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#### Toll rises to 10 in West Bengal train accident

PTI, JALPAIGURI/KOL-KATA: The death of a sixyear-old girl on Tuesday morning took the official toll in the Kanchanjunga Express tragedy to 10, even as her parents remained admitted at the North Bengal Medical College and Hospital (NBMCH) battling for their lives, officials said.

The victim, Sneha Mondal, was admitted to the hospital in a "critical condition" on Monday following the accident at Phansidewa in Darjeeling district in the northern part of the state involving the Sealdah-bound Dn Kanchanjunga Express and a goods train which claimed at least nine other lives. While eight bodies were brought to the state-run NBMCH in the accident aftermath, two persons died during the course of treatment, an official said.

"The girl suffered fractures in her legs and also had liver and spleen injuries. She succumbed while undergoing treatment," Sengupta, Sandip NBMCH's dean of student affairs, told PTI-Video.

people Thirty-seven were admitted to the hospital on Monday, he said, adding that two of them were discharged after primary treatment.

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## SC says any negligence should be thoroughly dealt with

The bench was hearing petitions on irregularities in the results of NEET-UG examination held on May 5

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said even if there was "0.001 per cent negligence" on the part of anyone in the conduct of the NEET-UG 2024 examination, it should be thoroughly dealt with.

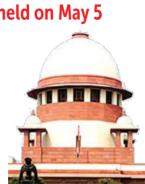
#### **NEET-UG EXAM ROW**

Observing that students have to labour hard while preparing for these examinations, the apex court said the litigation pertaining to the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate)-2024 examination ought not to be treated as adversarial.

"Even if there is 0.001per cent negligence on the part of anyone, it should be thoroughly dealt with," a vacation bench of Justices Vikram Nath and SVN Bhatti told the advocates appearing for the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA). The NTA conducts the all India pre-medical entrance test.

The bench was hearing two separate petitions raising grievances, including on grace marks given to students in the examina-

tion held on May 5. "We all know the labour



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Supreme Court

which the children undergo, especially in preparing for these exams," the bench said, adding, "Imagine a person who has played fraud on the system becomes a doctor? He is more deleterious to the society".

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### **ON THE MOVE**



Portugal's forward Cristiano Ronaldo moves past from Czech Republic's midfielder Pavel Sulc during the UEFA Euro 2024 Group F football match between Portugal and the Czech Republic at the Leipzig Stadium in Leipzig, on Tuesday. The scoreline was 0-0 at half-time

## Mayem farmers challenge move to transport e-auctioned ore through villages

**Team Herald** 

PANJIM: The issue of transporting e-auctioned iron ore through village roads have again reached the High Court of Bombay at Goa.

The Surakshit Distributors Pvt Ltd has filed a miscellaneous civil application seeking to transport e-auctioned iron ore through the Pilgao village road in Bicholim.

Earlier, the Court had allowed the Directorate of Mines and Geology to consider the applica-

tions seeking leave to transport iron ore but not to grant permissions on certain routes, until further orders from the Court. The department was told to place decisions before the court.

The Mulakh Khajan Farmers Association, Mayem has also filed an application for impleadment, while Narendra Gaonkar and Trivikram Prabhu Gaonkar have also filed applications for intervention in the matter.

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## 'Revolution' or not, but it's time for another people's movement to protect Goa: Goans

**Team Herald** 

**PANJIM:** 18 June 1946 marks a historic day in the Liberation struggle of Goa, Daman and Diu.

freedom Though the struggle started a few decades after the Portuguese conquest of Goa in 1510, the 1946 meeting a Lohia Maidan, before which Ram Manohar Lohia was arrested and Dr Juliao Menezes addressed the people, gave an added surge to the freedom struggle.

#### REVOLUTION **DAY SPECIAL**

Senior statesmen, political analysts, advocates and activists have reasserted the necessity of agitation (within the ambits of law and the constitution) to save Goa from the degradation of governance and civil liberties.

Let's start with the BJP department incharge Premanand Mhambre, who asked "Who needs second revolution? In and every sector there is proliferation of illegalities and vou cannot blame the government alone. Different people have different reasons as per change of time. For some it is sell-

#### **CRORES OF RUPEES IN LEGAL BATTLE ARE BEING SPENT ON DEFECTORS WHO BETRAYED THE PEOPLE: UDAY BHEMBRE**

PANJIM: Senior public intellectual and former MLA, Uday Bhembre on Tuesday la- to rise up, mented that crores of rupees come out of people's money is being spent over the last nearly two years to fight the case of the eight rebel Congress MLAs, who switched over to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) 'These defectors betrayed the trust of the people and made a mockery of the Constitution.

ing Goa. People are grab-

bing land of fellow Goans.

who are living outside the

country or abroad. This is

Radharao Gracias argued,

"We do need a revolution.

but it's a misnomer to call

it a second revolution. Now

MLA

going on rampantly."

Former

"Eight MLAs who had won on the nomination (ticket) of one party defected to

another party. There is a disqualification petition filed on this issue. It is pending before the Goa Assembly Speaker for nearly two years. There is no need for nearly two years

People to decide this case. It can be done within a few months. on the

streets to correct the wrongs. Lohia's 18th June Revolution took place because there were no civil liberties. Lohia and 2,500 leaders and people came out to fight for these liberties in Margao

-Uday Bhembre, public intellectual and former MLA

But now Goans are a small

minority. Goans are ready to

sell themselves to the high-

est bidders," he said. He add-

ed. "There has never been a

revolution in Goa. And Goa's

freedom did not come be-

cause of a revolution or a

movement. It came because

the Indian Army marched

But this is not happening," Bhembre pointed out. "In last nearly two years, so many crores have been spent on them. Whose money is this? This is public money. People's money is being spent on those who have made a fool of them, who have betrayed and made a mockery of the Constitution," he argued. Referring to the question whether there is a need for a second revolution in Goa, Bhembre said, "When those

in authority don't listen even after people raising this issue, then agitation is the only way out."

Gracias said.

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ment of March 1969," Adv

Adv Cleofato Coutin-

ho opined, "Today, I find

that in the entire country

there is a scorn for intel-

lectuals. The civil society

is suppressed. The press is

become an appendage of

the government. In such a

situation, a people's move-

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ment is required."

Who needs second revolution? In every sector, there is proliferation of illegalities and you cannot blame the government alone. Different people have different reasons as per change of time. For some it is selling Goa. People are grabbing land of fellow Goans

-Premanand Mhambre, BJP media department in-charge

Revolution had to come from Goans. But now Goans are a small minority. Goans are ready to sell themselves to the highest bidders

-Adv Radharao Gracias, former MLA

More than 90 village panchayats passed resolutions that they don't want coal transportation and nationalisation of rivers. Even then, the Centre and the State are not listening to the people

-Olencio SImoes, Goenchea Ramponkarancho Ekvott (GRE) general secretary

## Goa's premier industry body powerfully objects to power hike

GCCI flags adverse impact on Goa Inc, demands improvement in quality of power supply

PANJIM: The Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) has expressed serious concerns regarding the recent hike in power tariffs across all sectors, which is set to significantly impact its members from various industries, including industrial, hospitality, agriculture, and allied activities.

US to ease immigration

pathway

PTI. WASHINGTON: Presi-

dent Joe Biden is taking an ex-

pansive election year step to offer relief to potentially hun-

dreds of thousands of immi-

grants without legal status in

the US, aiming to balance his

own aggressive crackdown

on the southern border ear-

lier this month that enraged

advocates and many Demo-

The White House an-

nounced Tuesday that the

Biden administration will,

in the coming months, allow

certain spouses of US citizens

without legal status to apply

for permanent residency and

eventually citizenship. The

move could affect upwards

of half a million immigrants,

according to senior adminis-

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cratic lawmakers.

tration officials.

The increased electricity tariffs for industries in Goa will make it challenging for local industries to compete with those in other States, where industrial tariffs are lower. This disparity poses a significant threat to the competitiveness and sustainability of Goan industries in the manufacturing sector

-GCCI statement

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to compete with those in other states, where industrial tariffs are lower.

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#### it is really too late to have a into Goa and evicted the Portuguese. Something which revolution, because Goa is no longer Goa. Revolution even the Supreme Court of had to come from Goans. India confirms by its judg-

## Forest dept officially insists that turtle eggs were not 'stolen' but 'spoilt', with no official evidence

Date-wise entries of 'stolen eggs' in Guard register being discounted by senior officials and called a 'mistake' new figures of 'spoilt' eggs sent, scribbled on a paper with no dates

#### **AUGUSTO RODRIGUES**

MORJIM: The O Heraldo report, published on Monday, June 17, "Of 7,869 turtle eggs laid at Morjim, 2095, go 'stolen' evoked an interesting response from Forest Department. A senior Forest officer wasted no time in sending, through a scribbled note, and not an official letter, -through his Marine range Officer, Morjim, that the eggs, which O Heraldo noted as marked "stolen" in the register of the Turtle guards, were not stolen but "spoilt".

#### Cont on Pg 11 >> **QUOTE OF THE YEAR**

You must understand the staff manning the register must have made a mistake in the way they wrote. It is supposed to be written as spoilt eggs but by mistake, it came as stolen

-Marine Range Officer Gauns

#### **FORMER NGO HEAD** RETRACTS STATEMENT

Carita Fernandes, former director, Moriim Sea Turtle Trust had stated on June 16, "That means poaching has been allowed and it is a crime. It is sad that despite the turtle guards being there, people managed to steal the eggs. This is a crime under the Wild Life Protection Act 1972 and I hope the Forest Department will initiate action." On Tuesday, June 18, she retracted her statement and stated, 'This is to inform you that my name and

quote has been added to an article by

O Heraldo, without clear description on

what the article was about. I would like to request an urgent retraction of my name and quote from the article titled, 'Of 7869 turtle eggs laid at Morjim, 2095 go stolen." "When the article was published, several locals and officials called me citing the data was misinterpreted from spoiled to stolen. They also informed me it was rough data of a handwritten notebook and not digital data. I am unsure which is true since I do not have the source of data in any public domain or through RTI. To this effect, I am writing to your office to please retract my name and quotes," Fernandes said.

#### **TURTLE EGGS** FIGURES IN THE **MORJIM REGISTER QUOTED BY O HERALDO**

Period: April 1 to April 22

>> 7,869 eggs were laid → 5,435 hatchlings released

→ 334 eggs dead 2,095 were reported to have been stolen

## Brutally assaulted Mapusa youth succumbs after a fortnight

30-year-old Ahmed Devadi was fatally attacked on May 30; police have arrested six persons

#### **Team Herald**

PANJIM: Thirty-yearold Ahmed Devadi, who was brutally assaulted by a gang on May 30, 2024, at Housing Board, Mapusa, has succumbed to injuries after battling for life for 15 days at Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMCH).

Meanwhile, the family members of Ahmed refused to take custody of his body from the GMC Hospital. They demanded that they will take the body home only after the main accused are arrested.

Ahmed Devadi, 30 and Sandesh Salkar, 28 were attacked with iron rods by a gang late night on May 30 over some petty matter. Both sustained serious head injuries in the attack and were rushed to Goa Medical College and Hospital, Bambolim.

Police have arrested six persons in connection with the case. Those who arrested were identified as Manthan Raju Chari

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Searches are underway to arrest remaining accused, North Goa SP Akshat Kaushal said.

Meanwhile, Mapusa Police have added murder charges under section 302 of IPC in the case.

After the incident took place, Mapusa DySP Sandesh Chodankar had said the assault was to take revenge of previous enmity.

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#### HANDWRITTEN SCRIBBLED FIGURES SENT BY THE FOREST **DEPT WITH NO MENTION OF THE PERIOD**

>> 22,528 laid **▶ 15,146** released

**▶** 6,000 spoilt

>> 1,382 hatching dead

Total Nest = 216 Potal eggs = 22528 Potal relayed = 15146 Hatting dead = 1382 eggs apost = 6000

# KTC suspends seven bus drivers found drinking on the job

Passengers and citizens have been complaining about drunk drivers; KTC will continue to conduct surprise checks to uphold safety and compliance standards

**Team Herald** 

MARGAO: The Kadamba Transport Corporation (KTC) has recently suspended seven drivers for driving under the influence of alcohol. These drivers were found to be intoxicated while on duty, posing a risk to the safety of their passengers and other road-users as well.

Ulhas Tuenkar, Chairman of KTC and Navelim MLA, addressed the issue, stating that stringent actions will continue to be taken to ensure compliance with safety standards. He noted that the decision followed numerous complaints

#### **KTC** facing bus shortage after scrapping 60 old buses

KTC Chairman Ulhas Tuenkar said that 60 KTC buses are currently out of service, which has exacerbated the shortage of buses. "Around 60 buses have been scrapped, leading to a shortage. Meanwhile, there is increasing demand for buses from educational institutions," he said. However, Tuenkar assured that the government has sanctioned nearly 50 new buses, which will be operational within the next two months.

from citizens and passengers about drivers being drunk while operating KTC buses.

"We have received several

complaints from citizens and passengers of KTC buses regarding incidents where drivers were found to be drunk.

Accidents resulting from negligence, especially those involving drunk drivers, are serious offences. Therefore, we have decided to take immediate action against such drivers to uphold discipline during their duties. KTC will not tolerate drivers operating under the influence of alcohol

**KEEPERS OF THE KHARIF** 

**Ulhas Tuenkar**, Chairman of KTC

After conducting inquiries, we have initiated action against those found intoxicated while on duty," Tuenkar said. He highlighted the critical responsibility drivers have in ensuring the safety of the 40 to 50 passengers typically on board each bus.

Tuenkar further stressed the severity of accidents caused by negligence, particularly those involving intoxicated drivers. "Accidents resulting from negligence, especially those involving drunk drivers, are serious offences. Therefore, we have

#### **HYDERABAD FIRM PENALISED** FOR DELAY IN **DELIVERING KTC'S E-BUSES**

The KTC management has imposed a fine of Rs one crore on a Hyderabad-based company, 'Olectra', for not supplying 94 electric buses, which were scheduled to be delivered in May this year. The buses may now be supplied within the next two months.

decided to take immediate action against such drivers to uphold discipline during their duties. KTC will not tolerate drivers operating under the influence of alcohol," he warned.

SAGUN GAWADE

#### **Shorttakes**

JMFC denies bail to man arrested by Economic Offences Cell for land fraud MARGAO: Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Teisy Mascarenhas, denied bail to Agnelo De Souza, who was arrested by the Economic Offences Cell (EOC) of Goa Police. Agnelo De Souza, 47, was arrested on charges of defrauding a South Goa resident of around Rs 2.20 crore under the pretence of selling a property spanning over 19,000 square meters in Nuvem. The case, originally registered at the Maina-Curtorim police station on December 7, 2023, was subsequently transferred to the EOC in January 2024. The charges against Agnelo De Souza include Sections 420 (cheating), 423, 464, 465, 467, 468, 471, 472, 474, and 120-B read with Section 34 of the IPC. The investigating officer opposed Agnelo's bail plea, asserting that crucial evidence such as duplicate seals and original forged certificates, believed to be in Agnelo's possession, needed to be recovered. Advocate Pritam Morais, representing the intervenor, also objected to granting bail, highlighting the gravity of the offence and Agnelo's alleged direct benefit from it.

Man booked for forging bank passbook with complainant's address

**MARGAO:** The Fatorda police have registered a case against Vinod Salunke under Sections 420, 465, and 471 of the IPC. The complaint was lodged by Malvin Verdes of Dandewada, Chinchinim, who alleged that Vinod Salunke prepared a forged passbook of Bank of India, Chichinim branch, in the name of Mrs. Meena Vinod Salunke, who is stated to be his wife. The passbook was purportedly prepared with the address of the complainant, Verdes. Vinod Salunke allegedly presented this forged passbook before the Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) at Margao in RCS No. 118/2022, presumably to establish false ownership over Verdes's house.

Mango tree collapses on two parked vehicles in Aquem

MARGAO: Two vehicles parked in a compound near Maruti Temple in Aquem were damaged when a mango tree collapsed on them. According to Station Fire Officer Gil Souza, a fire tender rushed to the site and managed to save property worth approximately Rs 50,000 during the operation, which lasted one-and-a-half hours. In another incident nearby, firefighters cleared a jungle tree that had fallen onto the road near Sai Baba Temple, also in Aquem.

Two Nepali delivery boys held for 4 stealing valuables from Nerul flat

**PANJIM:** The Porvorim police have apprehended two youths employed as delivery boys for allegedly breaking into a flat in Nerul and stealing items valued at Rs 1.90 lakh. The accused, identified as Mohan Raj, 20, and Birat Basnet, 23, are natives of Nepal and currently reside in Shankarwadi, Taleigao. The incident came to light following a complaint filed by Snehalkumar P Patel, originally from Gujarat and residing in Nerul. Snehalkumar, who had booked the flat through Airbnb, reported that two unidentified individuals entered his premises and stole a bag containing two MacBook laptops, Apple Airpods, a pair of Nike Air Jordan shoes, and Rs 25,000 in cash, totalling approximately Rs 1.90 lakh in value. The theft occurred on June 8, around 6 pm. An offence under Sections 457 and 380, read with 34, of IPC, was registered.

Goa Maritime Officers Association to Celebrate Seafarer's Day on June 25

MARGAO: The Goa Maritime Officers Association (GMOA) is set to host a 'Seafarers Day' event on June 25, at the BPS Hall, Margao, to celebrate and honour the achievements of the community members along with their families. The theme is "SafetyTipsAtSea". In a statement, GMOA president Capt Jerson Da Silva noted that such gatherings not only acknowledge the professional and academic achievements within the community but also foster a deeper sense of camaraderie among members. He invited all maritime officers in Goa to join the GMOA family by registering at 'www.gmoa. in'. The event will also highlight the academic accomplishments of the children of GMOA members who have recently cleared their Class X and XII examinations, and will also include entertainment, games and prizes.

Areal youth arrested for raping

MARGAO: A 15-year-old school student from Salcete has a complaint with Maina-Curtorim police, leading to Faleiro's arrest. He has been remanded to two-day police custody for

## Lohia Maidan revamp smacks of unplanned, substandard work: Yuri

Oppn leader issues six-month deadline for govt to expand the stage, relocate the electricity transformer and provide public amenities

**Team Herald** 

MARGAO: Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao has criticised the recent renovation of Lohia Maidan in Margao, alleging that the government's expenditure of nearly Rs three crore has resulted in unplanned and substandard work, causing inconvenience to users of this historic site. Alemao has demanded the immediate relocation of the electric transformer, expansion of the stage, and creation of public utilities, giving the government a six-month ultimatum to complete these improvements.

Alemao made these re-

marks after paying floral tributes at the Statue of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia and the Martyrs' Memorial during a function organised by the Goa Pradesh Congress Committee to commemorate Goa Revolution Day.

GPCC President Amit Patkar also spoke at the event, criticizing the BJP Government for failing to protect Goa. "Every day, one person dies on Goa's roads due to the worst road conditions. The government is busy in organising events. Time has come to start another revolution against this incompetent government," said Patkar.

Newly elected Member

of Parliament Viriato Fernandes echoed these sentiments, blaming the government's faulty policies for the destruction of Goa's environment and identity. "Let us unite to save this beautiful land which was liberated with the sacrifices of the

freedom fighters," he stated. The event saw the participation of several Congress leaders, including Quepem MLA Altone D'Costa, Mahila Congress President Bina Naik, Zilla Panchayat Member Michelle Rebelo, General Secretary Everson Vales, and numerous Congress functionaries and workers who paid tribute at the Mar-



Working as a team, female farmers transplant paddy saplings in a waterlogged field in Taleigao

## Congressmen urge MLAs to re-introduce **Anti-Defection Amendment Bill**



Congressmen from Margao have called on their MLAs to introduce a private member bill aimed at amending the Xth Schedule of the Constitution of India to address the issue of defections. The group submitted a memorandum to GPCC President Amit Patkar and Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao, emphasizing the need to curb defections that undermine the trust of the electorate in their representatives.

