24/06/2024 from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. ph. No. 9309101991/ 8378851464.

Wanted on Peon (MTS) QIf Xth on (Extra Ordinary leave Basis) for o6 Months (180 days). Walk in Interview on 22/06/2024 from 09:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m. along with application and Original Certificate at HUSN MAYRAH ENGLISH MEDIUM HIGH SCHOOL FATORDA MARGAO 9309101991.

Wanted 4 Special Educators with B.Ed / D.Ed in Special Education on contract basis for academic year 2024-25. Apply within 10 days with self attested copies of documents to Manager, Anand Niketan School for Children with Disabilities, near Urban Health Centre, Ghateshwarnagar, Khorlim, Mapusa, Goa 403507. Call: 7499461832

Wanted 1 Ayah/Helper on contract basis for academic year 2024-25. Min qualification SSC pass. Attend interview with all original + Xerox copies of certificates at Anand Niketan School for Children with Disabilities, near Urban Health Centre, Ghateshwarnagar, Khorlim, Mapusa on 24.06.2024 at 10am. Call 7499461832

Wanted 1 Clinical Psychologist on contract basis for academic year 2024-25. Min qualification M.A. in clinical psychology / counselling with valid RCI registration certificate. Apply within 10 days with self attested copies of documents to Manager, Anand Niketan School for Children with Disabilities, Ghateshwarnagar, Khorlim, Mapusa, Goa 403507 Call: 7499461832

Date: 13/06/2024

Including Recovery

Charges(AS PER

**DEMAND NOTICE** 

DATE)

44,59,193/-

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21,08,171/-

Total O/s. Amount

Including Recovery Charges

33,58,098/-

**Authorised Officer** 

# Village Panchayat Bastora, Bardez, Goa

Ref. No. VP/BAS /2024-25/Tender Notice/200 The Sarpanch of Village Panchayat Bastora on behalf of V. P. Bastora, Bardez, Goa, invites percentage rate Tenders from approved and eligible contractors from P.W.D. in appropriate class & category for the following works:

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. Last date of receiving application forms will be on 22/06/2024 upto 12.00 noon (along with the cost of the tender form fee which is non refundable) 2. Tender forms will be issued on 24/06/2024 from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. Duly filled Tender will be received by V. P. on 26/06/2024 by 11.00 am and will be opened on same day in the office of Village Panchayat Bastora, Bardez, Goa at 11.30 a.m. onwards. 4. Application for issue of tender form shall be accompanied with a) Attested copy of valid registration certificate of the contractor in the concerned category of work. b Attested copy of PAN card. c) Attested copy of valid GST registration certificate and acknowledgment of upto date return filed with ARN (Application Reference Number generated on GST common portal) as per GST law. d) Declaration of the works in hand shall be submitted with detailed list indicating the present status on Rs.100/-stamp paper(however tender form will not be issued to the person who has work in hand more than four times the tendering limit) e. Attested copy of valid Income Tax Clearance Certificate 5. EMD shall be in form of Demand Draft / Deposit Call Receipt (DCR)/Pay Order from Nationalized or Scheduled Bank drawn in favour Village Panchayat of Bastora, payable at Bastora sealed in separate envelop. 6. Contractor shall submit separate application for each work. Incomplete and third party application shall not be entertained by this Panchayat and no tender form shall be issued. 7. Unsealed and conditional tenders will be rejected outright. 8. The contractor shall quote the tender excluding GST 8 GST as applicable shall be paid separately on total value of work executed. 9. For the tenders / items of tender in case of being quoted abnormally below ie 20.00% below the estimated cost, than the contractor shall furnish on demand an additional performance security in the form of Bank Guarantee from National / Scheduled Bank for that amount which is worked out as difference between quoted amount and reasonable amount reduced by 20.00%. 10. The Panchayat reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason therof.

Sd/- Subhash K. Morajkar (Sarpanch) Village Panchayat Bastora



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# DEMAND NOTICE

In Pursuance with Section 13(2) Of THE SARFAESI ACT 2002) GIC Housing Finance Ltd. (GICHFL) has sanctioned Housing loan to the following borrower(s) to purchase

residential premises by creating equitable mortgage in favor of GICHFL. The repayment of the loan(s) is irregular and the account(s) is finally classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with directions and guidelines of National Housing Bank GICHFL has therefore invoked its rights under section 13 (2) of the SARFAESIACT, 2002 and called upon the

borrower(s) to repay the total outstanding due mentioned therein, within 60 days from the date of the said The borrower(s) is hereby again called upon publicly to pay the said total dues plus the charges & interest

legal rights to TAKE POSSESS	rom the date of this notice failing which <b>GICHFL</b> shall resort to all or any of the <b>ON</b> of the said property (ies) and dispose it and adjust the proceeds against the corrower(s) is also restrained from alienating or creating third party interest on
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	Total O/s. Amount

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GA0650610001713 04.06.2024	APP: Khawajabeg Jamadar, Co-app: Vijayalaxmi Bane	Survey No 4/2, Building Name Prabhu S Sky Panoramic, Flat No-BS 15, 2nd Floor Above Dominos Pizza Dabolim Mormugao-403801		
GA0650610001795 04.06.2024	APP: Mohammadissac Narangi, Co-app: Bibiashisha Khatari	Survey No 9/2, Building Name Aksa Residency, Flat No-GF-2 Ground Floor H.No-57/S/2/B1 Housing Board Street Near Anjuman School Davorlim Goa- 403707		
- 7		Panaji Branch		
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Demand Notice Issued Dated	Name Of The Borrower	Property Address		
GA0121310000891 09.05.2024	APP: Reena Fernandes / Co- App: Ignatius Fernandes	Gut No: 44/17, House No: 683/b, Sector Ward No: Tembi, Landmark: Near IBP Petrol Pump, Village: Raia, Location: Raia SO,taluka: Salcete, State: Goa, Pin Code: 403720		
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e No: 683/b, Sector andmark: Near IBP 19,18,833/ge: Raia, Location: ete, State: Goa, Pin 103720 6/1, Building Name: GA0120610001540 APP: Bharat Tukaram LIG No.11 Type A, House No: H. No. 57/D/1, Floor No: Grnd/1st, Plot No: 6/1 Patil/CO-APP1: Street Name: Tolleaband, Sector Ward Kalpana Patil 20,77,552/-No: Ward No. 3, Landmark: Near Aim Co-App2: Tukaram 09.05.2024 School, Village: Davorlim Dicarpale, Patil Location: Davorlim, Taluka: Salcete,

State: Goa, Pin Code: 403707 Gut No: 87, Building Name: Comershir Or Cumarshi Or Topilem, House No:2-Q, GA0120610001436 APP: Videsh B Floor No: Ground, Plot No.2-Q, Street Hanabarahatti / CO-Name: Bambolim, Street No: 87, Sector APP: Vidhya Videsh Ward No: 2Q, Landmark: Behind GMC Hanabarahatti 09.05.2024 Hospital, Village: Tiswadi, Location: St

Date: 14.06.2024, Place: Goa

Inez, Taluka: Goa, State: Goa, Pin Code: 403001 THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN ALSO PASTED ON THE OUTER DOOR OF THE BORROWER'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS AND AT THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY (IES).

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The borrower (s) (whose details are provided in the table herein below), in, and the public, in general, are hereby nformed that the below mentioned borrower has defaulted in credit facilities provided by the Bank, and the borrower account holder has not responded to/complied with the communications and notices send by HDFC Bank Limited (the Bank") requesting the Borrower to clear his/her/ their dues as per the documents in respect of the below mentioned Loan signed/accepted by the borrower (such documents, collectively "Loan Agreement") and therefore defaulted in terms thereof. The Bank has in exercise of its rights as a pledgee, decided to enforce the pledge and therefore hold a public auction of the gold ornaments pledged to the Bank as security for the loan for the purpose of selling the same and realizing / recovering the dues owed by the borrower to the Bank. Kindly refer the below auctions schedule in the event the auction of any pledged security cannot be conducted or concluded on the date mentioned above. Bank reserves the right to conduct or proceed with the said auction on any subsequent date

Auction Loan No		pan No Borrower's Name		Place of Auction
24-06-2024	74643750	Sazilia Ocena Fernandes	500500	HDFC Bank Plot No.27, Manguirish Prasad, Aquem Alto, Margao, Goa 403601
24-06-2024	74071686	Poonam Sagar Naik	69900	Ground Floor Siolim Plaza Town Siolim Siolim-403517
24-06-2024	74762650	Kiran Damodar Gramopadhye	16500	HDFC Bank Plot No.27, Manguirish Prasad, Aquem Alto, Margao, Goa 403601
24-06-2024	74847041	Samir Dastaguir Shaikh	231000	HDFC Bank Ldt- Damodar Building Ground Floor Swatantra Path Vasco Da Gama Goa 403802.
24-06-2024	74531694	Amol J Vengurlekar	118000	HDFC Bank Ltd, Skylark Apt Ltdnear Bicholim Municipal Buildingauchitwada ,bicholim Goa-403504
24-06-2024	74134646	Daniel Charles Arul	101000	HDFC Bank Ltd. Blue Sea Bldg,1st Floor, Opp. Canara Bank, Candolim, Bardez goa - 403515

24-06-2024 74761636 Abhishek Chari 62400 HDFC Bank Ltd ,Shop No 2,Ground Floor Ambrosia Building, Opp Ginger Hotel Patto, Panaji, Goa- 403001 The auction shall be conducted on an AS IS WHERE and the "AS IS WHAT IS" basis and the Bank is not making

and shall not make any representations or warran les as regards the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold omaments. It shall be the sole and absolute responsibility of the potential purchasers to verify, examine and satisfy themselves about the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments prior to placing their bids and for such purpose it shall be open to potential purchasers to examine, at their sole cost and expense, and at the address set out hereinabove, the gold ornaments whether with or without expert advice 45 minutes prior to the time stipulated for the conduct of the auction. All bids shall be subject to such minimum reserve price as the Bank may deem fit to fix in this regard. The auction process and the sale (if any) pursuant to such auction shall be subject to such further terms and conditions as the Bank may at its sole discretion deem fit to impose. If the borrower(s) mentioned above pays the amount due to the bank in terms of the Loan agreement in his individual loan account in full before the auction as mentioned above, the pledged ornaments securing the said loan may be withdrawn by the bank from the said auction without any further notice. Please note that it is the absolute discretionary power of the undersigned authorized officer of the Bank, either to postpone or to cancel the

bids or offers without assigning any reason for the same. Date: 14.06.2024 **Authorised Officer** Place : GOA

auction proceedings without prior notice and without assigning any reason therefore and to reject any or all the

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# India rejects 'unwarranted' references | HP tells SC it doesn't have surplus water to China-Pak joint statement on J&K

# ASSERTS UT, LADAKH HAVE BEEN, ARE AND WILL ALWAYS REMAIN ITS INTEGRAL PARTS

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### **NEW DELHI**

India on Thursday categorically rejected "unwarranted" references to Jammu and Kashmir in a latest joint statement by China and Pakistan and asserted that the Union territory and Ladakh have been, are and will always remain its integral parts.

The joint statement was issued in Beijing on June 7 following talks between Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier Li

India also criticised mentioning of projects under the so-called China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in the

joint statement and said New Delhi rejects any moves to reinforce or legitimise Islamabad's illegal occupation of territories.

The CPEC passes through Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir.

"We have noted unwarranted references to the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir in the joint statement between China and Pakistan of June 7. We categorically reject such references," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

"Our position on the issue is consistent and well known to the concerned parties. The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the Union Territory of Ladakh have been, are

and will always remain integral and inalienable parts of India," he said.