In their letter, the Congressmen highlighted the impact of repeated defections on voter confidence, noting that even honest and credible candidates are affected

person Savio Coutinho mentioned that their research into the actions of the Margao legislators revealed that a similar Private Member's Bill was introduced by the then Leader of Opposition Digambar Kamat during the Legislative Assembly Session in July 2021. This Bill sought a resolution requesting the Central Government to amend the Xth Schedule to prevent MLAs from defecting for personal gain. However, the status of this bill remains unknown. And ironically, a year later, Kamat himself defected from Congress to join

The Congressmen believe that this proposed amend-

the BJP.

by the prevailing climate of ment would benefit not only distrust. Former MMC Chair- the Opposition but also the ruling party, as it would protect against defections aimed at toppling the government. "Preventing defectors from re-entering the Congress party through fresh defections is in the best interest of all party members and the Goan electorate," said the Congress members.

The group suggested that the draft titled 'Amendment to the Xth Schedule of The Constitution of India' be submitted to the Secretary of the Goa Legislative Assembly under Rule 101(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Goa Legislative Assembly.

Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao acknowledged the

In July 2021, the then leader of **Opposition Digambar** Kamat had introduced a Private Member's Bill to amend the Xth Schedule of the Constitution, to put a halt to the rampant defection of MLAs from the party they are elected from, to a different party, for their personal gain. The Bill's current status is unknown

Savio Coutinho, Congress member

concerns raised about defections and noted that he had previously addressed this issue in the Assembly. He found it noteworthy that Margao MLA Digambar Kamat had previously moved a similar bill and assured the Congressmen from Margao that the party would reintroduce the bill in the house.

## Tribute to freedom fighters marks **Revolution Day**

**Team Herald** 

**MARGAO:** "The sacrifices made by the freedom fighters of Goa will not go in vain, as it is the responsibility of every Goan to carry forward the ideals of our freedom fighters in order to liberate the State," stated Environment Minister Alexio Sequeira during a function commemorating Goa's Revolution Day at Lohia Maidan in Margao. He was accompanied by MLA Digambar Kamat, Ulhas Tuenkar, South Goa Collector Asvin Chandru,

dar Shirodkar and freedom fighter Vaman Prabhugaonkar, among others. Minister Sequeira emphasised the significance of June 18th as a pivotal day in Goa's history, marking

the beginning of the ag-

MMC Chairperson Damo-

gressive struggles that ultimately led to the region's liberation from Portuguese rule. He remarked, "Many people sacrificed their lives in the goal to liberate Goa from the Portuguese regime. This movement marked a turning point and culminated in the liberation of Goa."

He further assured that both the State and Central governments are committed to honouring the sacrifices of the freedom

## 15-year-old schoolgirl

allegedly been raped by a 25-year-old youth from Sao Jose de Areal. The victim, a Class 10 student, was allegedly lured away from her home by the accused, Saldon Faleiro, who promised to marry her. He then sexually abused her on multiple occasions in a secluded area. The victim's parents filed further investigation. The victim and accused have undergone medical examination at Goa Medical College (GMC) Bambolim. The case has been registered under Section 376 of IPC, Section 8 of the Goa Children's Act, and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

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Just order raw eggs, they'll be boiled automatically!

## **WATERFALL BAN:** Low-risk waterfalls will stay open with lifeguards on duty, says Vishwajit

PANJIM: Two days after the Forest Department banned people from venturing into rivers and waterfalls due to the arrival of the monsoon, Forest Minister Vishwajit Rane stated that the low-risk waterfalls which were open to the public last year will continue to be accessible this year, with the deployment of lifeguards and forest guards.

Speaking to reporters, he said directions to issue a fresh notice in this regard had been given. He, however, said that he will not take responsibility for opening medium and high-risk waterfalls to the public due to several mishaps that occurred at Mainapi and other waterfalls last year.

"The classification of waterfalls has been done by the Forest Department. We cannot open highrisk and medium-risk waterfalls for the public. There is no problem in allowing people to visit the lowWATERFALLS CLASSIFIED AS LOW-RISK BY THE FOREST DEPT, ACCESSIBLE WITH RESTRICTIONS Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife

Sanctuary

Maida-Collem waterfall

Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary

**Mhadei Wildlife** Sanctuary, Sattari

Pali, Hivrem, Charavne, Golauli, Gunguldem, Chidambaram, Naneli, Ukaichee Khadee-Kumthal, Kumthal, Madiyani-Gululem and Khadee-Gululem

risk waterfalls. The decision has been taken keeping in view the imnated waterfalls. We cannot have a portance of people's lives," he said.

Earlier, Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte mentioned that it is not practical to ban access to waterfalls altogether. He stated that the decision was taken without consulting tourism stakeholders.

"We are promoting monsoon tourism in which waterfalls play a major role. Many tourists come to Goa to see waterfalls. Even locals also visit them. There are many local people who depend on tourists.

**Bhati-Netravali Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary** Kuske-Cotigao waterfall We can define and promote desig-

blanket ban on waterfalls," he said. On June 16, the Forest Department banned people from venturing into rivers and waterfalls due to the arrival of the monsoon.

In an order, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden stated, "On account of the arrival of the monsoon in the State of Goa, there is a likelihood of a rise in water levels in rivers and waterfalls in forest areas. Therefore, venturing into rivers and waterfalls inside all protected areas shall be prohibited with effect from June 6, 2024, until further orders."

On May 26, the Collectors of both districts also issued orders prohibiting swimming in waterfalls, abandoned quarries, rivers, and other water bodies, citing the numerous drowning deaths that occur every year. The Collectors warned that non-compliance with the directive would constitute a violation of Section 188 of the IPC.

#### Sanguem locals, small businesses oppose Netravali waterfall ban

**SANGUEM:** Locals from Sanguem have objected to the government order banning entry into all waterfalls, on grounds that it adversely affects their livelihood. Trekkers and nature-lovers also condemned the government order, arguing that the monsoon season is the best time to visit the waterfalls due to the peak water flow. The ban on visiting waterfalls was enforced following the death of two persons at Savari waterfall last year.

While the death is unfortunate, it should not be used to ban visits to the falls, said one local, while pointing out that there are more deaths due to

drowning in the sea. "People have stopped coming to the waterfalls following the government order and this deprives people from getting the best view of the waterfalls

and enjoy its true glory," said Sayaji Dessai. Rupesh Vernekar, another local, emphasised the economic impact, stating that the makeshift tea stalls and snack vendors who cater to visitors during the monsoon season have seen their businesses halted. These vendors, he pointed out, earn their primary income during this period, and the ban has now taken away this vital source of livelihood

# Goa missed three Five-Year Plans: CM

Attributes it to the State attaining Liberation 14 years after India's Independence; pays tributes to freedom fighters and recalls their supreme sacrifices

**Team Herald** 

Chief Minister PANJIM: Pramod Sawant on Tuesday said that the State missed three Five-Year Finance Commission Plans as it was Liberated 14 years after India's Independence, but every government contribin various sectors. uted a lot for the development of the State during post-Liberation period.

Addressing the gathering at the 78th State-level Goa Revolution Day celebration held at Azad Maidan, Panjim, Sawant said that the government intends to encourage Goan youth in research and innovation and therefore had laid thrust on creating robust infrastructure and created the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chair in Goa University. The Chief Minister further mentioned that due care is being taken so that the youth should not lag behind in any sector of human endeavour.

Celebrations such as the **Goa Revolution Day** should be a day for introspection, as the occasion reminds us to review the progress and development achieved

- PS Sreedharan Governor

Paying tributes to the freedom fighters, the Chief Minister said, "We are indebted to them and recall their supreme sacrifices. The government celebrates various important dates of Goa's Liberation movement so that the present generation is made aware about the contribution of these freedom fighters and that the government has incorporated this aspect into the school curriculum."

Chief Minister

claimed that Cuncolim Revolt was the first revolt against the colonial rulers across the country and that the State is now paying tributes at the National War Memorial in New Delhi on July 15, every year.

Governor P S Sreedharan Pillai said, "Celebrations such as the Goa Revolution Day should be a day for introspection, as the occasion reminds us to review the progress and development achieved in various sectors."

Pillai said, "Even today we follow the ideals of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia, father of nation Mahatma Gandhi and Deen Dayal Upadhyay."

He stressed on conducting a comprehensive study on Dr Lohia, who he said, came down to Goa and ignited the national spirit among the Goans.

He said, soon after Liberation, Goa has made remarkable development in every sector because of the FREEDOM FIGHTER LIBIA SHARES INSPIRING STORIES OF GOA'S STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION WITH CM

PANJIM: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Tuesday interacted with veteran Libia Lobo Sardesai, who played a significant role in Goa's Liberation struggle through her underground Radio Voice of Goa's freedom. On the occasion of Goa Revolution Day, Sawant visited her house and interacted with the pioneering

Sawant stated that his conversation with Lobo Sardesai was truly enlightening, as she shared her inspiring

freedom fighter.

stories from the days of Goa's struggle for liberation and that her life will continue to be an inspiration for everyone.

Lobo Sardesai who was also the first Director of Tourism of Liberated Goa, Daman and Diu, was felicitated by the Department of Tourism on her 100th birthday, last month.

high regard Goans had for social responsibility and their adherence to the values of communal harmony.

Pillai along with Sawant and other dignitaries laid wreath at the Martyr's Memorial and paid rich tributes to the martyrs of Goa freedom struggle. The Goa Police troupe gave salute while, children from Bal Bhavan presented patriotic

Goa Daman and Diu Freedom Fighters Association

songs at the occasion.

president Rohidas alias Daad Desai expressed concern over the sale of drugs and prostitution in the name of tourism have portrayed Goa in bad light and there is a spree of sale of land to outsiders

**Team Herald** 

PANJIM: Leader of Op-

position Yuri Alemao on

Tuesday said that the IN-

DIA Bloc will devise a joint

strategy to corner the gov-

ernment during the up-

coming Goa Legislative As-

sembly Session and raise

issues significant to the

Addressing a press con-

State and Goans.

## **Fulfil promise of providing** jobs to freedom fighters' children, Opposition tells CM

Sawant claims so far 357 children of freedom fighters have been given govt jobs and only 40 are remaining

**Team Herald** 

PANJIM: Leader of the Opposition Yuri Alemao, on Tuesday, demanded that Chief Minister Pramod Sawant should deliver on promise of providing jobs to children of freedom fighters.

Sawant claimed that so far 357 children of freedom fighters have been given jobs and only 40 children were awaiting government jobs.

Sawant said that he gave appointment letters to 20 children of freedom fighters under the Home Department scheme last week and that only 40 children are remaining.

"Our government has fulfilled the promise of giving jobs to children of freedom fighters. So far 357 appointment letters

Opposition to devise joint strategy to

corner govt during Assembly session

Porvorim, he said, "A lot of

inputs have come from our

grassroot workers belong-

ing to the Congress party.

There are several issues

that the party feels that all

the three MLAs have to take

up in the interest of the

people. We are confident

that taking the Opposition

MLAs together we will be

the voice of Goa and Goans."

Alemao slammed the

government for increasing

power tariff instead of re-

ducing power losses and

"While on one side, tar-

iff has been increased and

on the other side, there are

power cuts. We had told

the government that it had

failed to recover Rs 1,400

crore from defaulters. The

government has failed to

reduce the power losses and control power thefts,"

controlling power theft.

have been given to them under the scheme and only 40 children are remaining. Once they are given appointment letters, it will be presumed that the government gave jobs to approximately 400 children of freedom fighters.

Even a 55-year-old son of a freedom fighter was provided with government job, according to Sawant.

Earlier, Alemao said that the government had failed to give jobs to children of freedom fighters despite formulating a scheme.

He further called for an inquiry into the renovation of Lohia Maidan at Margao and urged the government to declare historic Lohia Maidan, Azad Maidan, Panjim, Memorial at Patradevi and the one at Assolna as State monuments.

tariff be rolled back imme-

diately and Rs 1,400 crore

He said the party will op-

pose Tamnar Project and

all the three linear projects

which have been proposed

ernment has failed to keep

a check on the construc-

tion of a channel to divert

water from the Mhadei

river basin. He pointed out

that the House Committee

formed to address the issue

has met only once while

"The double engine has

failed to address the issue of

Goa and Goans and has sold

He also said that the Con-

gress MLAs will demand

the audit report of Smart

City work. "Look at the con-

dition of Smart City. It is pa-

thetic. People of Goa are fed

up with this government,"

our River Mhadei," he said.

PRAWAH is 'defunct.'

He alleged that the gov-

be recovered.

in the State.

#### PAVING THE WAY TO DISASTER?



### Smart City workers have quit their task of laying pavers in Tonca, Caranzalem, half-way, leaving a gaping hole in the pavement that poses a grave threat to motorists and pedestrians **MANDUR 'FOETUS' CASE:**

#### Cops say there are no chances of preserving the viscera

Post-mortem conducted

**Team Herald** 

PANJIM: Even though the Agasaim Police are vet to make headway into the case of body parts of an infant found at Mandur in Tiswadi taluka, post-mortem was conducted on the body parts which were found by

the police on Tuesday. Speaking to O Heraldo, Agasaim PI Anant Gaonkar said, "The rest of the body part has not been found yet. Post-mortem examination was conducted today. How-

ever, report is awaited." The police officer also er parts of the body are yet

ficer had said that services of forensic experts were made available and sniffer dogs were pressed into service in a bid to obtain the trail. Doctors too had visited the spot.

The Agasaim Police had registered an offence against unidentified person/s accused for concealing the birth of a newborn

said that there are no chances of preserving the viscera as what has been found is the limbs only, oth-

to be found. Earlier, the police of-

infant and secretly disposing of the body at Mandur.

On Saturday, the Agasaim Police received information that at Mandur-Dongri locality, near the sluice gate, limbs of a newborn were found, which were prima facie bitten by animals.

The police immediately rushed to the site and conducted the panchanama. A casa under Section 318 of IPC has been registered in this connection. LPSI Nehanda Tavares is conducting further investigation under the guidance of Agasaim PI Anant Gaonkar.

'Unauthorised' excavation leaves Taleigao fields damaged

Farmers decide to submit formal letters to the Taleigao Panchayat; appeal to

authorities to stop the alleged illegal activity; demand full transparency and

## With no power in Opnn Leader's chamber, Cong MLAs hold press conference in candle light

Yuri claims there is no electricity in his chamber for the last 20 days; slams government for increasing electricity tariff instead of reducing losses

**Team Herald** 

PANJIM: Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao along with Aldona MLA Carlos Alvares Ferreira and Quepem MLA Altone D'Costa addressed a press conference in a candle lit room of the Assembly Complex at Porvorim.

Speaking to reporters, Alemao said, "I do not know why there is no light in this room. If they want to save electricity then it is a welcome step. My request to the government is that it has to happen across all the sections, not just in the chamber of Leader of Op-

He claimed that there is no electricity in his chamber for the last 20 days.

MLA Altone D'Costa sa "We will work together and raise questions in the Assembly which people asked us when we met them, while seeking votes during

Lok Sabha elections." He alleged that there is no coordination among departments for carrying out underground cabling work.

"Roads are being dug and left without repairing them. This is causing accidents. I think the government should have a single window system for these types of works and contractors should be made responsible for the mess,"

he said. He demanded that in-

complete projects in his constituency be completed as early as possible.



islature Party (CLP) meetis no coordination among departments for carrying out

He also pointed out that there are many youth working on contract basis but their jobs have not been regularised.

underground cabling work

MLA Carlos Alvares Ferreira said that the situation in his constituency is the same as roads are in bad condition.

"The underground cabling work is causing lots of problems. I believe that had there been coordination, the work would have been over by now. There are various issues ranging from rise in electricity tariff to people's struggle with their day-to-day life issues. We have decided that we will take those issues in the larger public interest in sync with the opposition

members," he said.

ing at Assembly Complex at

He said Congress party demands that the power







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### ensure those responsible are held accountable **Team Herald** PANJIM: The fields in Ta-

leigao have been damaged due to alleged unauthorised trenching and digging work for the last three days. The affected local farm-

ers have decided to submit formal letters to the Taleigao Panchayat demanding explanations and accountability for the unauthorised entry and destruction of their fields, and the steps to be taken to rectify the damage caused.

They have appealed to the authorities to immediately stop the unauthorised work, demand full transparency, and ensure that those responsible are held accountable.



formal letters to the Taleigao Panchayat demanding explanations and accountability for the unauthorised entry and destruction of their fields, and the steps to be taken to rectify the damage caused

Social activist Cecille the fields adjacent to the Rodrigues said that an excavator was seen clearing

main road, causing damage to fields, leaving the owners of these fields, who had been cultivating the land for years, repeatedly questioned the machine operator about the purpose of the work, the authority behind it, and the identity of the contractor responsible. However, their queries were unanswered.

local farmers worried. The

The farmers then approached Francis Coelho and Nathan D'Souza, local residents from Taleigao, for their assistance. The panicked farmers also tried franticly to contact panchayat members, who declined their phone calls. Only one panchayat member told farmers that the work was merely for cleaning the edges of the fields near the road to prevent issues like snake infestations during monsoon. However, this explana-

tion failed to justify the extent of the damage. The farmers complained that the excavator was four to five metres deep into the fields, destroying existing crops and plants far beyond what would be necessary for mere roadside cleaning.

Coelho and D'Souza, along with farmers have now decided to submit formal letters to the Taleigao Village Panchavat, demanding explanations and accountability for the unauthorised entry and destruction of their fields, and the steps to be taken to rectify the damage caused.

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# Four-lane widening works likely to resolve Ponda's major traffic issues

## Works progressing at a rapid pace are likely to be completed soon

**PONDA**: The four-lane widening works including the underpass/flyover are expected to address significant traffic problems near Ponda KTC bus stand and Khandepar Opa Junction.

It is pertinent to note that all these works were pending for various reasons, but the tender was floated last year. These works are now progressing at a rapid pace, which are likely to be completed within a year. Naresh Naik, a local, expressed optimism that the completion of these works will resolve several traffic-related issues.

It may be recalled that six years ago the government had constructed a four lane highway from Safa Masjid to Khandepar along with the new Khandepar Bridge at a distance of around seven km.

The road was opened for the public, but the government failed to construct an underpass at the junction near Safa Masjid which is a protected monument by ASI.

The closure of the junction by the NH authorities caused inconvenience to locals and buses travelling from Safa Masjid junction to KTC bus



Earth moving machinery undertaking the landfilling work for a ramp to the underpass at the Khandepar-Opa Junction, on Tuesday

stand, as they had to take a detour of two km via Farmagudi Circle. and the commuters were forced to take a U-turn at KTC bus stand.

The situation led to unauthorised U-turns by buses and motorists, further exacerbating traffic issues.

To address these challenges, the underpass is being constructed 200 metres away at Bandora junction. opposite the KTC bus stand, which is expected to provide relief to commuters.

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#### PROGRESS & EXPECTED COMPLETION

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#### CAUTIONARY SIGNBOARDS INSTALLED NEAR UNDERPASS, AT ENTRY POINT OF PONDA KTC BUS STAND

O Heraldo had published a report on the major highway works progressing at four-lane widening site without signboards to alert commuters and passengers at KTC bus stand

PONDA: Taking cognisance of an OHeraldo report, the contractor immediately installed two signboards cautioning commuters of four lane widening works in progress - one at the fatal accident spot near the underpass and the other - at the entry point of KTC bus stand.

O Heraldo in its June 17 edition had published a report on the major highway works including flyover/underpass progressing at four lane widening site without signboards to alert commuters and passengers at KTC bus stand. It may be recalled that residents of Ponda had expressed anxiety and frustration over the lack of cautionary signboards at the interstate KTC bus stand where the widening work of the four-lane National Highway is currently underway. The issue has gained heightened attention following a tragic

accident on June 11, when a motorcycle



pilot lost his life after being crushed under a crane at the site.

The absence of essential signboards such as 'work in progress' and 'go slow' sparked outrage among Ponda residents. They argued that these signboards were necessary for alerting commuters about road construction activities, preventing accidents. and ensuring safety on the roads. The KTC bus stand road turned slippery due to the above works.

Vishal Fadte, who has expressed concern, appreciated O Heraldo for highlighting the problems at KTC bus stand.

## Areal residents want overgrown trees pruned

Demand underground cabling in the village due to large vegetation **Team Herald** 

MARGAO: Fearing a potential danger, residents and local representatives on Tuesday urged the South Goa Collector's office to ensure the safety of pedestrians and commuters during monsoon by addressing the issue of overgrown trees in Sao Jose de Areal village.

Curtorim Zilla Panchayat member Michelle Rebelo, along with South Goa District Congress Committee president Savio D'Silva and GPCC General Secretary Moreno Rebelo, met Additional Collector Srinet

pruning of overgrown trees in Sao Jose de Areal.

"Pruning of overgrown trees is needed in Sao Jose de Areal and throughout South Goa, especially given the heavy rainfall the State has been experiencing in recent weeks. This measure is crucial to ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists who are at risk of these overgrown trees col-

lapsing," said Michelle. She highlighted the situation around Bethany Convent in Areal, where overgrown tree branches compromised the safety of

Kothwale, demanding the students using the pavement around the church.

She also mentioned the encroachment of tree branches upon electric wires in Gudi, recalling previous incidents where lives were lost due to similar circumstances in Navelim last year.

Michelle demanded underground cabling in Sao Jose de Areal due to the presence of large vegetation in the surrounding areas. These trees often damage electrical wires during rain and strong winds, necessitating the move to underground cables for enhanced safety and reliability.

#### Concerned locals meet South Collector for a solution to stray dog menace on beaches

**Team Herald** 

MARGAO: Concerns over the growing menace of stray dogs on Goa's beaches have prompted local authorities to seek immediate intervention.

Cavelossim sarpanch Dixon Vaz and panch Iris Passanha. along with Colva-based local fisherman Thomas Rodrigues, met with the South Goa District Collector on Tuesday, and submitted a memorandum demanding a solution under the Disaster Management Act.

The urgency of the issue was highlighted by a recent incident at Colva Beach, where a child was attacked by over 15 stray dogs. Fortunately, Rodrigues was present and able to rescue the child.

"Our tourists and locals can't go for a walk on the beaches. There are

#### PROPOSAL FOR DOG SHELTERS

>> In the memorandum, the group proposed the establishment of two dog shelters, one each in North Goa and South Goa, modelled after gaushalas (cow shelters) to provide care, treatment, and accommodation for sick, wounded, old

complaints via emails and social media about the attacks, and we can't do much on our own," the sarpanch stated, emphasising the panchayat's limited capacity to address the problem.

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would provide care, treatment, and accommodation for sick, wounded, old, and puppies among the stray dog population.

Responding to the concerns, the South Goa Collector informed that a meeting with relevant departments and stakeholders will be convened next Friday to explore sustainable solutions to the stray dog issue on

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## 'Provide better connectivity, newer Bal Rath buses for Ponda school students'

**Team Herald** 

PONDA: Parents in Ponda are concerned about the rundown condition of Bal Rath bus transport facilities for students, especially those in remote areas of Ponda. Suraj Garad, Chairman of the PTA at Khandepar MIBK School, said there was an urgent need for the government to provide new and additional Balrath buses to address the current challenges faced by students.

The Bal Rath bus service was introduced in 2012 with the aim of facilitating transportation for school students. However, over the years, many buses have deteriorated and are now in a dilapidated condition. Garad high-

◆ If the government can regularly replace and upgrade the replace and a six vehicles provided to Ministers and MLAs every five to six years, school buses should also be replaced periodically to maintain safety standards and provide reliable transportation for students

- Suraj Garad, PTA Chairman, MBIK school

lighted that these buses are not only unreliable but also pose safety risks to the students.

One of the major issues faced by students is the inconsistency in the timing of private buses, which often results in delays of 15 to 20 minutes on average. "This delay impacts students' punctuality and attendance at school, and affects their overall

academic performance," he said. At MIBK School in Khandepar,

which has approximately 1,200 students, only one Bal Rath bus currently serves the transportation needs. Garad stressed the necessity of providing an additional bus to cater to the growing student population effectively.

In addition to the demand for new buses, Garad called for an increase in funds allocated for the

maintenance is crucial to ensure the safety and reliability of the transportation service.

'If the government can regularly replace and upgrade the vehicles provided to Ministers and MLAs every five to six years, school buses should also be replaced periodically to maintain safety standards and provide reliable transportation for students," said Garad.

Furthermore, Garad proposed the introduction of Kadamba buses specifically for transporting students from the remote village of Pali to their schools. This initiative, he argued, would help streamline transportation servicmaintenance and repair of existing es and ensure that students arrive buses. He emphasised that regular at school on time.

#### Polluted nullah at Sancoale inspected

Team Herald

**VASCO**: Sancoale panchas accompanied by Cortalim MLA Anton Vas on Tuesday held a joint inspection of the polluted nullah at Shindole, Sancoale.

The inspection was carried out following several complaints by the local residents.

Vas said that he had been inspecting the site for the last few days so as to find out the source of the contamination. He said the nullah was polluted and the stench was unbearable, making it difficult for residents to live there. He said that the team of environment engineers from the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) had already collected water samples and its examination report was expected within a week.

The residents have strongly suspected that some sewage tankers were discharging sewage into the nullah during night and that too during rains. During inspection, they also found a non-functional sewage treatment plant (STP) atop a nearby hill and suspected that seepage might have caused contamination of the nullah

The Cortalim MLA assured the villagers that any tanker caught releasing sewage into the nullah will not be spared.

# Sonsoddo in the making at Merces?

### Contractor dumps debris and garbage from the new District and Sessions Court building in the low-lying fields

**Team Herald** 

PANJIM: The garbage and debris from the new District and Sessions Court building has been dumped in the low-lying field areas outside the building at Vaddy-Merces by the contractor.

Total packaging material and other waste like wooden packing, thermocol, plastic, etc, have been dumped in the low-lying field area next to the court building. It appears that the government is allowing the contractor to dump the garbage because no authority had bothered to take action against the culprits.

The Merces Village Panchayat has time and again ask the contractor to clear all the waste. Inspections were also held but the



contractor paid no need. Since it is a court building, the authorities concerned

should intervene in the matter and direct the contractor to clear the dump waste and take suo motu action in the matter, the villagers demanded.

Sarpanch Pramod Kamat said, "We lodged a complaint with Old Goa Police and submitted photos of

vehicles throwing debris. The vehicles were caught, but were released later. But nothing happened after that. There is no correspondence after that. We have written to Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited and also verbally told Smart City contractors because they are also throwing the debris. We have told them not to throw debris here.

Former sarpanch and present panchayat member Walter D'Souza said that it was a very serious issue and demanded immediate measures before it turns into a dumping site. He said that more debris and garbage were dumped on Tuesday.

#### Adwait Salgaonkar, Harsha Shetye win Sahitya Akademi Puraskar

**Team Herald** 

PANJIM: Adwait Salgaonkar and Harsha Sadguru Shetye (Konkani), both Konkani writers from Goa respectively won the Yuva Puraskar and The Bal Sahitya Puraskar of Sahitya Akademi on Saturday.

The Sahitya Akademi announced the names of 23 writers, including English writer K Vaishali and Hindi author Gaurav Pandey, who will receive the prestigious Yuva Puraskar across as many languages.

The Yuva Puraskar has been awarded for 10 poetry books, seven collections

of short stories, two collections of articles and one of essays, one novel, one book

of ghazals and one memoir. The National Academy of Letters also announced the names of 24 winners of the Bal Sahitya Puraskar for 2024. It includes seven novels, six books of poetry, four stories, five short stories, one play, and one historical fiction.

The winners of Yuva Puraskar and the Bal Sahitya Puraskar will receive a casket containing an engraved copper plaque and a cheque of Rs 50,000 at a special function to be held at a later date.

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## Usgao locals demand new full-fledged PDA market

**Team Herald** 

PONDA: The Usgao locals may have welcomed the temporary repairs of the leaking and dilapidated PDA market at Tisk-Usgao, but they want the government to construct a new PDA market at the site with all facilities to meet growing needs of vendors and public.

It may be recalled that the threedecade-old PDA Market at Usgao has been in dilapidated condition for the past few years and vendors faced issues such as water leakage during monsoon besides there were incidents wherein the ceiling plaster would fall on shopkeepers. They were running their businesses in fear due to the market build-

Nyaneshwar Naik, a shop owner at Tisk Usgao, said that this market was in a neglected state and in need of repairs. However, recently the repairs work has been carried out by the government. He felt that instead of repairing the dilapidated building,

ing's dilapidated condition.

molishing the existing structure. A local Suraj Garad said, "Finally after many years the government has repaired the market, but we need a permanent solution, a new market building with better facilities for fish and vegetable vendors."

He said that Usgao locals have the government should build a new been demanding the construction of market with more facilities by dea new PDA market for a long time.

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# Agnipath scheme: Don't play with fire

fter staunchly defending for long a flawed recruitment scheme, called Agnipath, for personnel below the rank of commissioned officers into the three services of the armed forces, the government is on the backfoot after facing reversals in the recently held Lok Sabha elections.

Its allies, primarily Janata Dal (United), is pressuring the BJP-led NDA government to rethink the scheme. The Army has now proposed changes in the scheme, but still not in favour of scrapping it.

The government should actually stop playing with fire and reverse the scheme as it is totally flawed. According to this scheme, all recruits will be hired only for four years. Personnel recruited under this system are to be called Agniveers. The scheme offers no gratuity or pensionary benefits.

Those protesting have complained that the new scheme hinders their claim for monetary benefits, such as pensions, since the Centre plans to absorb only 25 per cent of the 'Agniveers' after the completion of their four-year tenure.

Opposition parties have criticised and expressed concerns about the consequences of the new scheme. They have asked the scheme to be put on hold and that the scheme be discussed in the Parliament.

Prior to the introduction of the scheme, soldiers were recruited into the armed forces on a 15+ year tenure with lifelong pension.

The Centre's main objective is to save funds spent on pensions. More than half the defence budget is allocated for pensions every year, while less than five per cent is allocated for research and development.

The authorities mustn't break the homogeneity of the army to save a few rupees. We seem to be going back to the 1962 era, when saving money was a greater criterion than safety and security of the country. The result was a humiliating defeat at the hands of the Chinese army. Does the government want a repeat of the 1962 debacle?

This sounds good on paper, but practically not possible to implement because of two reasons. Firstly, we have a huge young population, which sees defence as a sector for employment. Also, we have two aggressive neighbouring tries, who have drawn their sword many times against India, compelling us to go for all-round developments of defence services, including rais-

ing the army strength to commensurate with the increasing defence responsibility. This comes at a cost!

Peculiar nature of defence services is that it needs a younger profile in the army with early retirement. Gradually, there started demographic change in the defence services. From rural based recruitment, job necessity made urban youth join the army.

Before introducing Agnipath, a system of re-employment in the army to offset the early retirement, to some extent, got settled, which was running somewhat satisfactorily. But Agnipath scheme will nullify this.

It's a bunch of young recruits who would be recruited in the army for four years, go back as civilians, as half-trained soldiers, without any stake in the society, and this may be fully frustrating. One wonders, how will 75% of raw recruits face the bullets in time of war, knowing they don't have any financial security to take care of their families once they are gone.

Their status will be that of temporary workers in an industry. After a couple of years, a company will have 75% of half trained demotivated soldiers with frustrated officer cadre. After a few years, every year, thousands of untrained and disoriented young recruits will come out in this hostile world with some conceivable sum of money, falling prey to crooks and ultimately most of them may turn out to be half baked products and some of them a threat to the nation.

Whatever might be the advancement of weaponry, ultimate victory will depend on physical holding of the ground. That needs strength, courage, discipline, motivation, getting over fear, endurance and tribulation.

The biggest fallout of this scheme is that we are losing one of the prestigious regiments – the Gurkha Regiment. A day may come when we may be fighting against each other. The authorities mustn't break the homogeneity of the army to save a few rupees. We seem to be going back to the 1962 era, when saving money was a greater criterion than safety and security of the country. The result was a humiliating defeat at the hands of the Chinese army. Does the government want a repeat of the 1962 debacle?

Don't barter safety and honour of the country for a few rupees and so-called political gain. Don't play with fire.

### **Twitter World**

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Sudheendra Kulkarni

A star is going to enter Indian Parliament. Now it will become livelier — and debates will become richer — with Priyanka Gandhi representing Wayanad. And democracy will get a big boost. Excellent decision by the Congress.

# comment

Once again it will be Amit Shah, Nirmala Sitharaman, **S Jaishankar** and Rajnath Singh. Road and highways will again be managed by Nitin Gadkari, Railways will be run again by Ashwini Vaishnaw,

**Commerce and Industry again** by Piyush Goyal, Law again by **Arjun Ram** Meghwal



has a new Cabinet which is the old Cabinet.

The ministers for home, finance, foreign and defence will be the same. These four are considered the most important by the government, which classifies them as comprising the committee on security. And so once again it will be Amit Shah, Nirmala Sitharaman, S Jaishankar and Rajnath Singh. Roads and Highways will again be managed by Nitin Gadkari, Railways will be run again by Ashwini Vaishnaw, Commerce and Industry again by Piyush Goyal, Law again by Arjun Ram Meghwal.

Even where portfolios have been shifted, ministers have been retained and readers will not be unfamiliar with names like Kiren Rijiju, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Giriraj Singh and so on. Some famous names are gone, like Smriti Irani and Rajiv Chandrashekhar, at least for now, but this is because they lost in high-profile contests.

No reason has been given for moving around those ministers who have been retained but shifted, but presumably this has been done to accommodate allies



like the Telugu Desam (Civil Aviation), Janata Dal Secular (Steel), Janata Dal United (Micro, Medium, Small Industries), LJP (Food Processing), Shiv Sena (Ayurveda and Yoga). Or done to bring in former BJP chief ministers like Shivraj Singh Chauhan of Madhya Pradesh (Agriculture) and Manohar Khattar of Haryana (Housing).

Overall it resembles not so much a new cabinet as one that has undergone a minor reshuffle. In the old

ndia's new government days, when most newspa- did not happen. The BJP pers reported news, this would have been reported 'below the fold' as it were, meaning not on the top half of the newspaper.

The question is why does 3.0 look like 2.0? The obvious reason is that there is nothing to change because everything is going well. Change is necessary only if there is a need to correct course, and because the BJP won the election, there is no such need. But defeat, meaning sit-

ting in the Opposition, would have meant no BJP Cabinet at all so perhaps it is unclear what the middle ground would be in such a line of thinking and what conditions would trigger change. It is unlikely then that 'all is well' is the reason. What else could it be? One possibility is that there is weak bench strength, that there are not enough talented individuals in the party to be given the important jobs and the prime minister is stuck with the small set he has.

This is not the likely reason because under this prime minister, the PMO functions as a mini Cabinet and intervenes on critical issues as the Defence, Finance and Foreign Ministries know.

There is a third possibility and that is the reluctance or inability to concede that something has in fact gone wrong. Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a speech in the Lok Sabha on February 5, that has been uploaded on his YouTube channel. As he concludes it, he says the following:

"Mr Speaker, normally l don't get into the issue of numbers. But I have observed the mindset of the nation. It will certainly take the NDA beyond 400, but it will also definitely (avashya) give the BJP 370 seats." At this point the treasury benches are thumped and the chant of 'Modi! Modi!' rises. The Prime Minister repeats: "370 seats for the BIP and beyond 400 for the NDA". The thumping and chanting continues.

As we now know, this

did not get 370 and it did not even get 270. For the first time in his career, the Prime Minister is leading a minority government.

Is this a defeat? If you look at the Opposition and its voters they are behaving as if they have won. The fact that the new government is shaky and dependent on external support is not lost on them. As Yogendra Yadav has said, the acceptability and prestige that were there in the last decade are gone. The invincibility is gone and gone forever.

For this very reason many of the BJP's supporters and especially the Prime Minister's following remain despondent. Externally things have changed. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh is again expressing itself on issues concerning the government's functioning after a decade of silence. The NDA partners are asserting themselves.

It is possible to be blind to this and pretend to carry on as if nothing has happened but that will not change the reality. The voters have told the Prime Minister he is less popular than he was in 2019 and less popular in 2014. The voters have also told him that it is okay with an NDA government but not a BJP one.

To pretend we are still in February is to lie to oneself. There is no question that the performances of key ministries, including Finance and perhaps even Home, were the reason for the defeat. Carrying on without change is to continue with the damage. But who in the party can tell him that? Not those who are returning to their positions surrounding him. Not those who know they will be punished for speaking the truth.

For those who are opposed to the BJP, this being in denial is not a bad thing because nothing good will come of it as the coming months will show. The world does not change itself to align with one's delusions.

> (Aakar Patel is a writer and columnist)

### people's*edit*

# NOTES ON MY EDUCATION

**CHANDER GUPTA** 

The education ecosystem prevailing at the time when I was a kid has changed radically with the passage of time. During the 1960s and early 1970s, kids of all the families in villages and towns - both rich and poor - studied in government schools. These days usually the kids of only economically weaker sections enrol in government schools. In other words, only those who cannot afford the expenses of private schools send their kids to government schools.

Even though my father earned a handsome living from his legal profession, I was admitted in government schools upto the Matriculation level (Class X). Initially, I was sent to a Government Primary School located close to our residence. In that era there were no private schools in my hometown. The school fee was nominal and never an issue of affordability. The Government Higher Secondary School I studied in was affiliated to Haryana Board of School Education. These days the 'elite' schools are affiliated to the Central Board of School Education (CBSE).

Being a product of government schools from the mid-1960s to early-1970s, my introduction to the English alphabet started in Class VI only. There was no English subject in the Primary School upto Class V. Nowadays kids first learn the English alphabets before those of Hindi language even in Hindi-speaking areas. If we ask children studying in so-called English-medium private schools about Hindi alphabets, most of them won't be able to recount all the alphabets.

Even though I started learning English from Class VI only, I developed an inclination for English from the beginning. Very quickly I acquired a good grounding in English grammar. During my graduation in Arts, English was a compulsory subject. We were taught English also in Hindi medium. Predictably, after graduation I enrolled for MA (English) in Panjab University. Linguistics was my favourite subject.

Fees in government schools were never an issue even for poor parents. Even during graduation, which I did from a private college, the fee was nominal. During university time (1979-1981), my father used to give me a princely sum of Rs 500 per month, which took care of tuition fee, hostel fee, mess fee, and all other pocket expenses. My education was almost free, if compared with the fees nowadays. After doing my MA in English, I started looking and applying for jobs. Without much headache and any approach, I landed the job of Probationary Officer in a leading Public Sector Bank after completion of studies. Those were the days when parents hardly had to worry about education expenses and jobs for their children. My siblings also landed prestigious jobs without any recommendation or approach, purely on merit.

The college I graduated from was affiliated to Kurukshetra University. The Governor of Haryana was the ex-officio Chancellor of Kurukshetra University. The Chancellor of Panjab University, my alma mater for MA (English) course, was the Vice-President of India in ex-officio capacity. I developed the notion that Chancellors were always high-level dignitaries holding constitutional posts. Later on, with the entry of private players, I found out that the businessmen and industrialists who opened universities anointed themselves as Chancellors.

Only the rich can afford admissions in private educational institutions. Many parents have to even borrow from Banks to finance the higher studies of their wards.

#### TerraPower is Bill Gates' path-breaking initiative

From being the founder of Microsoft, the foremost IT company in the world, Bill Gates has now ventured into the power sector having founded the startup Terra-Power which has researched and developed a new generation nuclear power plant that has begun work in Wyoming, United States, a new concept in nuclear power that has

been developed from scratch. Instead of using light water for producing steam, this new reactor uses liquid sodium and is going to cost about \$15 billion and will generate 345 mega watts of power which will cost the consumer half the price that the present nuclear reactors charge.