Jaiswal was responding to a media query on the joint state-

"No other country has the locus standi to comment on the same," he said.

The China-Pakistan joint statement said the Pakistani side briefed the Chinese side on the latest developments in Jammu and Kashmir.

It said the Chinese side reiterated that the "Jammu and Kashmir dispute is left over from history, and should be properly and peacefully resolved in accordance with the UN Charter, relevant UN Security Council resolutions and

bilateral agreements".

The MEA spokesperson also took strong note of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) that featured in the joint statement.

"The same joint statement also mentions activities and projects under the so-called China-Pakistan **Econom**ic Corridor (CPEC), some of which are in India's sovereign territory under forcible and illegal occupation by Pakistan," he said.

"We resolutely oppose and reject any moves by other countries to reinforce or legitimise Pakistan's illegal occupation of these territories, impinging on India's sovereignty and territorial integrity," he said.

# Court asks Delhi govt to approach Yamuna board

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### **NEW DELHI**

As parts of Delhi grappled with acute water shortage, the Supreme Court on Thursday directed the city government to approach the Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB) for additional supply after Himachal Pradesh took a sharp U-turn and said it does not have surplus water to spare.

# **DELHI WATER WOES**

A vacation bench of Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Prasanna B Varale asked the Delhi government to submit an application to UYRB by 5 p.m. seeking water for the national capital on humanitarian grounds.

Exhausted women and

# Water shortage in Delhi, not leakage: Atishi

NEW DELHI: Delhi is facing a 50 million gallons per day shortfall in water production and the present crisis can not be solved by merely restraining the tanker mafia, the AAP government's Water Minister Atishi said on Thursday.

"There is no large-scale leakage, it's a rumour. Leakages, if any, in the pipelines are repaired within 12 hours," Atishi claimed, adding that a recent audit shows that water leakage in Delhi is lesser than international standards.

There is a genuine water crisis in the city, Atishi said in a press conference and appealed to people to avoid water wastage. She said the average water production in Delhi has fallen considerably from 1,000-1,005 million gallons per day (MGD) six days ago due to a lack of adequate supply of raw water through the Yamuna River and other sources.

children could be seen walking long distances and standing and sitting in serpentine queues for a few buckets of water that tankers would bring. Many would return home with not enough water to cook a

meal or quench their thirst. The national capital was

in for a huge disappointment when the Himachal Pradesh government told the court it does not have surplus 136 cusecs of water, recanting an

earlier statement.

The bench said Yamuna water sharing between states is a complex and sensitive issue and the court does not have the technical expertise to decide on it even on an interim basis. "The issue should be left to be considered by the body constituted with the agreement of parties in the memorandum of understanding dated 1994.

"Since UYRB has already directed Delhi to submit an application for the supply of additional 150 cusecs of water on humanitarian grounds, such an application be made, if not already made, today by 5 pm, and thereafter the board shall convene a meeting tomorrow and take decision in the matter at the earliest," the bench said while disposing of the plea filed by the Delhi government.

# **Department of Industries**

**Government of Goa** 

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No. 3/7/2024-IND/164

Dated: 11/06/2024

### **PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, the Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") received applications dated 18/04/2016 and 20/06/2023 from M/s. Spark Healthline Private Limited for setting up of a 5-Star and 4-Star Hotel, multilevel car parking in individual buildings of the hotels with 3 levels of car parking and landscaping illumination and approach road to the activities and facilities at Reis Magos Village, Bardez Taluka, North Goa (hereinafter referred to as the "said Project") in the area specified in the Schedule hereto (hereinafter referred to as the "said area"),

And whereas, the Board has granted in-principle approval for the said Project and recommended to the Government to declare the said area to be an Investment Promotion Area:

And whereas, the Government of Goa now proposes to

(a) declare the said area as specified in the Schedule hereto to be an Investment Promotion Area in terms of clause (a) of subsection (1) of section 42 of the Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation of Single Window Clearance Act, 2021(Goa Act 19 of 2021) (hereinafter referred to as the "said Act");

(b) appoint the Chief Executive Officer, Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation Board for the purpose of the assessment and recovery of house tax, other taxes, fees and all other types of dues as per the provisions of law in force, in terms of clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 42 of the said

(c) declare that the provisions of any State law relating to local authorities providing for control or erection of buildings, levy and collection of taxes, fees and other dues to the local authority which is in force in the said area shall cease to apply and thereupon such provisions shall cease to apply thereof and that the Municipal Corporation or the Municipality or the Village Panchayat which were receiving house tax, other taxes or fees from the occupants in the said area under their respective laws, shall be compensated by the Government to the extent of the last financial year's collection of such house tax, other taxes or fees for a period of five years in terms of clause (c) of subsection (1) of section 42 of the said Act

(d) authorize the Chief Executive Officer, Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation Board for the purpose of exercising all the powers, such as, levy and collection of taxes, fees and other dues in respect of local authorities which are in force in the said area, in terms of clauses (b) and (d) of sub- section (1) of section 42 of the said Act. House tax, other taxes, fees and all other types of dues so collected by the Chief Executive Officer, Gon Investment Promotion and Facilitation Board in respect of said area, shall be deposited with the Government immediately by the Chief Executive Officer, Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation Board after such collection under Budget Head:

0851-Village and Small Industries

101-Industrial Estates

03-00-Goa Investment Promotion Board Conversion Sanad

04-00-Goa Investment Promotion Board Infrastructure Tax 05-00-Goa Investment Promotion Board House Tax

(e) authorize the Planning, Development and Construction Committee uppointed under sub-section (1) of section 43 of the said Act, for exercising all the powers, such as, control or erection of building, etc.

(hereinafter collectively called the "said proposal").

Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (2) of section 42 of the Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation of Single Window Clearance Act. 2021(Goa Act 19 of 2021), the Government of Goa hereby invites all persons who entertain any objections to the said proposal to submit the same in writing with reasons therefor to the Director of Industries, Trade and Commerce, Government of Goa, Panaji, Goa within a period of one month from the date of publication of this Proclamation in the Official Gazette.

**SCHEDULE** 

: 31,280 sq. mtrs. (a) Area (b) Village : Reis Magos : Bardez (c) Taluka (d) Survey No. : 95/1-A (part) (e) Field

(f) Boundaries: North Byroad to Verem,

Byriver Mandovi, South

: By property surveyed under No. 94/0, Fast : By property surveyed under No. 95/1-C. West

Sd/-By Order and in the name of

the Governor of Goa. (Asha Harmalkar)

DI/Advt/174/2024 **Under Secretary (Industries)** "Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

# Kuwait identifies bodies of 45 Indians, 3 Filipino nationals

**DUBAI CITY** 

Kuwait on Thursday said authorities have identified the bodies of 45 Indians and three Filipino nationals killed in the tragic fire incident in a building housing foreign workers as the Gulf Kingdom vowed to promptly investigate the incident and assured full support in repatriating the mortal remains of the victims.

At least 49 foreign workers were killed and 50 others injured in the fire on Wednesday at the seven-storey building where 196 migrant workers were staying in the southern city of Mangaf. Sheikh Fahad Al-Yousuf Al-Sabah, serving as

**BUILDING FIRE TRAGEDY** 

the First Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior, and Minister of Defence, said that authorities have identified 48 bodies, among which 45 are of Indians and three are of Filipino nationality, English language daily Arab Times reported.

ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

Date:

**SWAYAMPURNA GOA** 

The efforts are still underway to determine the identity of one remaining body, said the first deputy prime minister.

Kuwaiti authorities are conducting DNA tests on the bodies of those killed in the devastating fire incident in southern Kuwait's Mangaf area and an Indian Air Force aircraft is on

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standby to bring back the mortal remains of Indians killed in the incident, officials said in New Delhi on Thursday.

Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh, who reached Kuwait to oversee assistance to Indians injured in the fire, met Kuwait's Foreign Minister Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya who assured full support.

IN THE COURT OF MAMLATDAR OF BARDEZ AT MAPUSA, GOA

Mutation Case Nos: 93457, 94989 Village Siolim

. Ashwin Janardan Revadkar, r/o H. No. 517

Near Kaloba Temple, Guddem, Siolim, Bardez

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# POCSO case: **Court issues NBW** against Yediyurappa

### **BENGALURU**

A Bengaluru court on Thursday issued non-bailable arrest warrant against

former Chief Minister and senior BJP leader B S Yediyurappa in a POCSO

The Special Investigation Team of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) had moved the First Fast Track court seeking an arrest war-

ing on Wednesday. Yediyurappa had sought

rant against him since he

failed to appear for question-

time to join the probe. The BJP veteran, who is also a member of the party's parliamentary board, is presently in Delhi, and he is likely to join the probe after he returns, sources close to him have said.

According to police, Yediyurappa has been booked under the POCSO Act and Section 354 A (Sexual harassment) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) based on a complaint by the mother of a 17-year-old girl who alleged that he molested her daughter during a meeting on February two this year, at his residence

in Dollars Colony here. The victim's brother had filed a petition in the court earlier this week alleging that though the case was registered on March 14, no progress has been made in the investigation. The petitioner prayed that Yediyurappa should be arrested and interrogated.

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### **VILLAGE PANCHAYAT PILIGAO Bicholim - GOA**

Email:piligaovillagepanchayat@gmail.com Ref. No. VP/PIL/BICH/2024-25/

**TENDER NOTICE** 

The Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Piligao invites sealed percentage rate tenders from approved and eligible contractors registered in appropriate class and category of PWD /Railways/MES/WRD for the execution of below mentioned works.

Sr. no	Name of work	Estimated amount put to tender (excluding GST)	EMD. Rs	Time period (Excl Monsoon)	Class & category of Contractor		Cost of tender form
		(crisinaning con)			As per old registra tion	As per new registration	
1.	Construction of Gutter along with RCC Slabs from Mahadev Parwar house to Yashwant Parag house in ward no.IV, Deulwada Piligao Bicholim Goa under GIA (SC) Fund.	276834.70	5537/-	90 days excl monsoon	Class IV and above RBLD/ BLDG	Class V and above RBLD/ BLDG	2000/-
2	Laying of RCC slabs on existing gutter in ward no.IV at Deulwada Piligao Bicholim Goa under GIA (SC) Fund.	418721.70	8374/-	90 days excl monsoon	Class IV and above RBLD/BLDG	Class V and above RBLD/BLDG	2000/-
3	Repair of drainage from Sadanand Gimonkar house to Datta Mandir in ward no IV Deulwada in the jurisdiction of V.P. Piligao under GIA SC Fund	423584.80	8472/-	90 days excl monsoon	Class IV and above RBLD/ BLDG	Class V and above RBLD/BLDG	2000/-
4	Reconstruction of Kalasache Ped at Dinesh Kavlekar house with beautification at surrounding area to be mounted with pavers under GIA (ST) Fund.	102376.94	2047/-	90 days	Class IV and above RBLD/ BLDG	Class V and above RBLD/ BLDG	2000/-
5	Repair of existing gutter from Jaganath Kuttikar house to Rama Kothapkar house at Gaonkarwada in ward no.III in V.P.Piligao Bicholim Goa under GIA (ST) Fund.	197673.15	3953/-	90 Days excl	Class IV and above RBLD/ BLDG	Class V and above RBLD/ BLDG	2000/-

# Terms and conditions:

1. Last date of receiving application 24/06/2024 up to 12.30 pm along with cost of tender form (non-refundable).

2. Date of issue of blank tender form 25/06/2024 up to 3.00 pm.

3. Date of receipt of sealed tender 27/06/2024 up to 3.00 pm and will be opened on same day at 3.30 pm.

4. Application for issue of tender form shall be accompanied with a) Attested copy of valid registration certificate of the contractor in the concerned category of work. b) Attested copy of PAN card. c) Copy of valid GST registration Certificate and acknowledgement of Up to date filed returns with ARN (Application Reference Number generated on GST common portal. d) Declaration of the works in hand shall be submitted with detailed list indicating the present status on Rs.50/-Stamp Paper (however tender form will not be issued to the person who has work in hand more than four times the

5. EMD shall be in form of Demand Draft / Deposit Call Receipt (DCR)/Pay order from Nationalised or Scheduled bank

drawn in favour of The Sarpanch, V.P. Piligao Payable at Bicholim Goa.