Due for completion in 2030. Gates believes that at least 10 more such reactors will be built on earth and is quite confident that the figure might become 100 reactors subject to the availability of enriched Uranium as fuel for this reactor. It will be a big achievement if such reactors are built to replace coal-fired plants and to supplement solar power and wind power turbine generation on earth.

Elvidio Miranda, Panjim

#### Justice should be speedy, fair

institutions compromised like in the case of the IIT Kharagpur student campus death where the second post-mortem has brought out that he was shot and stabbed which the first post-mortem

was silent about. This is a major blunder which is seemingly deliberate to protect IIT Kharagpur. It is also alarming that the government authorities like the hospitals and police try

to hide such a glaring injury that end of social stigma.

could have been a cause of the victim's death. This is also gross injustice for the victim's family who deserve to know the truth of the cause of their son's death.

That common citizens can be taken for granted and given some wrong information to assuage their concerns and hide the truth by the government authorities is something that is very dangerous to society whatever their motives could have been.

The same with the Porsche accident case in Pune, recently, where the Forensic Department substituted blood samples for bribes, which seemingly was a regular practice with the department with the price set at Rs 5 lakh, as reported in the newspapers.

Money power here moderated evidence to get the perpetrators of the crime off the hook and that too in a case where two young software professionals were cut off in the prime of their lives. Here again the common citizen's claim for justice was intended to be denied to save the rich perpetrator. What is astonishing further is that there was an established system in place at the hospital with the fees also set.

This indicates that many would have utilised this system until now which sabotages and undermines the very principles of natural justice. Then look at the rape cases brought against Yediyurappa and Prajwal Revanna in Karnataka, the powerful are resorting to use every rule in the book to get off the hook while the poor victim in the Yediyurappa case, a minor who is claimed to be mentally challenged gets no justice and in the Revanna case, there are a multitude of women victims who are at the receiving

But these victims are common citizens, how can they aspire to raise their voices against the powerful? This seems the

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chorus from the powers-thatbe. The India that we live in today is going through a lot of changes but there are some red flags that need to be set up which is that the rights of common individuals should not be encroached and that in the event of them being victims of crime, justice should be speedy, fair and equitable

Srinivas Kamat, Alto St Cruz

#### Hand over KA to artistes' forum

As the condition of Kala Academy remains unchanged, a group of artistes have reportedly united to demand a white paper giving details of the repairs carried out at the premier cultural centre and the resignation of the Art and Culture Minister Govind Gaude from his position as Kala Academy chairman.

It may be noted that the iconic structure was renovated over a period of three years by spending crores of rupees. However, incidents such as water leakage in the main theatre and collapse of the false ceiling have raised a question over the quality of work undertaken.

The roof of the open-air amphitheatre collapsed in July last year. The artistes reportedly said that the agitation against degradation of the cultural centre will continue to be strengthened further. Since the government has failed miserably in maintaining the structure and since artistes are the primary stakeholders of the facility, it would be in the fitness of things are being pumped in for bullet

to hand over the maintenance of the cultural centre to the artistes forum. The government could provide necessary funds to the forum periodically for the preservation of the iconic structure. Artistes will also be in a better position to provide quality lighting and proper sound-system which have not been up to the standard. There are lots of funds and expertise available. The only thing missing is commitment on the part of the powers-that-be.

Adelmo Fernandes, Vasco

#### **Train collisions: Lessons** not yet learnt

The horrifying Kanchanjunga Express - goods train collision again points finger at the negligence of the Railways and also that no lesson has been learnt after last year's Balasore train tragedy.

Are the authorities not concerned taking everything in such a lackadaisical, 'come what may attitude' manner which is resulting in so many mishaps? Actions are to be taken against erring staff, who play with the lives of passengers.

Rail collisions and derailment occur on and often and immediately after an incident what follows, is an inquiry, an ex-gratia, some condolences and grief expressed by the leaders. Though so many mishaps happen, the Railways, it seems, never learn lessons and rectify the errors.

It is bewildering to note that in an era when the most sophisticated technology is being used, accidents such as these are continuously happening. Hundreds of crores of rupees

stations, but before that dream comes a reality, why can't the higher-ups think of pumping just a few crores that can make our tracks safe and signalling system perfect and make common man's railway journey if not comfortable, at least safe? M Pradyu, Kannur

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#### **Modernisation without** safety means nothing

After the Balasore train accident in Odisha, Indian Railways has been hit by another major mishap, this time, collision between a goods train and the Kanchanjunga Express in West Bengal, has claimed many lives.

The goods train is said to have crashed against the express train from behind. Early reports attributed the accident to signal overshooting by the freight train loco pilot though latest reports have said he was authorised to pass all signals due to defective signal system since early morning.

Railways modernisation without safety measures will come to naught. The Railways Minister must let the country know whether or not his ministry is crippled by an acute fund crunch. That's because not many trains seem to have been covered by the Automatic Train Protection System (ATP). There are ample reports of unutilised money for track renewal. There is no excuse for not upgrading tracks and maintaining them.

Training of linemen shouldn't lax. Indian Railway Stations and Station Masters badly need a refresher course. Besides, overhaul of coaches cannot be stressed more. Every express train should possess the anti--climbing Vistadome Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches that prevent piling up of bogies in accidents.

Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

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# Cong accuses govt of 'destroying' Railways

## **Demands Ashwini Vaishnaw's resignation**

PTI, NEW DELHI: Accusing the government of "destroying" Indian Railways, the Congress on Tuesday demanded Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's resignation in the wake of the Kanchanjunga Express accident, saying he has no moral right to remain in the position.

## **KANCHANJUNGA**

The opposition party also took a Congress alleged that "criminal neg-

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said whenever there is a train accident, Modi government's railway minister reaches the spot under the glare of cameras and behaves as if

accountable, the Railway Minister or

you?" the Congress chief asked. Kharge posed seven questions to Why are nearly 3 lakh posts vacant in the Railways, why were they not filled in the last 10 years? According to the NCRB (2022) report, 1,00,000 people have died in rail accidents between 2017 and 2021 alone! Who will take responsibility for this?

- Mallikarjun Kharge, **Congress President** 

the govt and demanded answers. After a major accident like Balasore, why was not even a single kilometer of the much-hyped "Kavach" anti-train collision system added, he asked.

"Why are nearly 3 lakh posts vacant in the Railways, why were they not filled in the last 10 years? According to the NCRB (2022) report, 1,00,000 people have died in rail accidents between 2017 and 2021 alone! Who will take responsibility for this?" the Congress chief asked.

The Railway Board itself has admitted that the long working hours of loco pilots due to acute shortage of manpower are the main reason for the increasing number of accidents, he said and asked why were the posts not filled.

"In its  $323^{\text{rd}}$  report, the Parliamentary Standing Committee had criticised the Railways for the 'neglect' shown by the Railway Board towards the recommendations of the Commission of Railway Safety. It was underlined that the CRS investigates only 8%-10% of acci-

available every year, he asked.

railway officials on unnecessary expenses and comfort facilities, Kharge

to reduce coaches?" Kharge said.

## 1.52 L safety category posts vacant: Railways

PTI. NEW DELHI: Out of around 10 lakh sanctioned posts under the safety category in the Indian Railways, more than 1.5 lakh were vacant as of March this year, the Railway Ministry has said in response to an application under the Right to Information Act.

Safety category posts include train drivers, inspectors, crew control-REPLY lers, loco instructors,

train controllers, track maintainers, station masters, pointsmen, electric signal maintainers and signalling supervisors among others. Being directly involved in the

these posts are crucial to safe running of trains.

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"The total number of sanctioned, on roll (working) and vacant posts in safety category of Indian Railways, as available in this office, as on 01.03.2024 (provisional) are: 10.00.941. 8,48,207 and 1,52,734 respectively," the ministry said in response to the RTI application.

Responding to a question in the RTI application about vacant posts of loco pilots (mail/express/passenger/goods/shunting), the Railway Ministry said out of a total sanctioned post of 70,093, as many as 14,429 are vacant.

Chandra Shekhar Gaur, the RTI applicant based in Madhya Pradesh, said, "The response shows the Railways also suffers due to the vacancy in post of the assistant drivers. Out of the total sanctioned posts of 57,551 for assistant drivers, 4,337 are vacant." In the RTI application, Gaur

also sought to know how many new posts were created and how many posts were surrendered in the Indian Railways in the past four years.

To this, the Railways replied, "It is stated that this information is not centrally maintained in this office. It is scattered. It pertains to more than one Public Authority ie All Zonal Railways and Production Units etc." "The ministry advised me that such information can be obtained from the public authorities concerned by submitting separate applications to them under the RTI Act. I think such crucial information should be centrally maintained," Gaur said.

Railway trade unions have raised the issue of rising stress on officials and workers in the safety category due to a shortage of personnel.

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everything is fine. "Modi ji, tell us who should be held

dents, why was the CRS not strengthened?" Kharge asked. According to the CAG, why was 75% funding reduced in the 'Rashtriya Rail Suraksha Kosh' (RRSK), while Rs 20,000 crore was to be made

Why is this money being used by

"Why has travelling by train in the common Sleeper Class become very expensive? Why has the number of Sleeper Coaches been reduced? The Railway Minister recently said to use police force against the people 'overcrowding' rail coaches. But does he not know that 2.7 crore people had to cancel their tickets last year due to abysmal shortage of seats -- a direct result of Modi government's policy

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"AMBLAR" situated in Village Verna, described in the Land registration Office of Salcete under No. 9057 at folios 112V of Book B No. 35, new series and enrolled in

Ref. No.: MFMCSL/tender/375/2024-25

. To supply drinking water to the trawlers.

#### RINGE Resident of h no 247/1, Arradi vaddo Parra

Sd/-

(Francisco D'souza)

Bardez Goa has changed my name from SHREEKANT RINGE to SHRIKANT RAGHVENDRA RINGE. MANDOVI FISHERMEN MARKETING CO-OP. SOCIETY LTD Hereinafter in all my dealings and documents,I will be known

Mentioned below is the City Name and Gold Loan Numbers

CHANGE OF NAME

SHRIKANT RAGHVENDRA

by new name of as SHRIKANT RAGHVENDRA RINGE.

#### **CHANGE IN NAME**

r/o H NO 255/B, FONDAK VADDO, VERLA, CANCA BARDEZ, GOA like to change my name from JESSIE **CELINA NORONHA** to **JESSIE CELINA FERNANDES** Hereafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known by the name JESSIE **CELINA FERNANDES.** 

## I JESSIE CELINA FERNANDES

Onlice Address at I-No. 20, Lower Ground Floor North Avenue Road, Punjabi Bagh Wes Delhi, Delhi 110026, has applied for mutatior under Section 96 of L.R.C. 1968, to include their name in the occupant column under survey No. 223/9 of village Assagae, after eleting the existing name of John Dolphir equeira from the occupant column, as per eed of Sale, Book: 1 Document, Registratior umber: BRZ-1-5409-2023, dated 13/11/2023 executed before Sub Registrar Bardez Alongwith Sale Certificate/ Conveyance Deed Registration Number:- BRZ-1-3427-2023 dated 19/07/2023 and Deed of Sale, Book:1 Ocument, Registration Number: BRZ-BK1-10782-2015, CD Number BRZD762 on dated 9/02/2015, executed before Sub Registral AND WHEREAS the notices in Form no. were generated to be served to the party by egistered A/D. Party was unserved with postal emark as unserved insufficient address, party expired etc hence to be served through alternative means and so the notices are prayed to be served by way of publication in

PAWAR SUDAM BALAVANT father of Mr. Pawar Akash Sudan R/o Govt. Md Accn 5 Teach Trg Regt., Bambolim Army Camp, Goa & permanent resident of Nazare Kadepathar, Tehsil - Purandar' Dist Pune, State - Maharashtra from SUDAM to PAWAR SUDAM dealings and documents I will be

the notice of the said mutation entry an called upon to submit to me their objections y to the mutation entry within 15 days from e date of publication of this notice failing which the suitable order under the provision LRC shall be issued by the certifying officer Mapusa, Dated 18.06.2024 Sd/- Prataprao Gaunker Mamlatdar of Bardez, Mapusa, Goa

IN THE COURT OF JOINT MAMLATDAR-VI OF BARDEZ TALUKA

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Sd/- (Manoj P. Korgaonkar) Taluka, Mapusa

## **CHANGE IN NAME**

BALAVANT. Hereafter in all my known by the name PAWAF SUDAM BALAVANT.

#### IN THE COURT OF JOINT MAMLATDAR-VI OF BARDEZ TALUKA Mutation No:-93515 Village Candolim 1. Virjilio Oscar Francis Mascarenhas 2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the applicants Virjilio Oscar Francis Mascarenhas and Melissa Mascarenhas Both r/o. 65/9, Diego Vita, Plot No. 164/19, Escrivao Vaddo, Candolim, Bard, Goa, have applied for mutation under section 96 of L.R.C. 1968 xpired, incomplete address, hous ocked, not known, insufficient addres nd party out of station etc.

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Dated 18/06/2024 Place: Mapusa Jt. Mamlatdar - VI of Bardez

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#### Mann also announced the transfer of police officials at lower levels on a

mass scale across the state and added that 10,000 police personnel would be recruited to strengthen the department.

police official found in-

volved in drug trade would

be dismissed from service

and the property of traf-

fickers attached, Punjab

Chief Minister Bhagwant

Mann said on Tuesday

while announcing tough

steps to break the "nexus"

between low-rank police

officials and smugglers.

Interacting porters after a meeting with the senior superintendents of police (SSPs)

#### People watch as jilted lover bludgeons woman to death

PTI, PALGHAR: A jilted lover struck 18 blows on the head of his girlfriend with a spanner, killing her on a road in Vasai on Friday, even as scores of people watched the gory spectacle, police said.

The accused attacked the woman with an industrial spanner. There were 18 wounds on her body. senior inspector Jairaj Ranaware of Valiv police station said.

The man, Rohit Yadav (32) and the woman Arati Yadav (22) were neighbours and in a relationship for the last few years, police said. Of late, she had stopped contact with him, and he suspected that she was having an affair with someone else.

Kyun kiya aisa mere saath (why did you do this to me), the man kept saying as he continued to hit her lifeless body with the spanner. Except for a person who ventured out to intervene, the scores of bystanders remained mute spectators.

CCTV footage of the incident shows a large crowd watching the attack, but no one intervening to help the woman as the man repeatedly struck her head with the spanner, police said.

The Valiv police have registered a murder case and arrested the accused.

PTI, CHANDIGARH: Any here, Mann said the police department would see re-

Cops involved in drug trade will

be dismissed, says Punjab CM

Says smugglers' property will also be attached

During the just-concluded Lok Sabha elections, a huge quantity of drugs and cash were seized in Punjab,

the chief minister said. "We got clues from where those came and what their destinations were. We have the details," he said.

Mann said the day the model code of conduct for the Lok Sabha polls ended, he called the director general of police and told him to take further action against the drug menace.

The chief minister said police officers have been asked to transform the war against drugs into a mass

By this Public Notice, the members of the public are hereby informed that m clients subject to clear and marketable title intends to purchase the properly escribed in the Schedule, from (1) Mrs. Maria D'Souza, Daughter of Alex Bonifaci D'Souza, (2) Mr. Noel D'Souza, Husband of Maria D'Souza, (Both residents of 5586 follingworth Trail, Wesley Chapel, Florida 33545) (3) Mrs. Simone Joan Gomes Daughter of Alex Bonifacio D'Souza, (4) Mr. Anselm John Gomes Husband of Simone Gomes, (Both residents of A 901 Cornerstone CHS LTD. L.B.S. Marg Kurla West, (5) Mrs. Felcidade Theresa Mary D'Souza alias Teresa late Abel D'souza, r/o 114 Kangaroo Road, Hughesdale, Vic. 3166, Melbourne (6) Mr. Ashley Faustin Burrows alias Ashley Burrows; Son of Teres Burrows; (7) Mrs. Annabelle Burrows, Wife of Ashley Burrows, (Both residents of 7, Armadale Drv, Narre Warren Melbourne, Victoria 3805 Australia) (8) Mrs. Favo fildred Burrows alias Faye Lopes, Daughter of Teresa Burrows, (9) Mr. Agnelo Just Abel Lopes, Husband of Faye Mildred Lopes. (Both residents of 1 Baker Stree loorabbin, Vic 3189, Melbourne Australia.) (10). Mr. Brian Mario Edward Burro lias Mario Edward Burrows alias Mario Burrows, Son of Teresa Burrows, (11), Mrs Christabelle Mildred Burrows, Wife of Mario Burrows, (Both residents of 11, Alvina Street, Oakleigh South, Vic 3167 Melbourne Australia) (12) Mr. Brian Denzi Joseph Burrows alias Brian Denzil Burrows, Son of Teresa Burrows, (13) Mrs. Gillian Anna Maria Burrows, Wife of Brian Burrows, (Both residents of 3, Florence Stree Fast Bentleigh, Victoria 3165, Melhourne, Australia) (14) Mr. Kevin, Paul Burrows, So f Teresa Burrows, resident of 114, Kangaroo Road, Hughsdale Vic 3166, Melbourne ustralia. (15) Mrs. Annabelle Maria Burrows Alias Annabelle Almeida. Daughter o eresa Burrows, (16) Mr. Phillip Jude Almeida, Husband of Annabella Almeida Both residents of 114, Kangaroo Road, Hughsdale, Vic 3166 Melbourne Australia 17) Mr. Etienne Ignatius Heron Coutinho, Husband of Blossom Coutinho, r/o Anica Fround floor, 28, St. Paul's Road Bandra, West Mumbai 400050 (18) Mr. Kin Dav ayon Rodrigues alias Kin David Rodrigues, Son of late Celine Rodrigues (19) Mrs udith Belinda Rodrigues Alias Judith Belinda Rodrigues, Wife of Kin Davi Rodrigues, (Both residents of Pascol Baug 442, New Mill Road Kurla West Mumba 400070) (20) Mrs. Nicola Maria Pereira, Daughter of late Celine Rodrigues, (21) M Gene Neil Pereira, Husband of Nicola Pereira, (Both residents of Gilmerl, 46, Churc Road, Kurla West, Mumba 400070) (22) Mr. Horace D'Costa, Son of late Felicit D'Costa, (23) Mrs. Amanda D'Costa Alias Amanda Hawkins, w/o Horace D'Costa ooth residents of 3, Deers Farm, Bodicote Banbury U.K. (24) Mr. Andre Agnello D'Costa, Son of late Felicity D'Costa, (25) Mrs. Melodie Pinto Alias Melodie D'Costa Vife of Andre D'Costa, (Both residents of Kingsnoad, Crumps Lane Maidston ondon U.K.) (26) Mrs. Linda D' Souza Alias Ana Olinda Doreteo Barreto, w/o late lichael Maxmillan D'Souza, r/o 1 Mabelle Mansion, Central Avenue Road, Chembu fumbai, 400071; (27) Mrs. Sharon Francisca D'Souza Alias Sharon Francesc Souza, Daughter of Michael Maxmillan D'Souza, (28) Mr. Keith Cajetan Braganza dusband of Sharon Braganza, (Both residents of 11 Fourwinds Drive, Unit 8 oronto, M3J1K7, Ontario, Canada) (29) Mrs. Alexandria Mary Barton Alia: lexandria D'Souza, Wife of late David D'Souza, (30) Ms. Ananya Teresa D'Souza Daughter of late David D'Souza, (Both residents of 1 Mabelle Mansion, Centra Evenue Road, Chembur, Mumbai, 400071) (31) Mrs. Ruth Matilda D'Souza Alias Rutl D'Costa Daughter of late Michael Maxmillan D'Souza, (32) Mr. John Bernard D'Costa Husband of Ruth D'Costa, (Both residents of 10 Udyan Flats Nr. St. Xaviers High School, Loyola Memnagar, Ahmedabad 380052.

SCHEDULE all that immovable property known as 'Chambharchi Vahali' situated at Assagad vithin the limits of Village Panchayat of Assagao, Taluka and Sub-District of Barde: District of North Goa, admeasuring an area of 18900 sq. mts, surveyed under Survey No. 200/4 of Village Assagao, which is bounded on its sides as under:-ON THE NORTH: By the Property bearing Survey No. 200/1, 200/1-A, 200/2 and 200/3; ON THE SOUTH: By the Property bearing Survey No.138/1; ON THE EAST By the Property bearing Survey No.138/1; ON THE WEST: By the Property bearing Survey Nos. 200/14, 200/5, 200/6, 200/6-A and 200/8, hereinafter referred to a

Any person/s or bank or financial institution other than our client, having a laim and or right of whatsoever nature in and over the Said Property or an art thereof by way of sale, memorandum of understanding, gift, lease, tenance cense, inheritance, transfer, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, lien, trus uccession, possession, easement, bequeath, share, assignment, attachment, righ f way, lis-pendens, reservation, contracts, agreement, partnership, famil rrangement, settlement, maintenance, decree or order of any Court of Lav evelopment rights, consumption or any liability, commitment or demand or otherwis owsoever, may lodge his/their claim/s, if any, in writing to the undersigned ubstantiated by documentary evidence in support of the same within a period of 14 Fourteen) days from the date of publication hereof (both days inclusive) at the ffice address mentioned below, failing which, the sale of the Said Property sha e completed without reference to any such claims and the same, if any, will be onsidered as abandoned, surrendered, relinquished, released, completely, waive nd not enforceable/ binding on my clients thereafter and/or an impediment to the itle of the owner for all intents and purposes or impact the proposed transaction any manner and the title of the owner shall be treated as clear and marketable Sd/- S. V. Morajkar (Advocate)

E- 216, 2nd Floor, Saldanha Business Towers, Near Court Circle, Altinho, Mapusa e-mail: moraskarsunil@gmail.com PH: 7020988458

PUBLIC NOTICE Under the instructions of my clients MR. ANTHONY XAVIER FERNANDES alias Mr.Peregrino Fernandes, aged 83 years, married, businessman, Indian National, and his wife, MRS.ALBERTINA FERNANDES aged about 76 years, married, housewife ndian National, both residing at Posrem Bhat, Taleigao, Taluka Tiswadi, Goa, notice is the given to the general public and/or all nstitutions that my clients have revoked the nstrument of Power of Attorney dated 4th ebruary 2021 having registration no 23882 dated 4th February 2021 registered before Notary Amina Shaikh alias Phadte who is a Notary for Tiswadi Taluka, State of Goa and/or all powers, authorities given, in favour of Mrs. Natalina Estela Vaz, aged 53 years, daughter of Dionisio Desouza, w/o Mr. Peter Vaz, widow, Indian National and Miss Danira Isabel Vaz, daughter of late Mr. Peter Vaz, aged 25 years, married, Engineer Models Leisure Ventures, both residing a Bungalow D. Models Meridien, Marine

Road, Caranzalem, Ilhas, Goa 403002. That my clients have revoked the strument of Power of Attorney dated 4th ebruary 2021 executed in favour of MRS.NATALINA ESTELA VAZ and MISS DANIRA ISABEL VAZ vide Deed of

revocation dated 5th June 2024. The Public is hereby informed that my clients are not responsible for any acts done by the said MRS. NATALINA ESTELA VAZ, and MISS DANIRA ISABEL VAZ on my clients behalf and in their name, on the rength of the said Powers of Attorney

That any person(s), firms, Companies, stitutions financial or otherwise, govt odies, etc. dealing with regards to the said ower of Attorney namely the Instrumer of Power of Attorney dated 4th February 2021 having registration no 23882 dated 4th February 2021 registered before Notary Amina Shaikh alias Phadte who is a Votary for Tiswadi Taluka, State of Goa and/or all powers, authorities given with regards to Survey No 151 sub Division/s 1 k 2 Of Village Taleigao, Taluka Tiswadi, North Goa, shall do so at its own risk as to costs and consequences and we shall not be held responsible for any acts or bear the nsequences thereof.

ping that wisdom prevails. Your Lawfully

Matlock D'Souza Anthony Fernandes

part of Survey No. 146/16 of Verna Village, Salcete Taluka, South Goa district, Go State, and bounded as under: On the North: by property bearing Survey No. 146/15 of Village Verna; On the South by property bearing Survey No. 146/17 of Village Verna; On the East: by P.W.D. Road

assigning any reason

and **On the West:** by property bearing Survey No. 149/17 and 149/18 of Village Verna That the property as described above is owned by the aforementioned person, vide Judgment & order in the Court of the Civil Judge Senior Division at Margao unde case No. Spl. Inv. Proceeding No. 18/2018/I Now, thus, in the course of title scrutiny, all persons having or claiming any right, title

claim, interest, by way of inheritance, share, law of pre-emption, sale, mortgage transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, gift, devise, bequest exchange, possession, easement or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into o upon the scheduled property hereinabove described or any part thereof is/are calle upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given addres along with all the documents relating to such claim/s if any within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which I shall be at liberty to conclude that the title of the above named owners to the scheduled property is clean, clear, subsisting and marketable and my client shall be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the scheduled property and shall be always considered as bonafide purchaser in good

(Adv. Sachin R. Pai)

Shop No. 11, Ground Floor, L&L Correia's

Pride Building, Opp Mathany Saldhana

Complex. Margao Goa.: 9604622112.

Place: Margao-Goa

Date: 18/06/2024

#### No CMC/Tax Sec/ Auction/2024-2025/ Canacona Municipal Council Canacona Goa Date: 18/06/2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Notice is hereby given that public auction for grant of Right to collect Market fees (Sopo) from narket vendors occupying Municipal market and street within jurisdiction of Municipal area for the period from 01/07/2024 to 31/03/2025. And Right to collect parking fees contract and Coconut plucking contract from Municipal parking place Situated at Palolem for the period from 01/07/2024 to 31/03/2025 will be held on 26/06/2024 at 11:30 a.m. In the municipal office remises at Char-Rasta Canacona Goa

premises at Orial-Nasta Gariacona Goa.								
Sr. No.	Description of items	Initial Bid	EMD to be Deposited					
1	Right to collect market fees (Sopo) from market vendors occupying municipal market and street within jurisdiction of municipal area for the period from 01/07/2024 to 31st March 2025	3018277/-	75460/-					
2	Right to collect Parking fees and Coconut plucking fees from municipal property at Palolem in ward No. IX for the period from 01/07/2024 to 31st March 2025	2727450/-	68190/-					

Application along with terms and conditions for Participation in above auction may be obtained from this office on payment of Rs 2000/- (Non- Refundable) on or before 25/06/2024 Right to reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason is reserved with the municipal

(Mangaldas B. Gaonkar) Seen & Approved (Sara S. Naik Desai)

Canacona Goa DI/Advt/211/2024

Chairperson

Canacona Municipal Council

Chief Officer Canacona Municipal Council Canacona Goa



**US special envoy Amos** Hochstein addresses the media after meeting with Lebanon's parliament speaker in Beirut on Tuesday



An air tanker drops retardant while battling the Aero Fire in the Copperopolis community of Calaveras County, California, on Tuesday



**British Prime Minister** Rishi Sunak rides on a boat in the harbour at Clovelly, England, as he collects lobster pots on Tuesday



Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during a state memorial ceremony for the victims of the 1948 Altalena affair, in Tel Aviv

# S Korean soldiers fire warning shots after N Korean troops cross border

## About 20 to 30 North Korean soldiers carrying work tools crossed borderline, which South Korean military says was 'by accident'

PTI, SEOUL: South Korean troops fired warning shots to repel North Korean soldiers who briefly crossed the rivals' heavily fortified land border Tuesday for the second time this month, the South's military said. Both incursions were believed to be unintentional.

Around 20 to 30 North Korean soldiers who were doing construction work crossed the military demarcation line that serves as the border between the two countries in the Demilitarized Zone, according to South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff. The soldiers retreated after the South broadcasted warnings and



North Korean soldiers work at an undisclosed location near the border area, as seen from a South Korean guard area

fired warning shots, and the South's military didn't spot any suspicious activity after that, the joint chiefs said.

The border area is dense with overgrown trees and plants, and the North Ko-

rean soldiers may have not known exactly where the border was, according to the South's military, which said it doesn't believe

the soldiers deliberately

North did not return fire. The intrusion comes as tensions rise between the rivals, who in recent weeks have engaged in Cold War-style psychological warfare and made it clear they are no longer bound by their landmark

military agreement in

2018 to reduce tensions.

Troops from the South also fired warning shots on June 11 after another group of North Korean soldiers briefly crossed the border. The Joint Chiefs of Staff said that Tuesday's incursion occurred in a different area along the cen-

tral front-line region.

fied border area, referred to as the Demilitarized Zone, has occasionally been a site of bloodshed and violent confrontations between the rivals. The military demarcation line marks the border between the two Koreas within the DMZ, which is 248 kilometers (154 miles) long and 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) wide.

The zone is strewn with an estimated 2 million mines and also guarded by barbed wire fences, tank traps and combat troops on both sides. It's a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War. which ended with an armi-

## Chinese forces seize 2 navy boats in disputed shoal, injuring sailors, say Philippine officials

PTI, MANILA: Chinese forces seized two Philippine rubber boats that were delivering food and other supplies to a military outpost in a disputed South China Sea shoal in a tense confrontation in which some Filipino navy personnel were injured, Philippine security officials said Tuesday.

The United States renewed a warning Tuesday that it is obligated to defend the Philippines, a treaty ally, a day after the hourslong hostilities in Second Thomas Shoal.

The shoal has been occupied by a small Philippine navy contingent aboard a long-grounded warship that has been closely monitored by China's coast guard and navy in a yearslong territorial standoff.

There is fear that territorial disputes in the South China Sea, long regarded as an



A China Coast Guard ship (R) sailing past a Philippine fishing boat with volunteers from the civilian-led mission 'Atin Ito' (This Is Ours) Coalition on board, in the disputed China Sea

Asian flashpoint, could escalate and pit the United States and China in a larger conflict. China and the Philippines blamed each other for Monday's hostilities, the most serious in recent months, but provided few details.

A Philippine government task force overseeing the territorial disputes con-

demned what it said were dangerous maneuvers, including ramming and towing which disrupted an effort to transport food, water and other supplies to the Filipinos manning the territorial outpost on the grounded ship, the BRP Sierra Madre, at the shoal. It

## AI could help spread false & misleading information on Holocaust, UNESCO report warns

PTI, WASHINGTON: A United Nations agency is warning that developments in artificial intelligence could spawn a new surge in Hol-

A report published on Tuesday by UNE-SCO concludes that AI could result in false and misleading claims about the Holocaust spreading online, either because of flaws in the programmes or because hate groups and Holocaust deniers will intentionally use AI programmes to generate content that falsely calls into question the murder of Jews and other groups by the Nazis.

One of the biggest concerns is that AI could be used to create so-called deepfakes of the Holocaust realistic images or videos that could be

PTI, MUMBAI: The Re-

serve Bank of India Gov-

ernor Shaktikanta Das

on Tuesday said it is "too

premature" to change the

monetary policy stance

and the apex bank has to

proach on the rates front.

Das said the Reserve

Bank is monitoring the

high trading volumes in

the futures and options

segment along with

SEBI, but any action on it

will be taken by the mar-

"adventurism" ap-

used to suggest the Holocaust didn't happen or was exaggerated. That could lead to greater antisemitism and a lack of understanding of a key moment in 20th-century history. The report noted that some AI-assisted programmes allow users to interact with simulated historical figures,

including prominent Nazis like Adolf Hitler. If we allow the horrific facts of the Holocaust

Too premature to shift

RBI policy stance: Das

Warns that any form of adventurism has to be shunned

9.82 **A 2.82%** FOOD INFLATION

to be diluted, distorted or falsified through the irresponsible use of AI, we risk the explosive spread of antisemitism and the gradual diminution of our understanding about the causes and consequences of these atrocities," Audrey Azoulay said in a statement accompanying the report.

Widespread use of AI for assistance in education, research and writing are increasing the

voice of business

likelihood that unreliable data and artificial intelligence hallucinations could increase public misunderstandings about the Holocaust, even inadvertent ones. AI programs whose understanding of the world is based on relatively narrow sources can also return incomplete or misleading responses when asked about the Holocaust.

#### businessday



Actor Sunny Leone speaks during the inauguration of the flagship store of Naturals Naturals BAE (Beauty and Experiences), a hair and beauty salon chain in Bengaluru, on Tuesday

#### currency **US Dollar** 105.80 **British Pound** 89.54 Euro **Russian Ruble** 00.94 271.77 **Kuwaiti Dinar** Bahraini Dinar 221.71 22.90 Qatari Riyal

Silver (Rs/Kg) 88,758 Gold (Rs/10gm) 71,540 Sensex 77301.14 23557.90

#### kets regulator. RBI **STANCE**

He also said that there is a possibility that the current account deficit for the March quarter, scheduled to be announced next week, will come below the figure of 1.2% for the first nine months of fiscal year 2023-24.

For the first nine months of the fiscal, CAD moderated to 1.2% of GDP, from 2.6% of GDP in the corresponding period

increased investments.

FITCH RATINGS

In June update to its global eco-

nomic outlook report, Fitch said

it expects inflation to decline to

4.5% by end of this year and RBI

to cut policy interest rates by 25

**OUTLOOK** 

basis points to 6.25%.

#### Inflation rises as Cereals, Paddy, Onions, Potatoes, Milk, Egg, Wheat 6.00 Meat and Fish get Costlier Vegetables 32.42 64.05 58.05 5.81 Milk 3.61 0.68 OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR GRAPHICS,

a year ago on the back of a lower merchandise trade deficit.

Cereals 9.01

Amid talks of increased inflows after the country's inclusion in global bond indices, the Governor said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will keep on building reserves to act as necessary tools to contain volatilities in the future. As part of its reserves diversification strategy, it will continue adding gold.

The RBI is confident

of the economy growing at its projection of 7.2% in FY25, Das said, underlining that the number is a conservative estimate

sis is pointing to higher-than-estimated growth in the June quarter. On inflation, he said even though the core inflation has come down. the food inflation continues to be elevated and there are uncertainties

and its internal analy-

around that as well. It is too premature to

change the stance of the policy, and any form of adventure must be shunned, Das said, adding that the central bank continues to be watchful on this front.

six-member rate-setting panel has persisted with the current withdrawal of accommodation" stance and held on to the current repo rate by opting for a status quo in eight consecutive bi-monthly reviews.

However, the number of dissenters in the committee has grown to two now. Reiterating his com-

ments made earlier. Das said it is the last mile of inflation which is the most sticky.

Inflation is moderating but at a fairly slow pace, he said, adding that the RBI is confident that the downward journey of inflation will continue albeit at a slow pace. "If the downward move on inflation were to be fastened, we will have to take into account the sacrifices on the growth front," he said.

## M-cap of BSE-listed cos hit record high

PTI. NEW DELHI: The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms hit a new record high of Rs 437.24 lakh crore on Tuesday amid an optimistic trend in equities where the BSE Sensex maintained the record-breaking run and hit another lifetime closing high level.

Rising for the fourth straight session, the 30-share BSE benchmark climbed 308.37 points or 0.4% to settle at a new closing peak of 77,301.14. During the day, it jumped 374 points or 0.48% to hit the fresh lifetime peak of 77,366.77.

The positive trend in equities took the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms to a new record high of Rs 4,37,24,261.40 crore (\$5.24 trillion).

In four days, the investors' wealth has risen by Rs 10.29 lakh crore.

"Key benchmark indices continued their record-breaking spree as renewed FII buying interest coupled with moderating domestic inflation has raised hopes of a rate cut by this year-end.

"Although monsoon has made a steady start, investors are hoping for a pickup in rain activity over the next few weeks that would boost consumption, par-

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ticularly rural areas, and prop up overall growth in the remaining quarters of this fiscal," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research) at Mehta Equities Ltd. said.

Among the 30 Sensex companies, Power Grid, Wipro, Titan, ICICI Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, Infosys, JSW Steel and State Bank of India were the biggest gainers.

In contrast, Maruti. Tata Steel, UltraTech Cement, Tata Motors, ITC and Tata Consultancy Services were among the laggards.

anticipated to strike a balance between growth and populism.

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Investment will continue to rise but more slowler than in recent quarters, while consumer spending will recover with elevated consumer confi-

dence, it said. For the fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, Fitch projected growth rates of 6.5% and 6.2%, respectively.

Fitch's estimates for FY25 are in line with that of RBI which earlier this month projected In-

#### We expect the Indian economy to expand by a strong 7.2% in FY24/25 (an upward revision of 0.2 pp from the March GEO)

Fitch raises India's FY25 growth forecast to 7.2% on higher consumer spending, rising investment

Fitch Ratings

dian economy to expand 7.2% in the current fiscal on the back of improving rural demand and moderating inflation.

While the Asian Development Bank (ADB) estimates growth at 7%, S&P Global Ratings and Morgan Stanley project growth rate of 6.8%.

Moody's Ratings and Deloitte India estimates India's GDP to grow at 6.6% in 2024-25 fiscal.

The Indian economy grew 8.2% in the last fiscal (2023-24), with a 7.8% expansion in March quarter.

Fitch said purchasing managers survey data point to continued growth at the start of the current financial year.

It said signs of the coming monsoon season being more normal should support growth and make inflation less volatile, though a recent heatwave poses a risk.

"We expect growth in later years to slow and approach our medium-term trend estimate," it said, adding growth will be driven by consumer spending and investment.

Consumer price inflation has only edged down since the start of the calendar year, with annual inflation at 4.7% in May from 5.7% in December 2023.

According to official forecasts, rainfall during June-September is likely to be above average, Fitch said, adding this should limit the inflationary risks from food price spikes.

"We expect headline inflation to continue declining to 4.5% by calendar year-end, and average 4.3% in 2025 and 2026, staying slightly above the midpoint of its target range (4%+/- 2%)," Fitch said.





SWISS MUSEUM REMOVES ART OVER NAZI LOOTING FEARS



BARBARA GLADSTONE, LEGENDARY NEW YORK DEALER DIES AT 89

# The pursuit of knowledge through reading

The National Reading Day is celebrated on June 19 each year in India. The purpose of celebrating the day is to spread awareness about the importance of reading especially to make young people aware of the various books. In Goa, several libraries are attracting the attention of children and young adults to bring them closer to books which can expand their imagination

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une 19 is celebrates as National Reading Day in India and starting from this day, the week is celebrated as Reading Week to celebrate reading and growth. The Reading Month is celebrated from June 19 to July 18 which makes it a wonderful time to start building the habit of reading. In India, National Reading Day is observed on PN Panicker's death anniversary. Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker is known as the father of the library movement because he founded 47 local libraries under the Thiruvithaamkoor Granthasala Sangham or the Travancore Library Association, which was founded in 1945. In 1956, it was changed to Kerala Gran Sasara Sangam (KGS). There was also a commemorative stamp issued in his name on June 21, 2004.

Manali S Acharya, college librarian, St Joseph Vaz College, Cortalim says, "National Reading Month is not just about remembering PN Panicker, it is a call to action to encourage reading habits nationwide. The celebration has several key benefits which includes enhancing literacy rates by encouraging reading from a young age helps improve literacy, which is crucial for education and economic growth. Secondly, promoting critical thinking as reading develops critical thinking and exposes people to diverse ideas, leading to a more informed society. Thirdly, cultivating a reading culture by making reading a daily habit fosters a lifelong love for learning and knowledge. Fourthly, reducing the digital divide as National Reading Month promotes traditional reading alongside digital media, balancing screen time and reading time for better cognitive development.

In a one of a kind library in Goa, Child's Play India Foundation opened a Classical Music Library which has books on fiction, nonfiction, reference, music magazines, books for teachers, sheet music, music exam books, coffee-table books, colouring pages, and much more for music enthusiast. An initiative of Dr Luis and Chryselle Dias, the library was in the pipeline for a long time. However, during the Covid Pandemic, they finally had time to put their own personal collection and more books to set up the library. The library is open from Monday to Saturday at the Child's Play India Foundation in St Inez, Panjim.