6. Contractor shall submit separate application for each work. 7. Unsealed and conditional tenders will be rejected outright.

8. The contractor shall quote the tender excluding GST.& GST as applicable shall be paid separately on total value of work executed.

9. For the Tender/Item of Tender in case of being quoted abnormally below i.e 20.00% below the estimated cost then the Contractor shall furnished on demand and additional performance security in the form of Bank guarantee from National/Schedule Bank for that amount which is worked out as difference between quoted amount and reasonable amount reduce by 20.00%

10. Right to except or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason is reserve. 11. Acceptance is subject to reasonability statement approval wherever applicable.

Sd/-Sarpanch Village Panchayat Piligao

**DI/ADVT/167/2024-25** 

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Sa 4. Carmen Carvalho alias Carmen De Sa I Carvalho 5. Fernando Silvestre Caraciolo De Sa Pinto 6. Francisco Anthony Carvalho

Francisco Jose E De Sa Pinto 8. Ida Emilia Conceicao Coelho e sa alias Ida Emilia Concecao Coelho De Sa alias Idinha Emilia Concecao Coelho alias Ida Emilia da Conceicac Coelho e Sa 9. Maria Carmen Filomena de Sa Minguel Sebastian Fernandes 11. Ru Manuel De Sa Pinto alias Rui Manuel Pinto alias Rui Manuel Rogerio S.C. J de Sa Pinto 12. Sheron Leticia S. De Sa Pinto 13. Telma De Sa Pinto alias Telma Pinto alias Telma Mergelina De Sa Pinto 14. Venessa Pinto alias /enessa Cardozo Pinto **PUBLIC NOTICE** 

To The above named Opponents / Legal Heirs fany/ interested parties if any Whereas, the applicant Ashwin Janardar Revadkar, r/o H. No. 517, Near Kaloba Temple Guddem, Siolim, Bardez, Goa, has applied fo nutation under Section 96 of L.R.C. 1968, to nclude his name in the occupants column under Sy No. 322/1 of Village Siolim, Taluka Bardez, admeasuring an area of 420 sq. mts as per Deed of Sale registration number BRZ-1-2646-2022 dated 09.06.2022, Book Document, Document Serial No. 2022-BRZ-2731 in Sub Registrar Office of the Civi Registrar cum Sub Registrar and Deed of Succession bearing No. 811 at pages 2v to 4v dated 29.03.2006 in the office of the Notary AND WHEREAS, the notices in Form no. >

remark as unserved insufficient address, party expired etc hence to be served through alternative means and so the notices are orayed to be served by way of publication in ocal newspaper AND WHEREAS, the applicant have prayed vide his application for substitute service, by publication of public notice in any one dail newspaper as required under Order V Rule

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know the legal heirs and the addresses of the nterested parties. All the interested parties are hereby giver the notice of the said mutation entry and called upon to submit to me their objections in 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.

20(1A) of C.P.C. as the applicant does no

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







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# **BIZ BULLETIN**

### India Inc looking for credit to fund capex: SBI Chief

State Bank of India Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara has said there is a growing

demand for credit from the corporate

sector and loans worth Rs 5 lakh crore are in the pipeline. Unlike the past few years, when the corporates had sufficient cash surplus on their balance sheet, they have started looking for credit to fund working capital requirements and capacity expansion, he told PTI in an interview. "Now we have come to a stage where they (corporates) have started approaching banks for augmenting their capacity or for working capital purposes. Of course, this I can say with confidence because when we look at our unavailed term loan percentage, it has come down from 25 per cent to 18 per cent and when we see the working capital utilisation, even that has improved," he said.

### **Aurionpro Payments gets** RBI nod to operate as online payment aggregator

Aurionpro Payment Solutions on Thursday said it has received Reserve Bank's nod to operate as an online payment aggregator via its payment gateway brand AuroPay. The authorisation from the apex bank enables the company to operate as an online payment aggregator to provide digital payments services to merchants across the country.

### Zepto set to raise \$650 mn at \$3.5 bn valuation

Quick grocery delivery platform Zepto is geared up to raise nearly \$650 million from existing and new investors. According to sources, the funding will take Blinkit closest rival's valuation to around \$3.5 billion. Sources told IANS that Nexus and its limited partner StepStone will lead the new funding round. The company did not immediately comment on the development.

### Samsung partners with Paytm Consumer electronics brand Samsung

has partnered with Paytm parent One97 Communications Ltd to integrate travel and entertainment services to Samsung Wallet in India. Through the partnership users of Samsung Galaxy smartphones can access Paytm's suite of services, including flight and bus bookings, movie ticket purchases, and event bookings, through the digital wallet. Galaxy users using the Paytm and Paytm Insider app can add their tickets directly to Samsung Wallet using 'Add to Samsung Wallet' functionality, a company statement said on Thursday.

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Telecom regulator Trai has sought

stakeholders' view on whether

charges should be introduced for

existing and newly allocated num-

bering resources to ensure their ju-

The Telecom Regulatory Authori-

ty of India (Trai) has also hinted it

would consider imposition of finan-

cial disincentive for telecom service

dicious and efficient use.

# AMBUJA CEMENTS ACQUIRES PENNA CEMENT FOR ₹10,422 CR

Billionaire Gautam Adani-led Adani Group on Thursday said it will acquire Hyderabadbased Penna Cement at an enterprise value of Rs 10,422 crore, which will add 14 million tonnes of annual capacity to the country's second largest cement manufacturer.

The deal will increase Adani's market share in cement in southern India and give an entry into Sri Lanka, where Penna Cement Industries Ltd (PCIL) operates a unit through a local subsidiary. Besides, this deal will also provide sufficient limestone reserves to the growthhungry Adani group firm, which is aspiring to achieve a 140 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) capacity by FY28.

has been signed and Ambuja Cements, an Adani group firm, will acquire 100 per cent shares of PCIL from its existing promoter group P Pratap Reddy and family, said a state-

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Debt-ridden telecom operator

Vodafone Idea will allocate

shares worth Rs 2,458 crore to

vendors Nokia India and Erics-

son India to clear their partial

dues, a regulatory filing said on

Ltd (VIL) has cleared allotment

of shares on preferential basis at

about 35 per cent higher price

compared to the follow-on offer

price of the company, and comes

Vodafone Idea Limited today ap-

proved preferential allotment of

about 166 crore equity shares of

face value of Rs 10 each, at an is-

sue price of Rs 14.80 per share,

for an aggregate consideration of

up to Rs 2,458 crore, to two of its

key vendors, Nokia Solutions

and Networks India Private Lim-

ited and Ericsson India Private

ticipate for up to Rs 1,520 crore

and Rs 938 crore respectively,

subject to approval by VIL share-

holders at the EGM to be held on

Trai mulls charges for existing, newly allocated

numbering resources to ensure efficient use

views on the issue. Trai in its recent

consultation paper - Revision of Na-

tional Numbering Plan' -- has assert-

ed that numbers represent an ex-

ceedingly valuable public resource

As of now, telecommunication

identifier (TI) resources for both

mobile and fixed-line services are

allocated to service providers free

of charge. The ownership of the

numbering space resides with the

which is not infinite.

Nokia and Ericsson will par-

Limited," the filing said.

"The Board of Directors of

with a lock-in of 6 months.

The board of Vodafone Idea

Thursday.

Nokia and Ericsson to get

shares worth ₹2,458 cr in

Vodafone Idea in lieu of dues



vodafone

July 10, 2024, the telco said in a re-

lease. "Nokia and Ericsson both

have a long-term partnership

with VIL, as key suppliers of net-

work equipment, and this prefer-

ential allotment will enable VIL

to clear part of their outstanding

dues," the filing said. Post this

preferential issuance, the share-

holding of Nokia and Ericsson in

the company will be 1.5 per cent

per cent and the balance 37.1 per

cent will be public shareholding.

crore worth OCDs to mobile tow-

er vendor ATC, out of which the

tower vendor has picked stake

worth Rs 1,440 crore in the debt-

ridden telecom operator.

the tenure of their licenses.

Trai, however, noted that simply

adhering to strict criteria for as-

signing numbering resources

might not ensure judicious and effi-

cient use of freely allotted number-

ing resources by service providers.

"One way of ensuring judicious and

efficient use of any finite public re-

source is by imposing charges

while allocating it. Efficient utilisa-

tion can be further ensured by in-

troducing penal provision for those

holding numbering resources with

low utilisation," Trai said.

Earlier, VIL has issued Rs 1,600

and 0.9 per cent, respectively.

After the acquisition, the total production capacity of Adani Cement would climb up to to 89 MTPA, it added. "This acquisition will be fully funded

A binding agreement for the acquisition through internal accruals," said Ambuja Ce-

Ambuja Cements CEO & Whole Time Director Ajay Kapur said it is a "significant step" forward in the company's accelerating growth

"By acquiring PCIL, Ambuja is poised to expand its market presence in south India and reinforce its position as a pan-India leader in the cement industry," he said.

PCIL has 14 MTPA cement capacity in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Rajasthan, of which 10 MTPA is operational, and the remaining is under-construction at Krishnapatnam (2 MTPA) and Jodhpur (2 MTPA) and will be completed within 6 to 12 months, it added.

The deal "strengthens Adani Cement's sea transportation logistics with five bulk cement terminals at Kolkata, Gopalpur, Karaikal, Kochi and Colombo to serve peninsular Besides, the acquisition will also improve Adani Cement's market share pan-India by 2 per cent and 8 per cent in south India, it added. The company expects to complete the acquisition "within 3-4 months", however said will be subject to necessary government/regulatory approvals.

# **Jio Satellite Communications** seeks trial spectrum after **IN-Space clearance**

PTI / New Delhi

Jio Satellite Communications has sought spectrum from the Department of Telecom (DoT) to start trial of satellite broadband services following authorisation granted by In-Space, sources aware of the development said.

The Department of Telecom has already granted satellite communication service licence GMPCS and internet service Communications. "Jio Satellite Communications has applied for trial to spectrum last month. The commercial rollout will start once the government finalises spectrum for satellite communication," a source told PTI.

firm Jio Platforms has formed a joint venture with Luxembourgbased SES for satellite communication services. Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisa-Centre (IN-Space) authorised Jio Satellite Commu-

Besides, Jio Satellite Communications, Bharti Group-backed Eutelsat OneWeb has also received all the clearance. It was issued a trial spectrum in March.

nications in April to operate

satellite services in Indian space.

While the The Telecommunications Act, 2023 provides for administrative allocation of spectrum for point-to-point communications to satellite companies, the rules and details of radio waves allocation are yet to to be finalised by the government.

# FAME 3 in the Works: **New Incentives for EVs**

BY TEJI MANDI

s the NDA government enters its third term, one of its first major initiatives will be launching the third edition of the FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles) scheme, with a substantial outlay of Rs 10,000 crores. The FAME scheme aims to enhance local manufacturing and sales of electric vehicles by offering demand incentives to customers. Let's explore the key aspects of the FAME 3 scheme and understand how it will accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles in India's automotive sector.