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Manali S Acharya, college librarian

history, music theory to the lives and works of the great composers. Many of our students don't have internet access all the time so these books will make an enormous difference to their learning. Donors' names are inscribed in the books as a thank you for the qift," says Chryselle.

Children as young as toddlers can visit the library and listen to the music if they can't read the books. "We also have NCPA books and BBC Music books as part of the collection. We had many books and some we developed as we sent out a wish list of books which were

on't have around 50-60 books which can be assessed by any age group," adds Chryselle.
In her 36 years career as a senior librarian, Maria Ana Pavia has seen different generations read through books at the Goan History Section

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Maria Ana Pavia has seen different generations read through books at the Goan History Section at the Goa Central Library. Being the only library with books on Goa dating back to the 1800s, she came across people from different walks of life who wanted to learn more about Goa through the library. "There was a good response for reading earlier. Now, students who want to refer from their projects and assignments and elderly readers visit

the library. There are many foreigners who visited the library for their research on various topics related to Goa," says Maria, who

retired in 2022.
Starting her job in 1986 at the Old
Central Library in Panjim, she was there
when the entire library was shifted to
the new location at Patto. The place
too makes a difference, "At Panjim,
there was a lot more parking and since it
was in the city, there were many more
people who visited the library. There
is still a good footfall in the other
sections of the library at Patto. Since
the Goan History section is based
on research oriented books, it has
books in English, Hindi, Marathi, Romi
Konkani, Devnagri Konkani, Portuguese

and French. According to the Book Deliviery Act, it is compulsory for a book printed and published in Goa to submit three copies of the book, free of cost to the library," says Maria.

The love of reading in children is inculcated by their parents at a young age. As parents spend quality time with their children pouring over a book, it is what they are reading that makes them fall in love with literature. Daughter of Nirmal and Assavri Kulkarni, Naia was one of the youngest readers to register at the Central Library, Panjim. This class 3 student of Shiksha Niketan, Porvorim, was only two and a half years old when she was regularly taken to the library. Now a voracious reader, she makes it a point to carry at least one book and one bird guide on her travel away from home. "When Naia was born, we sent out an email to all our family and friends and informed them that they can send us books instead of gifts for Naia to read as she grows up. We have loads of books and now the collection has grown to two cupboards of books for her reading pleasure," says noted photographer, Assavri.

Naia adds, "I love science which is my favourite subject in school but I love reading all books. I enjoy my visits to different libraries in Goa and I make it a point to visit bookshops at the airports when I am travelling with my parents. I love reading





books by Romulus Whitaker, Ruskin Bond, Enid Blyton and Sudha Murthy."

It is important that children read every day, as this helps them build background knowledge, enhances vocabulary, exposes them to new cultures and concepts, and encourages them to make connections with characters experiencing a variety of emotions. This National Reading Day, let children choose their books. Children get excited about reading, and that happens when they are encouraged to choose their own books.

# Honouring the bond of grandparents

Pio Esteves

Tiatr: 'Grandma'
Cast: Roma, Antonette de Maina,
Franky Gonsalves, Aleka, Aliva,
Samenca, Jr Reagan, comedian Sally,
Myron, Richard
Director: Sammy Tavares
Band: Norman Cardozo (keyboard),
Madonna (saxophone), Jeslyn
Rodrigues (trumpet), Stacy (bass),
Fevila (drums)
Stage/Lights: Anthony de
Ambaji, Dinesh

he story revolves around Kevin (Franky Gonsalves), his spouse Olga (Antonette de Maina), their child (Aliva) who is a person with disabilities and Kevin's aged mother (Roma). The grandmother and the grandchild have a special bond and it is inseparable. They care for each other in their own little way and it is visibly expressed in the family.

Undoubtedly, Kevin has affection towards his fragile mother, but he is entwined to his dictatorial wife and all her diktats. Instead of focusing on her family and her child, Olga is preoccupied with only those things that interest her.

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Olga ill-treats her mother-in-law and gets all her household work done by her. She waits for a single opportunity to despise and criticize her.

Maina portrays Gonsalves exte

One fine day, when the grandmother takes seriously ill and is confined to the wheelchair, ill-treatment by the daughter-in-law reaches its peak. As she will be forced to do everything in the house, what next step does Olga take? Will it help in the overall growth of the grandchild?



Sammy Tavares' monsoon tiatr 'Grandma' focuses on the cordial relationship between grandparents and grandchildren. The special and unique bond that prevails between them has been highlighted in the drama.

The play moves at snail's pace in the first half, but gains momentum in the second half, with the

peak in the concluding scene.
The artistes have given a fine performance on stage. Roma wins sympathy for the apt role of a grandmother. Antonette de

Maina portrays her negative role with ease. Franky Gonsalves extends good support to the cast with his unique act. Child artiste, Aliva is the centre of attraction and delivers well. Jr Reagan, Aleka make brief entries on stage. The scene before the interval is worth the watch.

In the comic acts, comedian Sally takes along with him Samenca, Myron and Richard and the four

comedians deliver a good number of laughter pills to the audience.

In the category of songs, the opening song is rendered by Aleka, but the blowing instrumentalists Madonna and Jeslyn hop on stage to continue with the song, followed by Fevila on the drums and it is a treat to the ears and eyes.

There are solos from Lawry Travasso (a tribute to Minguel Rod, M Boyer and William de Curtorim), Jr Reagan, Roma and Sammy Tavares, which is a testimony. There are other songs by Richard and Myron, Antonette de Maina and Jr Reagan, Roma and Antonette de Maina. A political solo by Saby de Divar, another song by Lawry and Saby de Divar and a rendition by Jr Reagan, Richard and Myron receive encore. A quartet went amiss in the drama. The live music offstage led by Norman Cardozo and the band of girls deserve appreciation.

The stage sets are by Anthony de Ambaji and the lights have been handled by Dinesh.





# stateofthearts



## Swiss museum removes art over Nazi looting fears

One of Switzerland's leading art museums says it will remove five paintings from one of its exhibitions while it investigates whether they were looted by the Nazis.

The works - part of a collection at the Kunsthaus Zurich museum - are by some of the world's most acclaimed artists, including Claude Monet and Vincent van Gogh.

There have long been suspicions about the provenance of works in the Emil Bührle Collection - named after a German-born arms dealer who made his fortune during World War Two by making and selling weapons to the Nazis.

The decision to remove the paintings comes following the publication of new guidelines aimed at dealing with the large number of cultural works that have still not been returned to the families they were stolen from The artworks that are under investigation are 'Jardin de Monet à Giverny' by Claude Monet, 'Portrait of the Sculptor Louis-Joseph' by Gustave Courbet, 'Georges-Henri Manuel' by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, 'The Old Tower' by Vincent van Gogh, and 'La route montante' by Paul Gauguin.

The foundation board for the Emil Buhrle Collection said in a statement it was "committed to seeking a fair and equitable solution for these works with the legal successors of the former owners, following best practices".

overall historical circumstances the sale the Foundation is prepared to offer a financial contribution to the estate of Max Silberberg

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Silberberg was a German Jewish industrialist whose extensive art collection was sold at forced auctions by the Nazis. It is thought he was murdered at the Auschwitz Nazi death camp during the Holocaust. According to the Neue Zürcher Zeitung newspaper, there has been debate about whether Silberberg was forced to sell 'La Sultane' or whether he freely did so for financial reasons

More than 20 countries, including Switzerland, agreed earlier this year to new best practices from the US State Department about how to deal with Nazi-looted art.

They were issued to mark the 25th anniversary of the 1998 Washington Conference Principles, which laid out a set of principles aimed at making restitution for items that were either stolen or forcibly sold

The principles are an important recourse for families seeking to recover looted art as, under Swiss law, no legal claims for restitution or compensation can be made today for works from the Bührle collection due to statutes of limitations.

Stuart Eizenstat, the US secretary of state's special advisor on Holocaust issues, said during the announcement of the best practices in March that it was estimated "over 100,000 of the 600,000 paintings and many more of the millions of books, manuscripts, ritual religious items, and other cultural objects stolen have never been returned".

Up to his death in 1956, Bührle amassed a collection of about 600 artworks. A large number of these are managed by the Bührle Foundation and have been on display at the Kunsthaus as part of a 20-year loan. The rest are said to hang in the homes of Bührle's surviving relatives.

## Barbara Gladstone, legendary New York dealer dies at 89

Dbuilt one of the top galleries in New York, died in Paris following a brief illness at 89. The gallery confirmed her death in an email. Her gallery, Gladstone Gallery, currently has locations in New York, Brussels, Seoul, and Rome. It has amassed a roster studded with celebrated artists, among them Matthew Barney, Alex Katz, Joan Jonas, Wangechi Mutu, Keith Haring, Robert Rauschenberg, Carrie Mae Weems, Arthur Jafa, and many more.

She opened her gallery in New York in 1980, and rose to become one of the city's most notable dealers. In 1980, when Gladstone opened her gallery, she was twice divorced and a mother of three sons. She was an art history professor at Hofstra University at the time, and she had been collecting prints because they were obtainable for lower prices than artworks in other mediums. Subscribing to a newsletter dedicated to prints spurred her to getting into the business of selling the ones in her holdings

She began seeking out artists who were showing at alternative spaces but lacked commercial representation. Then



she would cultivate relationships with those artists and sell their works on paper through her gallery.

When she started her gallery, Gladstone was paying \$700 for a space on 57th Street that she described as being "the size of a shoebox." Her ambitions quickly exceeded her means, and she later moved to a bigger space in SoHo, where she began to show cutting-edge art by artists who were not so established.

Further signs of Gladstone's business savvy arrived in 1996, when, with the

galleries Matthew Marks and Metro Pictures, her enterprise bought a 29,000-square-foot space in Chelsea. The neighborhood was not yet a budding art district, though it would in the coming decades become one.

Then, in 2002, she doubled down on Chelsea, bringing on the dealer Curt Marcus to help man her operations there. She had officially moved her gallery out of SoHo less than a year beforehand.

Her legacy is abundantly evident in the art world. Many artists who passed through her gallery have gone on to ascend to the art world's highest ranks: Jenny Holzer, the

subject of a current Guggenheim Museum survey, had some of her earliest shows with Gladstone, and Richard Prince was represented by the dealer before he joined the mega-gallery Gagosian.

In the past few years, Gladstone said she had taken a step back from certain tasks at the gallery. She described a healthy relationship between some of the high-ranking figures at her gallery. Max Falkenstein, who joined the gallery in 2002, currently serves as senior partner; Gavin Brown serves as partner alongside Caroline Luce and Paula Tsai.

## CME prog on **Medullary Thyroid**

There will be a Continuing Medical Education (CME) Carcinoma in the Pathology Prabhu Desai - Department of Rao - Department of Surgery, GMC, Naik - Department of Pathology, Venue: Goa Medical College.

# Carcinoma at GMC

programme on Medullary Thyroid Department's seminar room at Goa Medical College, Bambolim. The CME will be chaired by Dr R G Wiseman Pinto - Professor and Head of GMC's Pathology Department and President of Asian Society of Cytopathology. The speakers are Dr Sharvari Endocrinology, GMC; Dr Sunidhi -Department of ENT, GMC; Dr Anish Dr Sanchita Sawal - Department of Biochemistry, GMC; and Dr Kalyan GMC. The topics to be covered include incidence, clinical features, laboratory tests, biopsy, imaging, diagnosis, gross, microscopic, prognosis, types and treatment of Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma. The CME is open to doctors and medical students

## **DKA celebrates the birth anniversary of Reginaldo Fernandes**

algado Konknni Akademi celebrated the birth anniversary of Reginaldo Fernandes at Reginald Fernandes Conference Hall, Panjim. The chief guest for the celebration was Alexyz, a writer and cartoonist, who stated that, "We need to promote the literature of Reginaldo through graphic images."

Salvador Fernandes, son of Reginaldo Fernandes, Celso Fernandes, DKA President, William Fernandes, vice-president, Fr Myron J Barreto, secretary, Afonso Braganza, treasurer and Vincy Quadros, former president of DKA were present on



Reginaldo Fernandes was born on June 14, 1914, in the village of Siolim. He was Goa's finest and

popularly known as Romanxincho Patxai who has written more than 150 novels. He has contributed a lot in the field of music too. **DKA** president Celso Fernandes

briefed about the work that needs to be undertaken to promote the work of Reginaldo. Vincy Quadros spoke on the life and on the books of Reginaldo namely, 'Pisuddlolo Gulab' and 'Singapurcho Savkar'. Pio Esteves presented a critical evaluation on the Reginaldo's book, 'Nansachea Kottan'. At the beginning, all those present on the dais garlanded the portrait of Reginaldo Fernandes. Fr Myron Barreto welcomed the gathering and William Fernandes proposed the vote of thanks. Sonia Gomes was the compere for the event.

### Art show for persons with disabilities

An art exhibition for persons with disabilities to showcase their talent will be held soon at the Museum of Goa (MOG), Pilerne. "Being held in collaboration with the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Goa, 'Art Inc.' will showcase the artworks of persons with disabilities. The exhibition will serve as a space that fosters artistic aspirations and allows for discussions around art and disability," said Sharada Kerkar, operational head at MOG and cofounder of Children's Art Studio (CAS) at Pilerne.

Artists with disabilities are encouraged to participate and submit their creative proposals for this exhibition by June 23. The MOG and its collaborators will support selected artists throughout the exhibition. with all the proceeds from the artwork sale directed towards the artists.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Guruprasad Pawaskar stated, "We are excited to join forces with 'Art Inc.' for this first-of-its-kind inclusive art event, which highlights the remarkable creativity within our disabled community. This initiative not only provides a valuable platform for artists with disabilities but also underscores our dedication to fostering an environment where everyone can contribute and enjoy our cultural landscape."

Applicants can submit high-resolution images of up to five artworks via the application form, along with relevant information. The exhibition will accept sculptures, paintings, photographs and digital prints from Goa-based artists of all ages, who fall under the category of PwD. Applications on behalf of organisations and studios are also accepted. No formal art training is required.

The exhibition is being held in collaboration with not-for-profit organisation EnAble India and International Purple Fest Goa, and is curated by writer and art consultant Samira Sheth. "We will follow a rigorous though supportive curation process focused on bringing artworks of quality to those who appreciate good art. 'Art Inc.' is a wonderful opportunity to pick up artworks at reasonable prices and support artists with disabilities in the process," said Samira.

### prolific Roman Konkani writer, Feast of St Anthony celebrated at Deussua

The Feast of St Anthony was celebrated at St Anthony Chapel, Deussua which was attended by many devotees of the Saint. There is a relic at Deussua Chapel in the form of a piece of tongue of St Anthony, which was brought from the Cathedral at Padua in Italy. The main celebrant for the Feast Mass was Fr Albano Fernandes, director of Diocesan Family Service Centre, Margao besides other concelebrants, Fr Aires Furtado. Fr Ancy D'Cunha, chaplin of this chapel was also a concelebrant and wished everyone a happy feast.





Bambolim

Date: June 20

Time: 3 pm

#### Meet the Tiatr artistes iatr Academy of Goa invites artistes of repute to

interact with their fans/followers and other tiatr loving people. Such a meeting helps the audience to know more in detail about the artiste. It also helps TAG to create documentation for its library in order to preserve it for posterity. Well-known tiatr personalities, Domingos Fernandes (Domnic) and Malita Fatima Braganza will be the artistes at TAG's 'Meet the Tiatr Artiste' programme. The programme will be anchored by well-known tiatr personality Aniceto Lourenco. Venue: Black Box, Ravindra Bhavan, Margao

Date: June 20 Time: 3.30 pm

#### Muse-o-Minutes

The Museum of Christian Art will organise Muse-o-Minutes, a PowerPoint Night. This exciting event invites participants to share their passion on any topic they love. Whether it's a hobby, idea or a unique fascination, prepare a presentation to enlighten and entertain the audience. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn something new, meet like-minded people, and have a lot of fun. One can also enjoy the show, engage in lively discussions, and be inspired by diverse topics.

Venue: Museum of Christian Art, Old Goa Date: June 22 | Time: 6 pm onwards

#### **Sgraffito Workshop**

nenowned for his multifaceted artistic expressions, Ramdas Gadekar, an interdisciplinary artist hailing from Vasco, is set to impart his expertise in a Sgraffito Workshop. Ramdas's artistic journey, shaped by his diverse skills in print-making, murals, and hand-built pottery, has garnered widespread acclaim across India. A graduate of the esteemed Goa College of Art, his creations have graced numerous exhibitions, from the United Artfair in New Delhi in 2012 to the Histories of Goa at the Museum of Goa in Panjim in 2020.

Describing ceramics as both meditative and suspenseful, Ramdas' approach to the

Herald Gaming Console

craft transcends mere technique, reflecting a deep-seated connection with his surroundings. Drawing inspiration from the natural world and local issues. Ramdas' art serves as a medium for societal commentary and personal introspection. Rooted in his native town of Bicholim, Ramdas' artistic vision reflects the unique juxtaposition of industrial landscapes and cultural heritage that defines modern-day Goa. At the upcoming Sgraffito Workshop,

participants will have the rare opportunity to delve into the intricate world of ceramic plate creation under Ramdas' expert guidance. From



the nuances of glazing to exploring surface design techniques, attendees will embark on a transformative journey through the art of ceramics, gaining invaluable insights into the creative process.

Venue: Carpe Diem Art Centre, Majorda Date: June 28 to 30 Time: 4 pm - 6.30 pm

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60- For \_\_\_ a jolly...



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#### Instructions for Sudoku

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

the nine boxes

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Britain's King Charles III reacts as he arrives to attend the first day of the Royal Ascot horse racing meeting in Ascot, west of London, on Tuesday

#### Sikh murder plot suspect pleads not quilty in US court

NEW YORK: An Indian national extradited to the United States from the Czech Republic pleaded not guilty on Monday to involvement in an alleged plot to kill a Sikh separatist leader on US soil. Nikhil Gupta, 52, who was detained at Prague airport in June 2023 on a US warrant, arrived in the United States on Friday. Gupta appeared before a federal magistrate judge in New York on Monday and pleaded not guilty to charges of murderfor-hire, according to court filings. "This extradition makes clear that the Justice Department will not tolerate attempts to silence or harm American citizens," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement. The Justice Department unsealed the charges against Gupta in November, accusing him of conspiring with an unidentified Indian government official to kill a US citizen of Indian origin in New York City.

#### Peru to probe child sex abuse claims at indigenous schools

LIMA: The government of Peru said Monday it would investigate sex abuse allegations leveled by hundreds of indigenous children against teachers in a jungle region of the South American country. A total of 524 cases of rape and abuse dating as far back as 2010 have been reported by girls and boys from the Awajun Indigenous group who attended public schools in the Condorcangui province in Peru's north. The alleged crimes at school residences were revealed last month by Rosemary Pioc, representative of an Awajun women's association. "We have to investigate the facts: we'll stand with the victims," government spokesman Alberto Adrianzen told foreign correspondents Monday.

#### Thailand's Thaksin indicted for insulting monarchy

BANGKOK: Thai prosecutors on Tuesday formally indicted influential former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra under the kingdom's strict royal insult laws over comments he made nearly a decade ago. The case against the 74-year-old billionaire, twice elected premier and ousted in a 2006 military putsch, is one of four before the courts that could unleash fresh political instability in the coup-prone kingdom. Thaksin, the patriarch of the Pheu Thai party that leads the coalition government, appeared at Bangkok's Ratchada Criminal Court accused of majeste over an interview he gave to South Korean media in 2015. Thailand has some of the world's strictest royal defamation laws protecting King Maha Vajiralongkorn and his close family, with each charge bringing a potential 15-year prison sentence.

### Philippine court finds four policemen guilty in drug war killings MANILA: Four Philippine policemen were found guilty

Tuesday of killing a father and son, court officials said, in a rare case of law enforcement officers being prosecuted for taking part in former president Rodrigo Duterte's deadly drug war. The low-ranking officers were all sentenced to up to 10 years in prison for the shooting deaths of the two victims at a Manila slum during an antidrug police operation in 2016, Manila regional trial court judge Rowena Alejandria said in her written verdict that was read in court Tuesday. Luis Bonifacio was 45 and his son Gabriel Bonifacio was 19 when they were killed. Thousands of drug suspects were killed by police and unknown gunmen in a campaign that became the centrepiece of Duterte's 2016-2022 rule, a crackdown that critics described as state-sponsored extrajudicial killings and is now a subject of an investigation by the International Criminal Court.

#### Finn suspected of abusing hundreds of children online

HELSINKI, (FINLAND): A Finnish man is suspected of committing sex crimes against more than 200 children on video chat platform Omegle and other social media, Finnish police said on Tuesday. He is suspected of contacting "more than 200 minors" aged six to 15 across Finland via video chat, most of them girls, and asking them to "dress scantily and perform sexual acts" in front of the web camera, police said. The man in his 30s, whose name has not been disclosed, has been in custody since April, accused of aggravated sexual assault against children, sexual exploitation of children and grooming. His initial contacts with the alleged victims were on Omegle and, in some cases, then continued on other social media platforms, police said.

#### Japan brand launches first film camera in 20 years

TOKYO: A new Pentax film camera will be launched for the first time in two decades as demand for retro photography rises among young people, its Japanese manufacturer said on Tuesday. "The popularity of film cameras has grown rapidly in recent years especially among young photographers who have experienced this type of camera for the first time," Ricoh Imaging Company said in a press release. Film snaps have a "distinctive, somewhat nostalgic ambience" different to digital camera photos, it said.

# **US** to ease immigration pathway for spouses of US citizens

# Half a million immigrants could eventually get US citizenship under new plan from US President Joe Biden

PTI, WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden is taking an expansive election year step to offer relief to potentially hundreds of thousands of immigrants without legal status in the US, aiming to balance his own aggressive crackdown on the southern border earlier this month that enraged advocates and many Democratic lawmakers.

The White House announced Tuesday that the Biden administration will, in the coming months, allow certain spouses of US citizens without legal status to apply for permanent residency and eventually citizenship. The move could affect upwards of half a million immigrants, according to senior administration officials.

To qualify, an immigrant must have lived in the United States for 10 years as of Monday and be married to



US President Joe Biden explains the New Citizenship Plan

a US citizen. If a qualifying immigrant's application is approved, he or she would have three years to apply for a green card and receive a temporary work permit and be shielded from deportation in the meantime.

About 50,000 noncitizen children with a parent who is married to a US citizen could also potentially qualify for the same process, according to senior administration officials who briefed reporters on the proposal on the condition of anonymity. There is no requirement on how long the couple must have been married, and no one becomes eligible after Mon-

day. That means immigrants

who reach that 10-year mark

after Monday will not qualify

for the program, according to the officials.

Senior administration officials said they anticipate the process will be open for applications by the end of the summer, and fees to apply have yet to be determined.

Biden will speak about his plans at a Tuesday event at the White House, which will also mark the 12th anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, a popular Obama-era directive that offered deportation protections and temporary work permits for young immigrants who lack legal status.

White House officials privately encouraged Democrats in the House, which is in recess this week, to travel back to Washington to attend the announcement.

The move could eventually make citizens of many of the

estimated 1.1 million people who are married in to US citizens but, until now, must leave the country for years to obtain legal status. Claudia Zniga, of Houston, married a man who was in the United States since 2007 but left for Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, after they wed in 2017 to bide time

until he could return legally.

Zuniga, 35, said her fam-

ily's life did a 180-degree turn when her husband moved to Mexico. Reuniting with her husband would be a dream come true." "My husband could be with us," she said. "We could focus on the well-being of our children." The Democratic president will also announce new regulations that will allow certain DACA beneficiaries and other young immigrants to more easily qualify for long-established work visas.

### Sri Lanka **Navy arrests** four Indian fishermen

PTI, COLOMBO: Four Indian fishermen were arrested and their trawler seized early on Tuesday by the Sri Lanka Navy for allegedly poaching in the island nation's waters, taking the total number of such arrests to more than 180 this year.

In the latest incident of alleged poaching by Indians, one Indian trawler was seized and four fishermen were arrested early on Tuesday around the northern islet of Delft in the Jaffna peninsula, Sri Lanka Navy said here.

Including Tuesday's arrests, a total of 182 Indian fishermen have been arrested and 25 of their trawlers seized so far in 2024 for alleged illegal fishing in Sri Lankan waters, the Navy said.

The numbers are almost 75 per cent of the approximate 240-245 held similarly in 2023. The majority of these incidents happen in the Palk Strait, a narrow strip of water separating Tamil Nadu from Sri Lanka's northern tip, which is a rich fishing ground for fishermen from both countries.

### Thailand's Senate approves bill to legalise marriage equality

PTI, BANGKOK: Thailand's Senate voted overwhelmingly on Tuesday to approve a marriage equality bill, clearing the last legislative hurdle for the country to become the first in Southeast Asia to enact such a law.

The bill passed its final reading with the approval of 130 of the 152 members

of the Senate in attendance, with 4 voting against it and 18 abstaining.

The bill now needs the pro forma endorsement of King Maha Vajiralongkorn, followed by its publication in the Government Gazette, which will set a date within 120 days when it becomes effective.

## Top US diplomat visits Beirut after attacks across Israel-Lebanon border intensify

PTI, JERUSALEM: Amos Hochstein, senior advisor to United States President Joe Biden, met with officials in Beirut on Tuesday in an effort to find a diplomatic solution to head off a larger war.

Cross-border attacks by Israel and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah have been taking place almost daily since the war in

the Goa Electronics Limited (GEL).

the GSPCB," Adv D'Costa said.

installed at the local village panchayat.

Gaza began in October and escalated dramatically a week ago, after Israel killed a high-ranking Hezbollah commander in a strike on south Lebanon.

Meanwhile, Israel's Supreme Court heard arguments Tuesday about a law granting far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir sweeping power over the police.

Ben-Gvir was convicted eight times for offenses that include racism and supporting a Jewish terrorist organization.

As national security minister, he has encouraged police to take a tough line against anti-government protesters and has actively supported officers accused of using excessive force against Palestinians.

Israeli officials say Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dissolved his influential war Cabinet that was tasked with steering the war in Gaza a week after Benny Gantz, a popular opposition lawmaker and former military chief, quit Netanyahu's three-person governing coalition in frustration over how the war was being handled.

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#### **TOLL RISES TO 10 IN WEST BENGAL** TRAIN ACCIDENT

"Three persons are still in the trauma care unit. They underwent surgery. A few patients have fractures. Most of them have superficial injuries. Our challenge is to send them home in good health. Our team is working tirelessly,"

In Kolkata, the body of a victim packed in a coffin was brought back from Siliguri and handed over to grieving rel-

The body of Railway Mail Service employee Shankar Ghosh, a passenger in the parcel van of the ill-fated Kanchanjunga Express, was handed over to relatives at his Phoolbagan residence in east Kolkata in the presence of Mayor Firhad Hakim who condoled the death.

Relatives said that Ghosh was working on extension post-retirement and that the train was ironically his favourite for regular visits to north Bengal on work.

Destiny also played a cruel role for 31-year-old Subhajit Mali. a resident of Jamir Lane in south Kolkata's Ballygunge area, who succumbed to his injuries from the accident.

Father to an 11-year-old, Mali had planned to return home earlier than scheduled from Siliguri to celebrate his daughter's birthday.

The victim's body, officials said, was also despatched from north Bengal, and is scheduled to reach his traumatized relatives on Wednesday morning. Meanwhile, train services on both the up and down lines

at Rangapani near the New Jalpaiguri station were fully restored on Tuesday afternoon, railway authorities stated.

"Electrical traction was restored at the accident site and trains with electric locomotives have started plying on the stretch," Divisional Railway Manager of Katihar S Kumar said. He also informed that trains were moving through the

accident spot with speed restrictions, following repair of

#### **OBJECTS TO POWER HIKE** "This disparity poses a significant threat to the competi-

tiveness and sustainability of Goan industries in the manufacturing sector," the statement said.

Adv Om D'Costa said that the monitoring done by the

Directorate of Mines and Geology, speed of the trucks and

how much ore was loaded in these trucks had been done by

the Goa State Pollution Control Board. The report came af-

ter three days by which time activities were already over

and pollution was caused. So like the Directorate of Mines

and Geology, there should also be a real time monitoring by

In its order, the Court had stated that ore transportation will not be permitted through the village till such time that

real time ore transportation mechanism is set up in the

village including two more pollution monitoring stations

and two CCTV cameras with monitoring mechanism are

**GOA'S PREMIER INDUSTRY BODY POWERFULLY** 

"But our issue was about the monitoring being done by

It pointed out that during the public hearing conducted by JERC before the tariff increase, the trade body had proposed several alternative measures to generate additional revenue without burdening consumers.

Implementing steps to minimize power transmission losses to improve efficiency and lower costs, switching back from the current KVAH-based billing system to a KWH-based system to make billing more straightforward and cost-effective for consumers and focusing on areas with high distribution losses and peak load restrictions to take corrective actions that would benefit both consumers and the electricity department were the suggestions made by the GCCI.

The GCCI said it had also highlighted the need for improvements in the quality and reliability of power supply, noting that the current standards are much lower compared to major cities in India.

To address these issues, the chamber suggested the installation of automated sectionalisers to enhance power distribution efficiency, the statement said.

The GCCI said it had also brought to JERC's notice that no district committee has been formed to review the quality of power supply which had led to continued dissatisfaction among consumers regarding the power quality.

#### 'REVOLUTION' OR NOT, BUT IT'S TIME ANOTHER PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT TO **PROTECT GOA: GOANS**

"The revolution has started in some way with the results of the 2024 General Election which has curtailed the power of the government," Adv Coutinho said.

Goenchea Ramponkarancho Ekvott (GRE) general secretary Olencio Simoes said, "From 2016 people are opposing the Port expansion. More than 90 village panchayats passed resolution that they don't want coal transportation and nationalisation of rivers. Even then the Centre and the State are not listening to the people.

When we protest, cases are filed against us. he said. "So the question is whether absentees want a second revolution or those who are grabbing their lands," Mhambre said.

Political analyst Trajano D'Mello said, "People are frustrated on many issues. There is no trust in the leader who spearheads any agitation on any issue because people believe that all leaders have a hidden agenda for their political motives."

Social activist Swapnil Sherlekar said, "We desperately need second revolution. It was Tuesday when 18 June 1946 revolution started at Margao. It was on Tuesday when Goa was liberated on 19 December 1961. So Tuesday, (18 June 2024) is auspicious to start second revolution."

#### **CRORES OF RUPEES IN LEGAL BATTLE ARE BEING SPENT ON DEFECTORS WHO BETRAYED** THE PEOPLE: UDAY BHEMBRE

He further said, "This is what Ram Manohar Lohia had told us on June 18, 1946."

Then people have to rise up, come out on the streets to correct the wrongs. Lohia's 18th June Revolution took place because there were no civil liberties. Lohia and 2,500 leaders and people came out to fight for these liberties in Margao," Bhembre declared.

#### FOREST DEPT OFFICIALLY INSISTS THAT TURTLE EGGS WERE NOT 'STOLEN' BUT 'SPOILT', WITH NO OFFICIAL EVIDENCE

A screenshot of a handwritten note was sent on WhatsApp to this reporter with these figures - 22.528 eggs laid, 15,146 released, 1,382 hatching dead and importantly

While the **O Heraldo** report stated the figures had specific dates for each entry, the scribbled so-called correct figures on a piece of rough paper had no dates.

"You must understand the staff manning the register must have made a mistake in the way they wrote. It is supposed to be written as spoilt eggs but by mistake, it came as stolen," maintained Marine Range Officer, Gauns.

What is interesting is that the rest of the contents, and figures in the same guard register are not being challenged or called a mistake but just one specific column. It is not as if stolen and spoilt are very similar words and it is natural to mistake one for the other.

Here too, some doubts need to be raised. While the register at Morjim indicates that 334 hatchlings died, the new count mentions 1,382. Three officers from the Forest Department contacted since afternoon trying to explain, "the spelling /writing error" and all three requested anonymity.

To seek further clarity, especially since the entries in the guard register were written by hand, O Heraldo sent a message asking if the stolen eggs were now being classified as spoilt. Or were the stolen eggs recovered and then got spoilt? The response to these questions was "No eggs were stolen".

O Heraldo then sent a screenshot of the photo of the register sent by the Forest department staff at Morjim, based on which the first report of stolen eggs was filed

O Heraldo asked: Why does this report from your Morjim site, have a column on stolen eggs?

The official's response without addressing the issues directly was "Next time you run a story with numbers, kindly check from official sources for authenticity or clarification before publishing."

This is interesting since the Marine Range Officer himself said that the "mistake" was made by the guards who couldn't spell spoilt, so they wrote stolen. Though unbelievable, this was at least a response. **O Heraldo** then said the senior officer would be quoted.

and all the figures sent would be sourced to him. The Range Officer then hurriedly called up the reporter to say, "Please do not even refer to my name or quote me anywhere."

The fact is the report was based on entries in the Turtle Guard register as the nesting site on Morjim. The forest department has not rejected those entries

Moreover, changing the nomenclature from stolen to spoilt has not been officially explained. Moreover, if the entry in the guard register was incorrect or unclear, then the department could have easily issued an official statement saying that the column 'stolen' should be read as spoiled.

The big issue here is, the mystery behind the Forest Department officers reluctance to come on record, while insisting that the figures scribbled by them were true and not those that were entered in the register, by the men who guard the site.

#### the tracks and other components. **SC SAYS ANY NEGLIGENCE SHOULD BE**

THOROUGHLY DEALT WITH

"Representing an agency which is responsible for conducting the examination, you must stand firm. If there is a mistake, yes this is a mistake and this is the action we are going to take. At least that inspires confidence in your per-

formance," the bench told the NTA's counsel. The top court stressed on timely action by the authority. The top court said the pleas would come up for hearing on July 8 along with other pending petitions, including those which have sought a direction to conduct the

It said the NTA and the Centre would file their responses on these fresh petitions within two weeks.

#### MAYEM FARMERS CHALLENGE MOVE TO TRANSPORT E-AUCTIONED ORE **THROUGH VILLAGES**

After the hearing, Adv Norma Alvares representing the Mulakh Khajan Farmers Association, Goa Foundation and other villagers, said that they had challenged the transportation of e-auctioned iron ore through Mayem village. One of the main reasons was that the Ministry of Environment and Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), New Delhi had issued an Office Memorandum stating that iron ore should not be transported through village roads because of noise pollution and hardships caused to the villagers.

Adv Alvares said that during the hearing of public interest litigation (PIL) writ petition filed by the Mulakh Khajan Farmers Association on January 17 this year, the Court had stated that this was an important issue which will apply to all the villagers across the State and it will stop transportation of or through villages until a clear policy as to who will be responsible for monitoring and enforcement.

#### FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY



soul of our beloved Anunciacao Fernandes (Asha) on 20th June 2024 Tomorrow at 8:00 am at Mother of God Church, Majorda followed by prayers and blessings at the grave. Offered by her sorrowful Children Roy, Reena

/ Mario. Rolfa / Kevin and Grandchildren Nicole. Nysa & Nadia. Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

### MONTH'S MIND

In cherished memory of JOE **D'COSTA** 

**Prop. Dinonca Metal Industry** 

(Pulamoll, Sao Jose De Areal)

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Joe on Thursday, 20th June 2024 at 7:30 am at St. Joseph Church Sao Jose de Areal, followed by prayers & blessings at the grave. Offered by his sorrowful wife Kelly Cheryl Fernandes,

children Dinonca Duency, Delisha & family. Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intin Rebello Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 98

#### CONDOLENCE **DIOGO ESTEVAO FERNANDES** ( NERUL DANDADI ) Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with Born: 20-12-1933

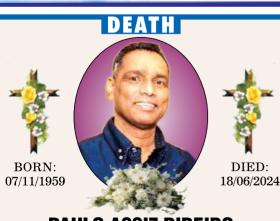
you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 Died: 17-06-2024 Although we know you are in the presence of our God and saviour Jesus Christ, our hearts mourn the loss of your presence.

A beautiful life which will be deeply missed and cherished by his eldest daughter Maria, son in law Floriano Marques and grandchildren Nazia and Nevin. Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

## MONTH'S MIND MASS In ever loving memory of Francisco De Menezes November 28,1952 - May 19, 2024 Beloved husband, father and grandfather The Month's Mind mass for the soul of our beloved father will take place on June $19^{th}$ at 7pm at St. Mary's Church, Taleigao Goa. Much loved and sadly missed everyday by your family.



at 4:00 pm at Saviour Of The World Church, Loutolim, Followed by prayers at the grave, offered by her sorrowful Family.



#### **PAULO ASSIZ RIBEIRO**

(Foro Waddo, St. Estevam / La Citadel colony, Dona Paula/ Dubai)

Most loving husband of Ana Maria Ribeiro. Affectionate father of Santano Cedric Ribeiro (Dubai). Devoted son of Late Santana Ribeiro & Late Maria Estella Afonso and son-in-law of late Joaquim Mario Fernandes/Late Maria Fernanda Rodrigues. Thoughtful brother/brother-in-law of Salzira Fernandes (Canada)/late Francis Xavier Fernandes, Late Diana Ribeiro, Freddie Ribeiro (Dubai)/Maria Ribeiro, Sylvia Dcunha (Dubai)/ Late Vincent Dcunha, Late Antonio Fernandes/Elvira Dias, Lilia Fernandes/Late Benedict D'souza, Marcus Fernandes/Micaela Oliveira. Adored uncle, to all his nephews and nieces.

Funeral Cortege will leave his Residence at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, 19th June 2024 (TODAY), for Eucharistic Celebration at 3:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Caranzalem, followed by burial at Taleigao Cemetry.

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#### THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In everloving memory of



PIEDADE PAULO **FERNANDES (PP)** (Ex-S.C.I.)

(Murida - Cuncolim) There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved PIEDADE at 7.30 A.M. on Thursday, the 20th of June 2024 at Our Lady of Health Church, Cuncolim, followed by blessing and prayers at the grave offered by his wife-Effy Fernandes.

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#### DEATH **ANTONIO REBELLO**



(Davorlim / Baga) BORN: 02.04.1948 - DIED: 18.06.2024 Son of late Mariani Semedo / Joao Rebello. Husband of Maria Archanjela Rebello. Father / Father-in-law of Archana / Lucas, Joel Allwyn / Fayanne. Brother Brother-in-law of late Rozin / late Ruzar, late Bento / Adelina, Clementine / late Custodio, Romaldhin / late Joe.

Grandfather of Leander, Ashton, Liselle, Jezreel & Demi. Funeral cortege will leave his residence TODAY, 19th June 2024 at 3.45 PM to Our Lady Of Rosary Church, Davorlim for Mass at 4 PM

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

### MONTH'S MIND

In everloving memory of MARIA LEONIDA **CONCEICAO DINIZ** 

1st Ward, Bandea - Colva

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved mother on Thursday, 20th June 2024 (Tomorrow) at 7:45 am at Our Lady of Merces Church, Colva, followed by prayers & blessings at the grave, offered by her sorrowful children Lucas/Annie, late Valentina (Santolina)/Savio Fernandes, grandchildren Leandra and Haylan.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimat

## DEATH **DIOGO ESTEVAO FERNANDES** ( NERUL DANDADI ) Born: 20-12-1933 Died: 17-06-2024

Loving husband of late Mariguinha Santana Josefina Pires. Father/father-in-law of Pedro & Josefa, Joaquim & Urmila, Ernest & Manuelina (Monica), Luis & Meenaxi (Meena) Fernandes. Daughter/Son-in-law: Maria & Florine, Eliza & Robino. Grandchildren: Nazia, Nevin, Alban, Renita. Funeral cortege will leave his residence on 20.06.2024 (Tomorrow) at 3.30 p.m. at Our Lady of Remedios Church, Nerul

#### Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation. A Month In The Lord's Kingdom



#### ONE YEAR WITH THE LORD

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In Everloving Memory Of

**CATARINA CONCEICAO MASCARENHAS** 

Duler - Mapusa

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear."