# What's Happening?

In its ongoing efforts to decarbonise the transport sector and promote electric vehicles, the government is all set to launch the third phase of the flagship EV incentive scheme, FAME, with a budget exceeding Rs 10,000 crores. In this year's interim budget, the finance minister allocated Rs 2,671.33 crores for the FAME III scheme. The new government is expected to make detailed announcements in the main budget, scheduled for July 2024.

### **Brief History of** the FAME Scheme



The FAME India scheme was first launched on April 1, 2015, with a total outlay of Rs 895 crores. The FAME II scheme, introduced in 2019 with a budget of Rs 10,000 crores for three years, aimed to support the adoption of 7,000 ebuses, five lakh e-3 wheelers,

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55,000 e-passenger cars, and 10 lakh e-two wheelers. An additional Rs 1,500 crores was later

As of March 30, 15,42,452 electric vehicles have been subsidised under the scheme, including 13,64,929 two-wheelers, 15,717 three-wheelers, and 20,352 four-

### All About the **FAME 3 Scheme**

allocated.

wheelers.

According to CNBC TV 18, the FAME 3 scheme will have a budget of approximately Rs 10,000 crores, offering financial incentives for electric two-wheelers, threewheelers, and government-owned Unlike the five-year duration of FAME 2, FAME 3 will initially be valid for two years. The

government, which supported the purchase of 7,000 electric buses under FAME 2, is expected to increase this number under FAME 3. FAME 3 is likely to exclude subsidies for electric cars, including those for commercial use. The government will introduce new guidelines, and companies seeking benefits will need to undergo re-

### What's Next?

certification.

The upcoming FAME 3 scheme marks a significant step forward in India's journey towards sustainable transportation. By building on the successes of FAME 1 and 2 and addressing current challenges in the EV ecosystem, the government is poised to foster a more robust and widespread adoption of electric vehicles.

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### The shareholding of VIL pro-Reliance Industries Group moters -- Aditya Birla Group and Vodafone -- will stand at 37.3 per Renee Cosmetics cent while government's shareholding will come down to 23.2

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raises ₹100 crore

Beauty brand Renee Cosmetics on Thursday said it has raised Rs 100 crore fund led by existing investors Evolvence India and Edelweiss Group.

The company's valuation has reached up to Rs 1,400 crore after the recent fundraising, which is 60 per cent higher than the Rs 850 crore raised during the last funding round in December 2022, according to a statement. So far, the company has raised a total of USD 45 million in funding from external investors, it said.

"This funding round will enable us to push the boundaries of beauty innovation and reach new heights in delivering products that encourage and celebrate diverse beauty," its co-founder and director Ashutosh Valani said.

After the funding, the company can introduce more products, and also wants to increase its omnichannel presence, its co-founder Priyank Shah said.

# Rajib Kumar Mishra ceases to be chairman of PFS, CMD of PTC India after Sebi's order ing himself with any listed

Rajib Kumar Mishra ceased to be chairman of PTC India Financial Services Ltd (PFS) as well as CMD of PTC India Ltd following the order passed by markets regulator Sebi that restrained him from holding the director's post for six months, the two companies said on Thursday.

PFS, promoted by PTC India Ltd, is a non-deposit-taking NBFC classified as an infrastructure finance company. Mishra held office in PFS in the capacity of chairman and non-executive director and was also holding the position of Chairman & Managing Director of PTC India Ltd.

"Pursuant to...regulatory order issued by Sebi, Rajib Kumar Mishra ceases to be the chairman, non-executive director of the company with effect from the



latory filing to the stock ex-In a separate filing, PTC India said that Mishra ceased to be in

his position in the company with effect from the date of the order. On Wednesday, the regulator

prohibited Mishra from "holding any position of director or key managerial personnel in any listed company or any intermediary registered with Sebi or associatpublic company or a public company which intends to raise money from the public or any intermediary registered with Sebi, in any capacity, for a period of six months" for corporate governance lapses at PFS.

Also, Sebi slapped a fine of Rs 10 lakh on him.

Apart from Mishra, the watchdog prohibited the company's former MD and CEO Pawan Singh from holding the post of director in any listed company for two years and also imposed a penalty of Rs 25 lakh on him. In its order Sebi noted that Pawan Singh had "grossly misused" his position as the MD and CEO of PFS to prevent Ratnesh from joining as Whole Time Director (Finance) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), which was approved by the company's board.

### providers who retain allocated numgovernment, granting service bers that lay unutilised beyond a set providers usage rights over the destimeframe, and sought stakeholder ignated number resource during Mercedes Benz to make ₹3,000 cr

investment in Maharashtra: Min

German maker Mercedes Benz will make an investment of Rs 3,000 crore in Maharashtra,

Samant said on Thursday.

In a post on X, Samant said while

on a tour of Germany, he met top

Thursday and discussed invest-

"Mercedes Benz will invest Rs

ment opportunities in the state.



Dr. Rahul Raghunath Patil, Deputy

FA & CAO, Pune achieves sucess in

Comrades Marathon South Africa

3,000 crore in Maharashtra year. This will help create employment opportunities in the state," he said.

The develop-

ment could give a shot in the arm, ahead of assembly elections, to the Shiv Sena-BJP-NCP government which has been battling charges from the opposition that Maharashtra is losing big-ticket industrial projects to other states including Gujarat.

# AWS offers \$230 million in Cloud credits to generative AI startups

Amazon Web Services (AWS) on Thursday announced a \$230 million commitment in Cloud credits to generative AI startups and the expansion of the global Generative AI Accelerator, which is aimed at helping 80 founders and innovators (including 20 from Asia-Pacific and Japan).

Over the course of the 10-week global programme, which kicks off on October 1, founders of selected generative AI startups will receive up to \$1 million in AWS credits, business and technical mentorship within founders' industries and networking opportunities with industry experts.

The applications for the AWS Generative AI Accelerator are open and will be accepted till July 19. The Amazon-owned company also announced the launch of new AWS Generative AI Spotlight programme in Asia Pacific and Japan (APJ), a four-week initiative to nurture pre-seed and seed-stage ready startups in the region who are building genera-



tive AI applications. The programme will select up

to 120 pre-seed and seed-stage ready startups across the region, including 40 from India, the company said in a statement. "These two complementary ac-

celerator programmes will help startups at various stages of growth in the APJ region to drive innovations on our generative AI stack," said Matt Taylor, Head of Startups Solutions Architecture, APJ at AWS.

In India, AWS is collaborating with venture capital firm Accel for the Generative AI Spotlight programme. Last year, AWS collaborated with Accel to launch 'ML Elevate 2023', a six-week accelerator programme that supported 35 generative AI startups



India Energy Storage Alliance to

Industry body India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) on Thursday said it will come out with a "white paper" suggesting ways to address key policy and regulatory challenges for EV (electric vehicle), cleantech, green hydrogen, and battery storage.

The white paper on sustainable future including renewables will be unveiled at the India Energy Storage Week (IESW) 2024, an international conference and expo, which is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from July 1-5, IESA said in a statement. The industry body will suggest

actions required to make India a global cleantech hub, it said, adding that the white paper will be presented before at least seven Union ministries and over 200 global energy leaders from over event.

50 countries participating at the Rahul Walawalkar, President, IESA and Customized Energy Solutions, India, said in the statement, "As India embarks on a



Modi 3.0 government, our white paper aims to suggest the immediate steps required to achieve He further said that the IESW aims to facilitate smooth dialogue between the industry and various government departments, pushing EV, cleantech, green hydrogen, and battery storage ecosystems in India.

New & Renewable Energy Secretary Bhupinder Singh Bhalla will attend the inauguration session of the Stationary Storage Day at IESW 2024 which will focus on energy storage requirements for modernizing the Indian electricity grid and also the need of energy storage to ad-India's ambitious renewable target, it stated.

# **NCLT** directs Byju's to keep status quo on shareholding

FPJ BUREAU / Mumbai

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Bengaluru on Wednesday told edtech firm Byju's to maintain the status quo with regard to existing sharehold ers and their shareholding, Business Standard reported.

"Status quo with regard to existing shareholders and their shareholding shall be maintained till the disposal of the main petition," the order that was made available on June 13 said.

This means that Byju's is restricted from issuing shares and using funds raised from a \$200 million rights issue until the tribunal decides the matter.

The matter will be heard on July 4.

The second rights issue started on May 13 and was to end on June 13. With that, Byju's won't be allowed to utilise any funds that it has so far collected from the second rights issue and the amount from the second rights issue will be deposited in a separate account.

**CHAIRMAN N CHANDRASEKARAN SAYS** 

# 'TCPL aspires to be a full-fledged FMCG Co, to double capex to ₹785 cr in FY25'

Tata Consumer Products Ltd is aiming to become a full-fledged FMCG company with plans to enter new categories and has more than doubled its capex to Rs 785 crore for FY25, primarily on a new plant in Vietnam, company Chairman N Chandrasekaran said on Thursday.

Responding to shareholders' queries at the company's annual general meeting, Chan-

Chairman - said the company will consider further acquisitions to fuel growth depending on the financial viability and growth opportunity. Millet is an area the company

drasekaran -- also the Tata Sons

wants to focus and introduce more products, he said. Asked if the company will be

focused only on beverages and foods, or if it would become a fullfledged FMCG company, Chandrasekaran said "The plan is to



become a full-fledged FMCG company." "So what is the next segment? What are the next few seg-

answer it now. There are many sents a long-term structural opthings on the table." Replying to a question about the Chandrasekaran acquisition, said the company is always looking for such opportunities.

other other products," he said.

ments that we will enter? I can't

"I can not say about any specific acquisitions, but the company always looks for acquisitions, but we have been more in

portunity, driven by population, a growing middle class, rapid urbanisation, increasing disposable incomes and raising aspirations, Tata Consumer Products Ltd Chairman N Chandrasekaran said on Thursday. The Tata group's FMCG arm is

India's consumer market repre-

well positioned to capitalise on looking at health-oriented and, the significant opportunity, he and food products, but also other said, while addressing the AGM of TCPL.

sucess in one of the toughest marathons in the world, Comrades Marathon, 87km. Comrdes marathon is started in 1921, from Durban to Petermeritzberg uphill Run covering distance of 87 kms. and eleavtion of 1800 Metres. Comrades Marathon is the oldest marathon. Dr Rahul Completed this marathon in 9 hrs 59 minutes and got prestigious Robert Mitshali medal. He is the first from

Dr. Rahul Raghunath Patil, Dy. Finance

(Const.), Pune has achieved glorious

Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer

countries participated in this marathon and is the largest marathon in the world. He has participated in 30 half 2 full and 5 ultra marathons. He has covered distance of more than 5000 km in running and around 10000 km in cycling in last five years. Dr Rahul has completed Ironman 70.3 Astana, Kazakasthan in 6 hrs 59 min and stood first in Deccan clifhanger cycling race from Pune to Goa 644 km in relay category.

Railway account service to finish this

race. 20000 runners form different

**Multinutrient supplements** 

# Gardening tips

# A guide to growing vegetables indoors

**SAVITHA B** 

**v**egetables indoors is an increasingly popular practice. particularly for urban dwellers, those with limited outdoor space, or anyone interested in sustainable living. With the right conditions and care, you can successfully cultivate a variety of vegetables indoors. This guide explores the benefits. challenges, and practical tips for

# **Hot Peppers** Hot peppers are

growing specific

vegetables indoors.

another excellent choice for indoor gardening, offering both aesthetic appeal and culinary versatility. They can add a spicy kick to your dishes and a splash of color to your indoor space. Use pots that are at least 8-10 inches in diameter with welldraining soil enriched with organic matter. They need 6-8 hours of direct sunlight or grow lights. Water regularly, letting the top inch of soil dry out between waterings, and maintain a warm environment of 70- $80^{\circ}\text{F} (21-27^{\circ}\text{C}).$ 

and the rewarding nature of their fruit. While they require a bit more attention, the effort is well worth it. Use large containers, at least 12 inches in diameter, filled with high-quality potting soil and organic matter. Tomatoes need 14-18 hours of light daily, so use grow lights if necessary.

### fruit. Challenges of growing vegetables indoors

**Tomatoes** 

Tomatoes are a

gardening due to their versatility

Maintain consistent moisture with

good drainage and use stakes or

as they grow and bear

Keep these challenges in mind

cages to support the plants

popular choice for indoor

as you nurture your indoor plants: • **Light:** Most vegetables

require substantial light for photosynthesis. Natural light might not be sufficient, necessitating artificial grow lights **Space:** Indoor spaces may limit the number and size of plants you can grow. Temperature and **humidity:** Maintaining the right temperature and humidity levels can be challenging but is crucial for plant health.

• **Pollination:** Indoor plants may need manual pollination for fruiting vegetables like tomatoes and peppers.

### Lettuce

Lettuce is one

of the easiest and fastest-growing vegetables for indoor gardening. It's a great choice for beginners and can provide fresh, leafy greens for your salads and sandwiches. Shallow pots or trays with good drainage work best, along with a light, nutrientrich potting mix. Provide around 12 hours of indirect light daily. Keep the soil consistently moist but not soggy. Harvest leaves as needed by snipping them off, allowing the plant to continue producing more.



# **Carrots**

Carrots are a root vegetable that can be surprisingly easy to grow indoors. The key to successful indoor carrot cultivation is selecting the right variety and providing the appropriate growing conditions. Use deep containers, at least 12 inches, filled with loose, well-draining soil. Carrots need 12-16 hours of light daily, so place them near a sunny

window or use grow

lights. Keep the soil

but not waterlogged

consistently moist

to avoid root rot.

### **NEETA SENACHA**

industry is

booming

he skincare worldwide, with new products appearing on the shelves daily, from cosmetics

to supplements. The pressure from social media and advertisements is creating unrealistic expectations about how our skin should look. Besides following elaborate skincare routines, many people are now consuming an excess of vitamins and minerals that claim to enhance skin health. While maintaining healthy, glowing skin is a priority for many, we often overlook the significant roles that diet and lifestyle play. Let's explore what science says about using supplements for skin health and

# Collagen

debunk some common

skincare myths.

Collagen supplements have gained immense popularity for their purported benefits in reducing wrinkles and improving skin hydration. Collagen is a structural protein that provides elasticity and strength to the skin. As we age, our body's collagen production decreases, leading to signs of aging.

**The flinside:** While studies show that collagen supplements may improve skin elasticity and hydration, they are not a magic bullet. A balanced diet rich in protein from sources like chicken, fish, beans, and eggs can help support your body's natural collagen production.

# Do you really need

# supplements for better skin?

# Know the flipside



involved in fat metabolism.

**The flinside:** Biotin deficiencies are

rare, and most people get enough biotin

from their diet. Foods such as eggs,

nuts, seeds, and leafy greens are

skin issues.

he liver is

responsible

excellent sources of biotin. Over-

supplementation can lead to

imbalances and potential

### Omega-3 fatty acids

Omega-3 fatty acids, found in fish oil supplements, are known for their anti-inflammatory properties. They can help manage conditions like acne and psoriasis by reducing inflammation.

The flipside: Instead of relying solely on supplements, you can boost your omega-3 intake by consuming fatty fish like salmon, mackerel, and sardines, or plant-based sources like flaxseeds, chia seeds, and walnuts. A diet rich in these foods can provide the benefits of omega-3s without the need for supplementation.

### Vitamin C

Vitamin C is a powerful antioxidant that helps protect the skin from oxidative stress and supports collagen synthesis. It is often included in skin care supplements for its potential to brighten skin and reduce the appearance of fine lines. The flipside: You

can boost your vitamin C intake through your diet by consuming fruits and vegetables like oranges, strawberries, bell peppers, and broccoli. Topical vitamin C serums are also effective in delivering this nutrient directly to the skin.

Multinutrient supplements combine various vitamins and minerals that are essential for overall health, including skin health. They can be beneficial for individuals with specific nutrient deficiencies.

The flipside: A varied and balanced diet typically provides all the nutrients your body needs. Whole foods offer a synergy of nutrients that supplements can't replicate. Moreover, over-reliance on supplements can lead to excessive intake of certain nutrients, which may be harmful.

### **Probiotics**

Probiotics, the beneficial bacteria found in supplements and fermented foods, are praised for their ability to improve gut health, which in turn can impact skin health. They may help manage conditions like acne and eczema by balancing the gut microbiome.

**The flipside:** Incorporating probiotic-rich foods like yogurt, kefir, sauerkraut, and kimchi into your diet can provide similar benefits without the need for supplements. A healthy gut is best maintained through a diet rich in fiber and fermented foods.

### So, are supplements necessary for healthy skin?

Even though supplements can help improve certain skin conditions, such as acne, and are necessary for people who don't or can't get enough nutrients from their diet, they're not usually necessary for skin health. The truth is, when it comes to skin care, supplements can't take the place of a nutritious diet. If you're generally healthy and simply want to take care of your skin from the inside out, take a look at your diet to see what is missing.

### To maintain skin health, try your best to:

Maintain optimai nydration: Drink plenty of water throughout the day.

**Eat plenty of fruits and** vegetables: These are rich in vitamins, minerals, and

antioxidants that support skin health.

**Limit sugary and ultraprocessed foods:** These foods are linked to poor skin health and can exacerbate conditions like acne.

**Include healthy** sources of fat and **protein:** Incorporate foods like avocados, nuts, seeds, fish, and lean meats into your

# Anosmia (Loss of smell):

# Causes, complications and treatment

**AMRITHA K** 

he sense of smell is something all of us take for granted - well why shouldn't one (and that's where you are wrong). Losing the sense of smell can be quite difficult, where you would not be able to sense the smell of anything and in medical terms, the condition is termed as anosmia. Anosmia is the partial or complete loss of the sense of smell, which can be temporary or permanent. The condition is not life-threatening but can pose massive limitations in the life of an individual affected by it. Individuals affected by anosmia may not be able to fully taste foods. This, in turn, can lead to healthy weight loss and malnutrition, as well as irritation and sadness with the way the condition is affecting one's quality of life.

Nasal congestion from a cold, allergy, sinus infection or poor air quality is the most common cause of the condition. Apart from the aforementioned, the following also causes anosmia.

- Old age
- Multiple sclerosis

- Congenital conditions Hormonal disturbances Certain medications such as

# **Causes of anosmia**

- nerves from surgery /head trauma

- anti-inflammatory medication, antidepressants

# ■ Exposure to toxic

- Injury to the nose and smell
- Parkinson's disease
- heart medications, antibiotics,

- Alzheimer's disease
- Nutritional deficiencies

# chemicals, such as

pesticides or solvents Nasal polyps Radiation treatment

disease

Symptoms of

anosmia

The sign which

developed this condition is

obvious - the loss of smell.

For some people, a change

in the way things smell

can be noticed in the

initial stages of the

condition.

indicates that one has

- of head & neck cancers ■ Cocaine abuse Bony deformity
- inside your nose Acute sinusitis
- (sinus infection) ■ Common cold
- Hay fever Zinc deficiency
- Schizophrenia Influenza (flu)
- Non-allergic rhinitis Huntington's
- can be classified into different groups depending upon the location or part of the body affected by it and the classifications are as follows:

The causes

of anosmia, as

aforementioned,

- Damage to your
- brain or nerves Obstructions of your nasal
- passages Irritation to the mucous membranes lining

# **Complications of anosmia**

the nose

With the loss of the sense of smell, life can get quite difficult for individuals affected by the condition. Some of the complications related to the condition are as follows:

■ Lack of appetite Unhealthy weight loss Malnutrition

Depression

# Diagnosis of anosmia

Loss of smell caused by colds, allergies or sinus infections usually clears up on its own after a few days, but if it doesn't, you must consult a doctor immediately. The doctor will check for a polyp or growth, which may be impairing your ability to smell. They will also check for the possibilities of infections. Sometimes a CT scan will be advised.

### **Treatment for** anosmia The medical

care provided for the condition will be dependent on the cause. As mentioned before. if the loss of smell occurs with a cold, allergy, or sinus infection, it typically will clear up on its own in a few days. Treatments that can help relieve anosmia caused by nasal irritation include

the following: Antibiotics

sprays

- Decongestants
- Antihistamines ■ Steroid nasal

If the condition is caused by polyps, surgery would be required - which will help in removing the obstruction causing the blockage of smell. Some of the other means of treatment used for relieving the condition are reducing exposure to nasal irritants

### problems. Are you aware? 5 viruses that lead to viral hepatitis are A, B, C, D, and E. When it comes to transmission,

Hepatitis A and E can be acquired through contaminated food or water, while hepatitis B and C are transmitted through blood or bodily fluids. Hepatitis D can only infect those and allergens who are infected and cessation of with hepatitis B. It smoking. is the need of the hour to take enough precautions to keep viral hepatitis at bay. Moreover, many patients with

viral hepatitis tend

to suffer in silence

attached to it.

owing to the stigma

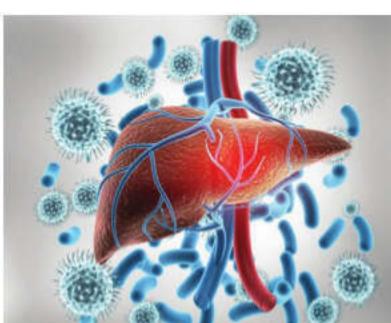
# Know about the social stigma against viral hepatitis

removing toxins from the blood, storing vitamins, and hormone production. Viral hepatitis tends to disrupt the function of the liver owing to which one can encounter various Parel



Head - Department of Adult Hepatology and Liver Transplantation, Gleneagles hospital,

The social stigma surrounding viral hepatitis persists, despite advancements in treatment options. Individuals with hepatitis often face discrimination and misunderstanding, leading to feelings of isolation and shame. This stigma is fueled by  $\begin{tabular}{ll} misconceptions \\ \end{tabular} that the virus \\ \end{tabular}$ is highly contagious or solely transmitted through risky behaviors, such as drug use or unsafe sexual practices. Viral hepatitis can be transmitted via blood transfusions or even during childbirth. By breaking stereotypes and misinformation about the disease, it is essential to help one improve his/her quality of life. It's crucial to challenge these misconceptions and educate the public on the facts about viral hepatitis to promote empathy and support for individuals affected by this condition. One common taboo is the association of hepatitis with lifestyle choices



or personal behavior, leading to stigma and discrimination against those affected. This harmful stereotype not only impacts efforts to raise awareness and promote prevention but also creates barriers for individuals seeking testing and even treatment. The misconceptions can have detrimental effects on their mental health and overall well-being. It is crucial to challenge these

taboos surrounding viral hepatitis through education, advocacy, and destigmatization efforts. By fostering open conversations, debunking myths, and giving accurate information about the disease, it is possible to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for those affected by hepatitis. Breaking down these taboos is essential to ensure that everyone has access to proper care, support, and resources for managing this serious health condition.

### **Guidelines for weaning: Transitioning from breastfeeding to solid food** he transition from shifting to solid food from breastfeeding Approaches to start feeding solid food Signs baby that your is considered one baby is ready to wean with breastfeeding: At the right Please do not of the milestones from breastfeeding Mothers are advised age: Parents or focus on quantity: in a baby's life. When your baby not to abruptly stop family members are In the initial days, Weaning is a process starts to sit without any breastfeeding their advised not to be parents should when newborns are support or can balance babies, it is essential in too hurry and to focus more on introduced to solid their head on their to give them space start early weaning. feeding the right food or fluids from own. quantity of food It could lead to drinking breast milk They can swallow several health issues instead of forceand concerns in

or formula. Various reasons could influence this transitional shift in babies, such as the mother now having to get back to her

workplace or routine after a long gap, the baby recently turning around 4-6 months, family members are or simply parents or eating food, and trying family members feeling to grab food from your like it's the right plate. time. When to start feeding solid food or

weaning is a personal

decision taken by the

parents and the family

members collectively.

breast milk without throwing up. When they seem

least interested or

become cranky and fussy while being feed. The feeding time gets shorter over time. Curious when the

• Constantly chewing feed is 6 months their thumb or fingers. The baby is sucking the breast for comfort

but isn't drawing out

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consider early

initiation at

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cases pediatricians

feeding them. The goal should be to the baby such as asthma, digestive make them eat and problems like loose not how much they stool, constipation are eating. Once or gas, obesity, and they get used to allergic reactions. the idea of eating solid food and Parents should wait for the right time get habituated, and the right age to eating will become start feeding solid interesting. food. The ideal age to Force-feeding or start complementary overeating could

lead to vomiting

eating, getting

constipated, or

experiencing loose

right after

motions.

DR. SANJU SIDARADDI Consultant -Pediatrician and Neonatologist, **Motherhood** 



Start with simple one-ingredient meals: Do not go over the board by preparing

Start with simple and basic foods or

ingredients that take less effort to chew,

have a subtle taste, and are easy to digest. Easy and lighter foods like mashed fruits, vegetables like sweet potato, apple, and banana, daily (porridge), soft mushy rice, and leftover broth of steamed dal are the best ways to start.

### and time to get used to this new transition in their lives. Going cold shoulders can make them cranky and fussy throughout the day which can ruin the whole family environment as well as their health. Instead, shorten their nursing time gradually, or just spoon-feed or bottle-feed them for the whole day and

only breastfeed

can help create a

habit.

Don't go cold turkey

them at night, this

solids, parents or family members are advised to pay close attention to the baby after every meal for any signs of indigestion or allergic reaction. It can be very normal for them to be fussy and reject solids at first, but it is also important to not force feed. Weaning is considered one of the significant changes that the baby undergoes which resembles growth and development. Consulting a pediatrician can help get personalized medical guidance and diet plans for the baby according to the body's nutritional requirements and needs.

The last word:

After starting with

### fancy, heavier meals for the baby which could easily hurt their digestive system and result in stomach-related problems.

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# LOVE REVISITED The makers launched the trailer at an event in

**Director Neeraj Pandey** 

The makers launched the trailer at an event in presence of the film's cast and others in Mumbai

SAGARIKA CHOUDHARY

he trailer of Ajay Devgn and Tabu's much-awaited 'timeless romance' *Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha* was released by the makers on Thursday and at the event, the lead stars shared

their idea of love and romance with the audience. *The Free Press Journal* was present at the event.

In the trailer, Ajay and Tabu's characters can be seen getting separated due to circumstances in their youth only for the romance to get rekindled when they meet each other 22

years later. Ajay feels that though the times have changed, the feeling of love is still the same. "Love in 2024 is the same as how it was in the past decades. Just the way of expression has changed but the feelings are still the same. The whole process has been the same ever since humanity exists," he shared.

He went on to say, "As we age, our feelings become even more intense. We feel more deeply, more passionately. A lot of times you realise and cherish your true feelings after a certain age when that rush of youth washes away."

Asserting how people have finally started accepting love irrespective of age, Tabu added, "Today, we see society has become more accepting of love, especially after a certain age. Our movies are a reflection of society. So as and when the society

changes, we try to imbibe the same in our films too so that the audience can relate better. The notion that one can fall in love only until a certain age is fading away and people are finally accepting that love can happen between people of any age group."

"If we say that romance only happens for a certain age group then its entire definition changes. I believe there's no barrier when it comes to love and relationships. And these relationships have often played the main characters in our cinema. There's so much to explore on the screen through storytelling when it comes to love and relationships and the dy-

namics between two people," she averred. Director Neeraj Pandey, who has films like *MS Dhoni, Special 26* and *Baby* among others to his credit, revealed that helming a love story was always on his bucket list. "The first film that I wanted to make 16 years ago was a love story, but unfortunately, no producer supported me back then. But I'm happy that after 16 years I can finally make a love story and that too with such a stellar cast," he

shared. Ajay also added how he was apprehensive of *Auron* Mein Kahan Dum Tha's box office collection but it was Neeraj who convinced him to light the green signal. "When Neeraj had narrated the script to me, I loved it but before giving my nod, I remember telling him that the story is great but I'm not sure about the box office. But he asked me to not worry about it and said he'll handle it, and thus, I said yes to the film," he said. Highlighting the importance of experimenting in cinema, Ajay added, "The doubt whether a film will work financially or not is always there but it's im-

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portant that we go against the trend and do something different. I've been doing it since the time no one else would do it, and the things I learnt back then help me a lot to this day."

Besides Ajay and Tabu, *Auron Main Kahan Dum Tha* also stars Shantanu Maheshwari and Saiee Manjrekar in key roles, and for both the youngsters, the film was nothing short of a learning experience. The music of the film has been composed by Oscar winner, MM Kreem. *Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha* will hit the silver screens on July 5, 2024.

SHEFALI FERNANDES



CJ DESK

irector J P Dutta's cult classic *Border* completed 27 years on Thursday and actor Sunny Deol treated fans with a big surprise by announcing a sequel of *Border 2*.

Taking to Instagram, Sunny

dropped an announcement post. In the post, he says, "27 saal pehle ek fauji ne vada kiya tha ki vo vapas aayega. Ussi vaade ko poora karne, hindustan ki mitti ko apna salaam kehne, aa raha hai (Twenty-seven years ago, a soldier made a promise that he would return. To fulfill that promise, to salute the soil of India, he is coming), loosely translated.

Sharing the post, he wrote, "Ek fauji apne 27 saal purane waade ko pura karne, aa raha hai phirse. India's biggest war film, #Border2. Produced by Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, JP Dutta & Nidhi Dutta will be directed by Anurag Singh." As soon as he shared this exciting news, fans and industry members chimed in the comment section.

Sunny's sister Esha Deol

reacted with evil eye emoji.

Border 2 is written by Nidhi Dutta and produced by

Bhushan Kumar

and Krishan
Kumar and JP
Dutta and
Nidhi Dutta.
It will be directed by
Anurag
Singh.
Reportedly, the
story is
placed in

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ways been born out of instinct. When I saw his audition, it was immediately. In two

A Still from Border

Longewala and will start shooting sometime in October this year. Released in 1997, *Border* is set during the period of the India-Pakistan war of 1971.

Meanwhile, actor Jackie Shroff also dropped a post on social media. Recalling his acting stint in the movie, Jackie posted a clip featuring his scene on his Instagram stories.

gram stories.
Sharing the post, he tagged his co-stars and wrote #27yearsofBorder.
Sunny Deol, Jackie Shroff, Suniel Shetty, and Akshaye Khanna played the lead roles in the patriotic movie.

# Hard work Days Off Gurmeet Choudhary to participate in

Gurmeet Choudhary to participate in national sprinting competition

CJ DESK

ctor Gurmeet
Choudhary is all
set for his OTT
debut with Commander Karan Saxena. The actor has
treated fans with
some amazing news

treated fans with
some amazing news
and updates about
participation in a
national sprinting
competition.
He expressed his
excitement by
sharing a preparation post, in

which he is seen running.
Sharing the news on platform X, he wrote, "Thrilled to share that I got selected for the national sprinting competition! While preparing for Commander Karan

Saxena, I worked so hard, training morning, afternoon, evening. Seeing the teaser on air now makes me feel proud of myself. It's all about hard work, dedication, and consistency. There's some magic in the word "commander" itself. Nevertheless, I'm off to nationals—wish me luck! Jai Hind."

spired fans with his intense hard work. The teaser of Gurmeet Choudhary and Iqbal Khan starrer Commander Karan Saxena was unveiled on Monday. The plot revolves around a RAW agent un-

ravelling

Everything I

done in my ca-

wrong, has al-

reer, right or

have ever

Gurmeet has in-

highstakes mystery
amidst political
intrigue and betrayal. It is directed by Jatin Wagle,
and produced by
Rajeshwar Nair
and Krishnan Iyer
and is written by
Amit Khan.
It is set to
stream from
July 8 on OTT

platform.



(I to r) Lakshya, Tanya

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# Scotland eye upset as Germany aim to revive Euro dream

# **MONTH-LONG TOURNAMENT KICKS OFF TONIGHT IN MUNICH**

**AGENCIES** 

**MUNICH** The sound of bagpipes and men in kilts on the streets of Munich — Scotland is in town and the excitement is ramping up ahead of the European Championship curtain-raiser

on Friday. Host nation Germany plays Scotland at Allianz Arena in the opener of the month-long tournament.

The final is in Berlin on July 14 and Germany is even keener to get there after three straight fiascos at major tournaments that have forced its fans to readjust their expectations of the men's national

# **PREVIEW**

"We are not here just to say hello but we still have to be humble," Germany defender Antonio Rudiger said. "We don't have to talk about past tournaments, we all know what happened there.

"It's been up and down for us all the way here and that's why we have to be humble. The first match is very important and then we'll see what happens during the rest of the tournament."

A good first match and group stage would set off a new wave of excitement in Germany, even though scenes similar to when it brilliantly hosted the 2006 World Cup (and reached the semifinals) are hard to imagine in a changed political landscape.

While the Scots are out in droves in Munich, proudly wearing their team jerseys



The German players goalkeeper Oliver Baumann, David Raum, goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, Thomas Müller, Ilkay Gündogan and Pascal Groß run in training.

round of 16 at Euro

would

2021. But defeat to

be a shock, even

though the Scots

have improved a lot

amazing experience ... being part of that kind

of opening ceremony,"

Scotland forward Ryan

Christie said when asked

about playing the open-

ing team. All the interna-

tional teams go through

peaks and drops in form.

But when these big tour-

naments come up, the big

teams normally show up

most of the time. So it

will be a really tough

Scotland goalkeeper

**Zander Clark** 

"Germany, an amaz-

"It's going to be an

in recent years.

ing match.

Scotland

(many combined with kilts), there is hardly a sighting of a German shirt or flag. Political extremists are flourishing, anxiety pervades the country, and the national team has underperformed. It is understandable the home fans are going about their daily life in contrast to the partying visi-

While the Germans are bemused by their raucous Scottish counterparts, there should still be plenty of more colours on matchday.

"First and foremost, there's a lot of anticipation because it's a huge event," Germany coach Julian Nagelsmann said. "It's probably not just Europe, but the whole world that will be watching how the Euros will go ... we're really looking forward to it."

Germany went out at the group stage of both previous World Cups and was eliminated by England in the

# Scotland haven't beaten Germany in over 25 years, but recent wins against Spain and Norway show potential for an upset

reach the Euros from 2000-16, Scotland has qualified for back-to-back tournaments and the next aim is to reach the knockout stage for the first time.

**UPSET on cards?** 

"That's the dream," Christie said. "To everyone around Scotland, it would mean the world, a massive kind of footballing country. If we come out of the group stages, that's the furthest Scotland will tournament.

> Scotland showed during the qualifying



# New Sports Minister Mandaviya meets IOA chief PT Usha

Takes stock of Olympic preparations

### **NEW DELHI**

Newly-appointed Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Thursday took stock of India's Olympic preparations during a meeting with IOA President PT Usha here.

Mandaviya took charge of the ministry on Tuesday after the new NDA government, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was sworn to office on June 9. Mandaviya replaced Anurag Thakur in the position.

During the over one hour long meeting, which was also attended by new Minister of State for Sports, Raksha Khadse, Sports Secretary Suiata Chaturvedi, and Sports Authority of India Director



"I today visited the IOA officials for the first time where they briefed me about India's preparation for Paris Olym-

pics. The government is committed to extend all possible support," Mandaviya said in a brief address to the media.

Usha said the interaction with the minister went well but did not divulge the de-

# Inter Miami will be my last club, says Lionel Messi

**ATLANTA** 

Lionel Messi says Inter Miami will be my last club.

The 36-year-old World Cup champion isn't thinking about joining an Argentine club to write the last chapter of playing career.

I think Inter Miami is going to be my last club. Today I think it is going to be my last club, the Argentina captain said in an interview with ESPN.

Messi is preparing with his national team to compete in the Copa Amrica in the United States. Argentina is the defending champion.

The former Barcelona star



that when I don't play anymore, I'm going to miss," — Lionel Messi

the game and filled the only significant unchecked box on his resume by leading Argentina to the World Cup title in Qatar in 2022.

Messi's contract with Inter Miami is set to expire at the end of the 2025 season.

It was a difficult step to

leave Europe to come here,' he said. "Having become a world champion helped a lot, and also to see things differently. But I don't think about it. I try to enjoy. That's why I enjoy everything much more, because I am aware that there is less and less to go and I have a good time.

# Australian Open: HS Prannoy, Sameer enter quarters

# **SYDNEY**

Indian shuttlers HS Prannoy and Sameer Verma progressed to the men's singles quarterfinals of the Australian Open with contrasting victories over their respective opponents here on Thursday.

While fifth seed Prannoy, a former world No.1, took just 46 minutes to get the better of Misha Zilberman of Israel 21-17 21-15 in the round of 16, Verma had to toil hard for one hour two minutes to upset eighth seed Loh Kean Yew of

Singapore 21-14 14-21 21-19. Prannoy will be up against second seed Kodai Naroaka of Japan in the next round, while Verma will take on Chinese Taipei's Chun-Yi Lin on Friday.

However, it was curtains



6-21 against seventh seed Kenta Nishimoto of Japan. Among the Indian women

shuttlers, eight seed Aakarshi Kashyap beat Australia's Kai Qi Bernice Teoh 21-16 21-13 to

progress to the quarterfinals, where she will be playing third seed Yu Po Pai of Chinese Taipei.

But the tournament ended for Anupama Upadhyaya and Malvika Bansod in the women's singles second round.

# Divya Deshmukh lifts World Junior Girls chess championship title

AGENCIES

# **GANDHINAGAR**

Divya Deshmukh added another significant title to her already impressive collection on Thursday. The 18-year-old from Nagpur won the World junior girls' chess championship after beating Bulgaria's Beloslava Krasteva in the final round at the Gift City Club.

The top-seeded Divya finished with 10 points, out of a possible 11, as she remained unbeaten, winning nine games and drawing two. The title in the open section was claimed by Kazakhstan's Kazybek Nogerbek, whose win in the last round against the sole overnight leader Mamikon Gharibyan of Armenia took him to 8.5 points.

Armenia's Emin Ohanyan



had already scored 8.5 points, thanks to his victory against Daniel Quizon of the Philippines. A better tie-break score gave the title to Nogerbek, seeded ninth.

Luka Budisavljevic of Serbia finished third. Pranav Anand, who began as the third seed, was the best-placed Indian at

In the girls' section, Mariam Mkrtchyan took the runner-up spot after finishing half a point behind Divya. Azerbaijan's Ayan Allahverdiyeva was

# AITA confirms Bopanna-Balaji pair for Paris Olympic Games

PTI

# **NEW DELHI**

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) on Thursday confirmed that Rohan Bopanna will pair with N Sriram Balaji in the men's doubles event at the Paris Olympics.

The PTI had reported that 44-year-old Bopanna has picked Balaji as his partner for the Games as the veteran Indian aims to take his final shot

at an Olympic medal. "The All India Tennis Association (AITA) is thrilled to announce that Rohan Bopanna and N. Sriram Balaji have qualified for the Paris Olympics 2024 in the tennis doubles event. Their journey to the Olympics marks a significant milestone for Indian tennis," AITA said in a press release.

cense, Vales is a revered figure

in the Goa football communi-

ty, with extensive experience

and a deep-rooted connection

to the local football ecosystem

and youth player network. His

tenure as a player and coach

for various Goan clubs and

state teams has equipped him

# IN SHORT >>

# **UC Benaulim advance to quarterfinals**

MARGAO: UC Benaulim register a solitary goal win against Carmona SC to advance to the quarter-finals of the Cana Benaulim Panchayat Cup football tournament, on Thursday.

Joseburn Cardozo set up the only goal of the match in the 52nd minute, finding Keegan Fernandes with a pass that beat Car

mona defender Stanford

Fernandes. Joeburn then made no mistake to slot the ball home. Carmona SC almost equalised in the first half through Dezwin Dias and Maven Gracias but were denied by some good saves from UC Benaulim goalkeeper Aaren Fernandes, who was named Man of the Match.

UC Benaulim also had their chances with Keegan Fernandes forcing another save from Aaren Fernandes in the second half. Shanon Furtado of Carmona SC nearly snatched a late equaliser but his shot went wide.

# **Trindade elected new president of UC Utorda**

MARGAO: Trindade Fernandes was elected as the president of United Club of Utorda for the year 2024-25, at the election held

The other office bearers include Ulorica Silveira - vice president; Anthony LC Fernandes – secretary; Azavedo Gomendes - treasurer; Robert Noronha - asst treasurer; Pascoal Vaz - sports secretary; Antonio Vincent Fernandes - asst sports secretary; Joao S Gomes (Jhonny) - cultural secretary;

Leslie Dias - social secretary; Anthony Pereira – editor; Liberata Fernandes - IPPThe executives members include Savio Pereira, Francis Cardozo, Anthony Rodrigues, Ana Mascarenhas, Rosa Maria Fernandes, Custodio Fernandes, Brianca Noronha, Tony Monteiro.

# **GSA** to hold elections on July 14

MARGAO: The Goa Swimming Association has informed its members that the elections for the various posts of the Association as per clause 8 of the constitution for the term 2024-28 is schedule to be heald on July 14 at 6:30 pm at Conference Hall, Hotel Nanutel, Margao. Advocate Avdhut Arsekar with office at 1st floor, Aliados Building, Abad Faria Road, Margao, Phone no: 9890393767 and email id: avdhut.arsekar@gmail.com is appointed as the Returning Officer to conduct the elections. Any interested members desires to contest for the said posts may contact the Returning officer for the schedule of the election process and for other details regarding the said elections.

# **Transgender swimmer Lia Thomas loses** bid in Elite Women's swim ban

**GENEVA:** Transgender swimmer Lia Thomas failed in her challenge against rules that stop her from competing in elite women's races because judges ruled she did not have standing to bring the case.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport panel of three judges dismissed Thomas' request for arbitration with the World Aquatics governing body, in a ruling released Wednesday.

World Aquatics banned transgender women who have been through male puberty from competing in women's races. It also created an open category for which transgender athletes would be eligible.

# Rafael Nadal to skip Wimbledon | Clube de Salgaocar appoint to prepare for Paris Games

**AGENCIES** 

# **PARIS**

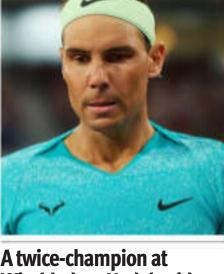
Rafael Nadal will not take part in the Wimbledon 2024 Championships in order to prepare for the Paris 2024 Olympics starting in July, the Spaniard confirmed on Thursday.

nounced that the 38-yearold will pair up with French Open 2024 winner Carlos Alcaraz to play doubles together for Spain at the upcoming Paris Games. "It was announced yes-

On Wednesday, it was an-

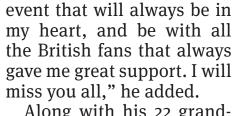
terday that I will play at the summer Olympics in Paris, my last Olympics," Nadal said in a post. "With this goal, we believe that the best for my

body is not to change surface and keep playing on clay until then. It's for this reason that I will miss playing at the Championships this year at Wimbledon. I



A twice-champion at Wimbledon, Nadal said he would continue his preparations for the **Olympics by playing in the** ATP 250 claycourt event in Bastad, Sweden that will be played from July 15. Wimbledon runs from July 1-14.

am saddened not to be able to live this year the great atmosphere of that amazing



Along with his 22 grandslam titles, Nadal also has Olympic gold medals in singles (2008) and doubles (2016 with Marc López).

The 38-year-old missed almost all of 2023 with a hip problem and his comeback earlier this year was stalled by a muscle tear before small niggles affected his preparation for the French Open. He exited the tournament in the first round this year, losing in straight sets to eventual runner-up Alexander Zverev.

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# Keenan as head coach

Peter Vales roped in as Technical Director; Anoop Abraham takes up General Secretary position

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**PANAJI** 

Clube de Salgaocar announced the appointment of Keenan Almeida as the Head Coach for the upcoming 2024-25 Goa Professional League season, along with other members of the Technical Team. Keenan Almeida, a former influential right back, has had a distinguished playing career with clubs in the I-League and the Indian Super League, including FC Goa and Chennaiyin FC. Keenan Almeida's transi-

tion from a player to a coach has been marked by his dedication and passion for the sport. Since acquiring his AFC C Coaching License in 2022, he has demonstrated his coaching prowess with Churchill Bros in the first half of the



Salgaocar.

ment, Clube de Salgaocar welcomed Peter Vales as the Technical Director and Team Manager. Holding an AFC A li-

2023-24 season of the Goa Professional League. His recent

experiences and deep under-

Anoop Abraham has been appointed as General Secretary of the Club.

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standing of the game are set to bring a fresh strategic approach and vigor to Clube de In addition to the appoint-

an AFC C license Coach. Mr. Rodrigues' collaboration with Keenan Almeida is expected to form a robust coaching team, committed to propelling Clube de Salgaocar to new heights in the upcoming season.

with invaluable insights and expertise that will greatly benefit the club. Supporting Keenan Almeida in his coaching duties will be Godwin Rodrigues,

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# Rutherford rampage propels Windies into Super Eight

# SCORES UNBEATEN HALF-CENTURY TO BEAT NEW ZEALAND AFTER EARLY COLLAPSE

### **TAROUBA** Sherfane Rutherford smashed

career-best unbeaten half-century before pacer Alzarri Joseph and left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie ripped through the New Zealand line-up to steer West Indies into the T20 World Cup's Super Eight stage with a 13run win here.

Rutherford came up with the innings of his life, smashing half a dozen sixes and two fours for his 39-ball 68 to lift West Indies to 149 for 9 from 76 for 7 in 12.3 overs after New Zealand opted to bowl in a virtual knock-out Group C fix-

In reply, West Indies restricted the Kiwis to 136 for 9 with Rutherford's fellow Guyanese Motie returning with splendid figures of 3/25. Joseph turned up the heat lower down the order to become the wrecker-in-chief with his 4/19.

With three wins in a row, the tournament co-hosts qualified for the Super Eight stage, while New Zealand's hopes were all but over following back to back losses.

They had earlier lost to Afghanistan by 84 runs after being shot out for 75. The 2021 runners-up, among the most consistent sides in World Cups, have been found wanting this time.

They made the semi-final in the 2015, 2019 and 2023 editions of the ODI World Cup, and in

**SCOREBOX West Indies 149 for 9** in 20 overs (Sherfane Rutherford 68 not out; Trent Boult 3/16, Tim Southee 2/21, Lockie Ferguson 2/27). New Zealand: 136 for 9 in 20 overs (Glenn Phillips 40; Alzarri Joseph 4/19, Gudakesh Motie 3/25). PLAYER OF THE MATCH Sherfane Rutherford 68\* (39) **Sherfane Rutherford of West Indies raises** his bat after scoring a half century during

**MATCH RUN** 

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2016, 2021 and 2022, the Black Caps ensured a last-four appearance in the T20 World Cups.

the ICC Men's 120 Cricket World Cu

Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba,

It was half past midnight in Trinidad but the locals erupted in joy to celebrate their team's Super Eight qualification, erasing the disappointment of successive setbacks in the big event.

Trinidad And Tobago.

The two-time former champions were eliminated in the Super-12 stage of the compe-

tition in UAE in 2021, while in 2022 in Australia, they failed to make the tournament proper and exited in the group stage.

Willilamson rung in three changes to the lineup beaten convincingly by Afghanistan and the intent was clear when Trent Boult dismissed Johnson Charles (o) in the first over, forcing the opener to chop on to his stumps.

The Kiwi left-arm pacer ended up with splendid figures of 4-1-16-3.

Nicholas Pooran rode some luck for three quick boundaries, becoming the West Indies' highest T20I run-getter, moving past Chris Gayle.

But New Zealand took ascendancy, forcing Pooran (17) and then Roston Chase (o) to both top edge straight to catchers in successive overs

The wicket of captain Rovman Powell capped off a dominant powerplay for the Kiwis -- 23/4 at the six-over mark -- with pacer Tim Southee (2/21) picking up two of the scalps.

There was more misery in store as opener Brandon King was dismissed by James Neesham (1/27) and half of the West Indies side was back in the dugout by the seventh

# It felt like playing in Ranji Trophy: **Shivam Dube**

### **NEW YORK**

Accustomed to batting on belters in India, big-hitting all-rounder Shivam Dube conceded that the two-paced tracks for the T20 World Cup matches here left him bamboozled to such an extent that it almost felt like playing a Ranji Trophy game.

The Chennai Super Kings star regained some form with a 35ball 31 in the seven-wicket win over a fighting USA team that propelled India into the event's Super Eight stage on Wednesday. The World Cup would move entirely to the West Indies with the Super Eight games.

"I was struggling with my form and focusing on my process," Dube said about his successive failures against Ireland and Pakistan at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium here.

"But here, there was no pressure. All the support staff and coaches backed me and told me, 'It's difficult, but you have the ability to hit sixes, so apply it.' "I've never doubted myself for what I've done in the past. I just think that these conditions do not demand what I've done at CSK. These conditions require a different approach, so I was batting differently today," he added.

Dube still has a long way to go before truly justifying his selection ahead of another power-hitter Rinku Singh, who is in the reserves.

After being named in India's main squad, Dube managed just 36 runs from five innings in the IPL. His woes continued in the WC, where he scored 14 (practice match), o not out, and 3 in three outings before finally delivering a composed knock.

### **KULDEEP YADAV WILL BE INDIA'S PREFERRED SPINNER IN SUPER EIGHT STAGE: CHAWLA**

**MUMBAI:** Former cricketer Piyush Chawla feels that wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav will be India's preferred specialist spinners when the Indian team competes in the Super Eight stage of the T20 World Cup in the Caribbean. India won all three matches in tough batting conditions at the

Nassau County Stadium in New York against Ireland, Pakistan and USA and will now take on Canada in their last Group stage match at Lauderhill, Florida before the Super Eight stage. Chawla said while the conditions in New York did not support spin bowling, the Indian spinners will now come into play in the tournament. India have four spin bowling options in Kuldeep, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel and Ravindra Jadeja.

"The pitch in New York was very dicey and the way India performed on that pitch and won three out of three games, so there are very good chances going forward," Chawla told media on the sidelines of IISM Convocation Ceremony here on Thursday. "The spinners were not needed as much in New York but once you enter the second leg for the Super Eight, the spinners have

had a big role in the West Indies. Our spinners will come into play now," he added. Chawla picked Kuldeep as his first choice even though Chahal finished the Indian Premier League (IPL) as one of the most successful bowlers. "To be very honest only one will play, and I think Kuldeep will be the first preference because of what he has done in the last one and a half years. You have Axar and Jadeja who can give you the batting depth so I feel Kuldeep will get the nod," he said.

### **WANT TO BECOME A BATTER TOO: ARSHDEEP**

**NEW YORK:** He is wreaking havoc with the ball these days but India pacer Arshdeep Singh is not quite satisfied and wants to become a reliable lower-order batter as well, for which he is putting in the hard yards with batting coach Vikram Rathour. Arshdeep was lethal in India's seven-wicket win over the plucky USA team as he snared four wickets for a mere nine runs in the T20 World Cup group stage match on Wednesday. It was India's third successive victory which guided the side into the Super Light stage.

"We are always learning, always trying to get better at all the skills, be it bowling, batting, or fielding, because you never know when the team needs those runs," Arshdeep, who was adjudged Player of the Match, said in the post-game media interaction.

"It can be two runs, four runs, anything. So, you just have to give your best. And I am trying to work as hard as possible with Vikram Bhai regarding my batting as well," he added.

### **UP NEXT**

Bangladesh inch closer to

>> Group Stage, on Friday Afghanistan vs Papua New Guinea, 6 am IST United States of America vs Ireland, 8 pm IST

Live on Star Sports Network and Disney + Hotstar

# All-conquering Afghans target PNG to seal Super Eight spot

# **USA LOOK TO GET BACK ON TRACK AGAINST IRELAND**

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# **TAROUBA**

Afghanistan will eye another all-round effort to crush an inexperienced Papua New Guinea here and enter the Super Eights of the T20 World Cup, and the result will have another underlying effect -- knock out New Zealand.

Khan's side to Super Eight from Group 'C' alongside the West Indies, who have qualified on Thursday with a win over New Zealand.

The win will carry Rashid

It will also mean curtains for the 2021 finalists New Zealand who have lost two out of two.

# **PREVIEWS**

That Rahamanullah Gurbaz (156 runs) and Fazalhag Farooqi (9 wickets) are currently leading the chart of run-makers and wicket-takers respectively is a just reflection of their fine run in this ICC showpiece.

Apart from Gurbaz, the experienced Ibrahim Zadran too has contributed well to Afghanistan's totals, making 114 runs with a highest of 70.

In bowling, pacer Farooqi has made a fine combination with Rashid, who has so far taken six wickets from two matches.

It has ensured that Afghanistan's opponents do not have any let-up either upfront or in the middle passage.

### USA look to go past Ireland

In a strange scenario, a non-playing Pakistan will be more keen on the result of USA and Ireland Group A match at Lauderhill, Florida

on Friday. A win for USA, currently second in this group with four points, will put an end to the World Cup campaign of Pakistan, who have two points from three



as part of the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup at Providence Stadium in Georgetown, Guyana.

# PAK HOPES HANGING BY A THREAD

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■ There is also a strong rain threat to the match as per weather predictions, and even a washout can end the campaign of Pakistan. It will take the USA to five points and beyond the reach of Pakistan, who can now log a maximum of four points

matches.

Of course, it will also take the co-hosts into the Super Eight from this group along

with India. Ireland are a competitive

side with experienced players in their ranks, but they look woefully out of sync here and the task might

be heavier against the US, who are playing some very good T20 cricket at the moment. They will be keeping an

eye on the fitness of skipper Monank Patel, who missed the match against India on Wednesday with a left-shoulder injury.

# Penalty didn't affect result against India: US coach Stuart Law

# **NEW YORK**

USA head coach Stuart Law refused to blame his team's narrow loss to India in a T20 World Cup match here on the five-run penalty it copped for not getting through its overs fast enough, admitting that his players did not respond quickly to the on-field umpires' warnings.

The Indians prevailed by seven wickets in yet another low-scoring game in which the Americans were restricted to 110 for 8 after being put in to bat.

"We had a few warnings in earlier games, and it's something we do talk about to get through faster between the overs. It's just one thing that we can improve on. I think that we're only a fledgling team," Law said in the postmatch press conference.

"There's plenty to learn. There's not just the cricket aspect of the game of cricket, but there's also the other intricacies that need to be embedded. It's a rule that's only just come in.

"A lot of our players wouldn't have heard about it before we played in the Bangladesh series or the Canada





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series earlier this year," he added.

The ICC had introduced the stop clock rule in December 2023, making it mandatory for the fielding side to start a new over within 60 seconds of the completion of the previous over.

# Super Eight berth, SL out **REGISTER 25-RUN WIN AGAINST NETHERLANDS SCOREBOX**

Bangladesh 159/5 in 20 overs (Shakib Al Hasan 64 not out; Paul Van Meekren 2/15, Aryan Dutty 2/17).

Netherlands 134/8 in 20 overs (Sybrand Engelbrecht 33, Vikramjit Singh 26; Rishad Hossain 3/33).

PLAYER OF THE MATCH Shakib Al Hasan 64\* (46)

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# **KINGSTOWN**

Shakib Al Hasan regained form with a sublime half-century before leg-spinner Rishad Hossain struck twice at a crucial juncture as Bangladesh inched closer to Super 8s with a 25-run win over Netherlands in the T20 World Cup here on Thursday.

Set a target of 160, the Netherlands ended at 134 for eight in their allotted 20 overs at the picturesque Arnos Vale Ground, which was hosting an international for the first time in 10 overs.

The result meant Sri Lanka



Litton Das of Bangladesh in action during the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup match against Netherlands at Arnos Vale Ground in St Vincent.

were knocked out of the tournament.

Shakib roared back to form

with a 46-ball 64 as Bangladesh posted a competitive 159 for five after being asked to Besides Shakib, Tanzid

Hasan struck 35 off 26 balls

and Mahmudullah chipped in with 25 off 21. In their chase, Netherlands lost two wickets with just 32 runs on the board, and most

play about to end. Vikramjit Singh (26 off 16 balls) hit three sixes and

importantly, with the power-

was looking dangerous when Mahmudullah had the batter stumped to leave Bangladesh at 69 for three in the 10th over

Sybrand Engelbrecht (33

off 22 balls) and skipper Scott Edwards (25 off 23) added 42 runs for the fourth wicket before leg-spinner Rishad struck twice to the turn the game on

Left-arm seamer Mustafizur Rahman, bowling brilliantly at the other end, sent back Edwards and Rishad returned to dismiss Logan van Beek cheaply to almost seal the match in Bangladesh's favour.

# Nassau County cricket ground to be dismantled

# Built in just over 100 days, pitches marred by bouncy challenge leaves behind legacy

# **NEW YORK**

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he makeshift Nassau County cricket ground, which was built specifically for the T20 World Cup, is all set to be demolished after the New York leg of the event came to an end with India's seven-wicket victory over cohosts USA here.

Built in just over 100 days, the stadium became notorious for its challenging drop-in

pitches, which were sourced from Adelaide. The massive structure sat on the edge of epaper.thegoan.net

the 930-acre Eisenhower Park in Long Island here. The stadium had 10 drop-

at East Meadow on June 12, the stadium will be dismantled, the parts shipped back to Las Vegas and another golf event, and Eisenhower Park will return to normal, but with a world-class cricket pitch left behind," a New York Times report had stated a few days ago.

in pitches, four for the main

training facility in Cantiague

ground and six for the adjacent

"After the last match is held

popped up overnight" will be dismantled over a period of six weeks. It had a capacity of 34,000 and hosted a houseful crowd during India's marquee clash against Pakistan on June 9 with some tickets sold at an astronomical price of USD 2500 to USD 10,000.

The stadium that "almost

India played four matches at the venue, including a warm-up game against Bangladesh after the ground was thrown open on June 1.