Born: 12/12/1938

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the departed soul of our beloved Catarina Conceicao Mascarenhas on 20/6/2024 at 8.00 am at St. Jerome Church, Mapusa followed by prayers at the grave, offered by her loving Colaco family.

#### ~Returned to the Lord~

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.



COLLOSO, GUIRDOLIM-CHANDOR

Wife of late Diogo Manuel Antao. Mother/mother-in-law of Nelson/Loretta Antao, Savita/Soccoro Vaz. Grandmother of Jwelon, Jaden, Saviro & Sheldon.

Funeral cortege will leave her residence at 3.45pm on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to Nossa Sra de **Belem Church Chandor** for Eucharistic celebration at 4:00pm followed by burial.

Relatives, friends, neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation BOOKIES 9822129657

# 13 killed as heavy rains pound Central America

AFP, SAN SALVADOR, (EL SALVADOR): people have died in flooding and landslides in El Salvador and Guatemala as heavy rains pound Central America, authorities from

the two countries said. In El Salvador, the hardest hit country so far, five people died Monday in a landslide in the western district of Tacuba, in the department of Ahuachapan, Civil defense chief Luis Amaya said.

Those deaths follow two fatalities recorded on Sunday after a tree and a pole fell on a car that was traveling on a highway in the capital.

Another four people



Firefighters carry out rescue work in a flooded area in Nacaome, Valle department, Honduras, in Central America

were killed in flooding and landslides between Friday and Sunday, Amaya added. On Sunday, Congress ap-

proved a state of emergencv to facilitate the mobilization of resources.

President Nayib Bukele

said on X that he had asked Congress to make Tuesday a federal holiday to avoid commutes and "reduce the risk of tragedies."

Rains have been slamming both countries since

In Guatemala, a 59-yearold woman and a 68-yearold man died on Sunday in the village of Chacaya, in the western municipality Sacapulas, when they were buried by a collapsed wall, authorities said.

Dozens to hundreds die each year in Central America as the rainy season leaves extensive damage to countries' infrastructure.

Additionally, the death toll from a landslide in Ecuador rose from six to seven people, with 22 others injured, authorities said Monday.

The landslide was triggered by heavy rains in the tourist Tungurahua province in southern Ecuador.

#### **Hospital fire** Four dead, over a dozen missing kills 9 in Iran as extreme weather hits China

AFP, TEHRAN: At least nine patients died Tuesday when a fire tore through a hospital in Iran's northern city of Rasht, state media said. The fire at Ghaem Hospital broke out at 1:30 am, state broad-

caster IRIB said, adding peratures this year. that it had been put out and investigators were working to determine

"Unfortunately, nine people lost their lives in this fire accident," said Mohammad Taghi Ashobi, president of the Gilan University of Medical Sciences in Rasht. He told state TV that

what had caused it.

"most of the patients who died... were hospitalised in the intensive care unit". According to the reports, the hospital has 250 beds and 142 of them were occupied at the time of the fire.

In Nov 2023, a massive blaze ripped through a drug rehab centre in Langarud city, also in Gilan province, killing 32 people. In June 2020, 19 peo-

ple died in a powerful explosion caused by gas canisters.

AFP, BEIJING: At least four people were killed when record rains hit parts of southern China, state media reported Tuesday, while more than a dozen were missing even as the north baked under some of its highest tem-

Downpours "exceeding historical daily maximums in some areas of Fujian province caused the four deaths, state news agency Xinhua said, citing the flood control headquarters of Shanghang County. More than 66,000 people in

the county have been affected by the extreme weather, Xinhua said, adding that "communications and electricity infrastructure... has not been fully restored". It also warned of possible landslides.

It said that "investigations into the situations of affected people" were underway. In nearby Meizhou, Guangdong province, landslides on

Monday killed five people, left 15 missing and another 13 were "trapped" by early morning, state broadcaster CCTV reported Tuesday.

CCTV footage showed upturned cars and damaged buildings near Meizhou,



An aerial drone view shows a flooded area in Dongping Township of Zhenghe County, Nanping City in southeastern China's Fujian Province, on Tuesday

with residents in rubber boots picking through muddy, debris-laden streets to salvage their belongings.

Other images showed sections of highway swept away by landslides and rescue workers in orange lifejackets steering dinghies through the floodwaters to reach trapped villagers.

Chinese President Xi Jinping called for emergency workers to "make every effort to respond to disaster situations and do a good job of relief and rescue work to combat flooding and drought", Xinhua said on Tuesday.

He instructed rescuers to "guarantee the security of people's lives and property, and overall social stability", it said.

Flooding has also hit the southern and central provinces of Guangxi and Hunan, as well as the northwestern region of Xinjiang, where Xinhua said on Tuesday four people were missing after a flash flood near the city of Changii.

At the same time, China's north is wilting under some of the year's hottest weather.

The mercury was expected to soar to up to 39 degrees Celsius (102 degrees Fahrenheit) in the capital Beijing and the surrounding areas of Tianjin and Hebei on Tuesday, the National Meteorological Centre said.

## Months Mind

**Kaylan I nomas Fernandes** 



20th June 2024 Tomorrow, Thursday at 8:15am at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim followed by prayers and blessings at the grave. Offered by his sorrowful parents Rias/ Remizia (Remu), sister Rihanna & family.

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

#### **LORD I AM COMING HOME**

EPIFANIA INES ZITA DA COSTA alias

**AGNES DA COSTA** 

Cotula, Saligao Birth: 07-APRIL-1929

Death: 18-JUNE-2024 Daughter of Late Peregrino & Late Maria Isabel Da

Costa, affectionate sister & sister-in-law of Late
Anselm & Rosa, Late Tiburcio & Flavia, Late Jose & Felicia, Late Fr. John, Late Dr. Sr. Margarita, Late Clement & Olive, Late Tertuliano & Mary, Late Lucio & Lucinda, Late Valerio, loving aunt of nephews, nieces and their families.

Mortal remains will be brought to Mae De Deus Church, Saligao on 19-JUNE-2024 for Eucharistic Celebration at 10.30 am and burial.

# (EVARIST)

St. Agustinho Marod Santa Cruz Goa Born: 13.11.1957 Died: 13.06.2024 Loving son of Late Jose Caetano Cardozo/ Late Ana Beatriz D'cunha.

Beloved Husband of Apolina Santana Gonsalves, Loving father of Felicia Fatima Cardozo. Son-in-law of late Nicolau Gonsalves & Late Inacia Vaz Brother/Brother-in-low of Vincent/ Late Maria, Melba/ late Hilario, Antonio, Severina/ Anthony, Lourence/ Rosa, Silvester/ Fatima, Angela, Lily/Hilario, Delfina/late Jose, Belinda/Sham. God

parent of Zénito Cardozo. Funeral cortege will leave his residence **Tomorrow, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024** at 4:00 pm to Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

## Lanka court blocks gender equality bill

AFP, COLOMBO: Sri Lan- wrote, backed by the two ka's highest court has shot down a government bill seeking gender equality, arguing it could set a legal precedent for the decriminalisation of homosexuality and samesex marriage, parliament said Tuesday.

The three-judge bench of the Supreme Court ruled the bill, which sought to tackle sexism and violence, undermined conservative values on the majority-Buddhist island.

"It is clear that when this bill becomes law it becomes possible for any interested party to claim legal status for same-sex marriages," presiding judge P. Padman Surasena other judges. "This is something

which neither our constitution nor our culture has envisaged." Surasena said de-criminalisation

homosexuality and the

recognition of same-sex

marriages would have "significant cultural and moral implications". The court said recognising "persons with different gender identities" would also violate the

constitution. The Gender Equality Bill seeks to enshrine in law equal opportunities to all "irrespective of differences in sex or gender identity".

## Thousands of Israelis turn out for antigovernment protest

AFP, JERUSALEM: Thousands of Israelis protested against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government on Monday over the Gaza war and failure to negotiate the release of scores of hostages still held in the Pal-

estinian territory. Protests against Netanyahu's handling of the war against Hamas militants have gathered pace, with tens of thousands taking to the streets of Israel's biggest city, Tel Aviv, every weekend.

But protesters travelled to Jerusalem to rally outside the Israeli parliament and Netanyahu's residence on Monday, clashing with police and urging new elections as part of what has been dubbed a week of disturbance by activists. "Every action that he

does is in the direction of the destruction of Israel. He was responsible for what happened on October 7," said retired civil engineer Sandarovich, 73. "Now he is destroying

everything. Even if there is war now, every day that the war goes on with him, is a worse day."

Nine people were arrested, some of them in connection with violence that left police officers "slightly injured", Israeli police said in a statement overnight.

#### sportspopup

#### Gambhir, Raman interviewed by CAC, former set to be named India coach

**NEW DELHI:** Former India openers Gautam Gambhir and W V Raman were on Tuesday interviewed by the BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) for the national team's head coach's position. The interviews took place over a zoom call with Gambhir, Raman and CAC head Ashok Malhotra attending it virtually. "Yes, Gambhir appeared for the interview with the CAC. One round of discussions happened today. There is another round expected tomorrow," a BCCI source told PTI. "Raman was interviewed after Gambhir. It was also on zoom. He also gave his presentation on his vision and road map on Indian cricket. The interview went for around 40 minutes. There were some initial questions by the committee before they looked at the presentation," the source informed. Gambhir is believed to be the only candidate who is in contention and the announcement of his name is a mere formality, which could happen in the next 48 hours.

Shreyas may come back for Lanka ODIs; Riyan, Abhishek, Mayank in line for Zimbabwe T20Is **NEW DELHI:** Gautam Gambhir's expected appointment as India's head coach could provide a new lease of life to IPL champion skipper Shreyas Iyer's international career during the three-match ODI series against Sri Lanka in July-August Having led Kolkata Knight Riders successfully in the IPL, Iyer could also go for the five-match T20I series against Zimbabwe starting July 5, but the more realistic chance of a comeback is the ODI series against Sri Lanka. Gambhir, who is the front-runner for India coach position, and Iyer forged a successful partnership during KKR's victorious IPL campaign this year and the talented Mumbai right-hander, who has been a prolific 50-over batter, might finally have fortune favouring him after a few tumultuous months. Iver was dropped from BCCI's central contracts, along with Ishan Kishan, after he hey fell out with the establishment for his apparent reluctance to play Ranji Trophy. However, lyer always maintained that his recurring lower back issue kept him out of the game even though he did play the Ranji Trophy final scoring 90-odd runs.

#### Mandhana among top three in women's ODI rankings

DUBAI: India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana jumped two places to move to the third spot on the ICC Women's ODI batting rankings released in Dubai, on Tuesday. The Indian left-handed opener struck a match-winning 117, her maiden century at home, to lead India's 143-run win over South Africa in a three-match series. Mandhana, who has 715 points is behind Sri Lanka's Chamari Athapaththu, who lost her number one ranking to England's Natalie Sciver-Brunt. The English all-rounder regained her number one spot by scoring a superb 124 not out against Pakistan last month. Senior India all-rounder Deepti Sharma climbed up three spots to 20th, while Pooja Vastrakar was up by three places to 38th. Vastarkar was the big mover up the ODI charts for all-rounders, with the 24-year-old gaining four places to improve to 18th. South Africa veteran Marizanne Kapp remains the No.1 ranked ODI all-rounder. In the ODI bowling list, Deepti gained one place to move to fourth after tidy figures of 2/10 in the series opener. England spinner Sophie Ecclestone maintained a healthy lead at the top of the rankings for ODI bowlers.

#### Croatia's Vlasic withdraws from Euro 2024 over injury

ZAGREB (Croatia): Croatia midfielder Nikola Vlasic will miss the rest of Euro 2024 due to a muscle injury, the Croatian football federation (HNS) said on Tuesday. Torino's Vlasic was injured during a training session with an MRI scan later revealing a torn muscle, according to a statement released by the federation, which did not offer more information about the nature of the injury. The 26-year-old was an unused substitute in Croatia's tournament opening 3-0 loss to Spain on Saturday. Before the competition, Vlasic also suffered an adductor injury but was eventually cleared to play with the squad in Germany. "Nikola invested a lot of effort to help the team at the Euro 2024, and he is an integral part of the squad," said Croatia's coach Zlatko Dalic in an HNS atement. "Unfortunately, this second injury happ I can only thank Nikola for his great effort and wish him a speedy recovery," Dalic added. Vlasic said he was "extremely sorry" he was unable to continue playing with his team.

#### Man City opens title defence at Chelsea

LONDON: Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola will come up against a familiar face in his team's opening match of its Premier League title defense. City will start the season away at Chelsea, whose new manager is Enzo Maresca — an assistant to Guardiola at City in the 2022-23 season. It's part of a tough start for City, which also hosts Arsenal and visits Newcastle away in the opening six games as the team begins its bid for a record-extending fifth straight English top-flight title. The season will kick off on August 16 when Manchester United hosts Fulham.

#### GM Arjun wins Stepan Avagyan Memorial, jumps to career-high 4th spot in live rating NEW DELHI: Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi delivered

yet another domineering performance to clinch the Stepan Avagyan Memorial 2024 crown in Jermuk, Armenia with a round to spare. The 20-year-old, India's highest-rated chess player, defeated Russian GM Volodar Murzin in 63 moves in the eighth and penultimate round to move to six points with four wins and as many draws. He now has an unassailable lead of 1.5 points over three players tied for second spot in a strong 10-player field. The victory also helped Arjun jump to a career-high live rating of No. 4 as he has so far added 9 points from the eight rounds to reach a total of 2779.9 ELO points. He trails Norway's Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura and Fabiano Caruana of USA in live ratings. "This has been a fantastic tournament for me as I have been able to make the most of my opportunities. These tournaments are never easy as the level of competition is very high but I am happy with the way I played and clinched my second title of the year," said Arjun.

#### East Bengal rope in David Lalhlansanga on three-year contract

KOLKATA: Super Cup champions East Bengal FC on Tuesday announced the signing of rising Indian forward David Lalhlansanga on a three-year contract. One of the most prolific young strikers in India, David was the top scorer in last year's Calcutta Football League and Durand Cup, and also played a pivotal role in Mohammedan Sporting Club's maiden I-League triumph. "East Bengal is a big club with millions of fans spread across India. I love playing in front of passionate fans," said David in a statement. David was named by head coach Igor Stimac in India's last two World Cup Qualifiers squads against Kuwait at home and Qatar away but did not get any minutes. "I've already spent some time with Mahesh, Nandha and Lalchungnunga in the India camp. They are very helpful and always motivate me to get better. I want to give my best for this club."

## New coach will be appointed, void left by Chhetri biggest worry: Vijayan

PTI, NEW DELHI: Filling the huge void left by the iconic Sunil Chhetri's retirement is the biggest challenge facing the Indian football team at the moment, the legendary I M Vijayan said on Tuesday while playing down the sacking of head coach Igor Stimac.

The high-profile Stimac was removed by the All India Football Federation on Monday due to lack of results in recent times but former stars Vijayan and Climax Lawrence are not worried about the decision that brought to an end the Croatian World Cupper's five-year reign as the head coach of the senior men's team.

The absence of a ready replacement for Chhetri is a bigger cause for concern for them, who are now part of the AIFF's technical committee with Vijayan heading it. Both Vijayan and Lawrence's view is that a coach can be appointed at any time but a striker, of the calibre of Chhetri, cannot be unearthed overnight.

Men like Vijavan and Lawrence, who have served the Indian team with distinction, know that the sacking of Stimac was on expected lines following a forgettable AFC Asian Cup and the failure to go be-

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on Tuesday.

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RAIA: Goa Velha SC defeat-

ed United Club Benaulim

5-3 via tie-breaker to move

into the semi-finals of Ca-

na-Benaulim Panchayat

Cup inter-village football

tournament played at St

John de Baptista football

ground, Dando-Benaulim,

UC Benaulim made an ag-

gressive start and Goa Velha

SC goalkeeper Pratik Kanko-

nar rescued his team with

brilliant save from UC Be-

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dozo in giving his team an

early lead in the 6th minute.

The host persistent ef-

forts were rewarded in the

13th minute when Nich-

olas Rodrigues floated a

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**RAIA:** Bhatti Sports

Club edged out No-

vowaddo Sports Club

6-4 via tie-breaker to

enter the semi-finals

of 9-a-side football

tournament organ-

ised by Sporting Club

Virabhat at St Alex

Church ground, Cur-

Match started on

torim, on Tuesday.

The coach will be appointed as early as possible so that the team doesn't lose out on anything before the next FIFA window in September. They will soon sit together and start the process of finding a coach. However, how do you find a replacement for Chhetri. That

is going to very difficult as a great player like Chhetri comes rarely. We have some good strikers, and we are trying to get them to play as much as possible. The biggest issue is that our strikers don't get a lot of playing time in domestic leagues, be it the ISL or the I-League

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In tournaments such as

the ISL and I-League, the

clubs look to recruit for-

eigners that serves their

interest as they want to win

trophies. While that has

been a stumbling block

in the development of

quality home-bred strik-

ers, Lawrence feels that

it's high time the game's

minute when playmaker

Akash Sanadi sent a low

cross to Alme Fernandes

to nod in past UC Benaulim

Stunned by the shock-

ing goal, UC Benaulim tried

hard but Enosh Goes and

Cedran Rodrigues were inef-

fective. Goa Velha SC almost

snatched the match winner

in the dying minutes but Tino

pushed out a pile drive from

In the ensuing tie-breaker,

Sainath Kankonkar, Akash

Sanadi, Rishabh Madkaikar

and Francis Afonso were suc-

cessful for Goa Velha SC, while

Nicholas Rodrigues and Alejo

Fernandes found the mark for

UC Beaulim. Former sarpanch

Remy Fernandes handed the

man-of-the-match to Tino

and made way for pen-

alty shoot out to decide

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through Iovial dias, Ma-

ven Dias, Macnal Dias,

Tony and Aaron Dias,

while Novowaddo SC

found the net through

Alister, Frazer and Mi-

lagres Fernandes. Mac-

nal Dias received the

man-of-match award

for his outstanding per-

formance, which was

presented by Baptista

Fernandes.

the winner.

rival medio Francis Afonso.

keeper Tino Fernandes.

ISL or the I-League."

I M Vijayan, head of AIFF's technical committee

yond the second round of FIFA World Cup Qualifiers despite getting a relatively easy draw.

The AIFF brass, including the members of the executive committee and those in the technical committee, was on the same page as far as Stimac was concerned after the disappointing campaign in the World Cup Qualifiers. "It was a unanimous de-

cision." said Viiavan. "The coach will appointed as early as possible so that the team doesn't lose out on anything before the next FIFA window in Sep-

tember. They will soon sit together and start the process of finding a coach," Vijayan, one of India's finest players, said.

Goa Velha SC in semis

Former sarpanch Remy

Fernandes hands over the

man-of-the-match to Tino

Fernandes of UC Benaulim

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by Pratik allowing UC Be-

naulim striker Keegan Fer-

nandes to dart in and head-

After the resumption of

play, Goa Velha SC were a

transformed side and got

Bhatti SC move into last four

the equaliser in the 38th Fernandes of UC Benaulim.

ed the ball into the net.

grassroots.

strikers," Lawrence said.

"True, you are not going to suddenly get another Sunil Chhetri, another Bhaichung Bhutia and another IM Vijayan. So, we have to focus on building a good team and not just hope for one great striker to emerge and bail the team," Lawrence added.

stakeholders train their focus on scouting talent at the

"Grassroots is where we have to focus. Yes, Indian strikers are not getting to play the amount of time they should, but there is no point cribbing over that. That's how professional football works. We have to look for talent at the grassroots and mould them into quality

The likes of Vikram Partap Singh, Manvir Singh, Lallianzuala Chhangte, Liston Colaco and Rahim Ali have emerged as options to lead India's charge upfront in the near future but Chhetri, with his record 94 international goals over a glorious 19-year career, have raised the bar too high for them to emulate.

eighth signing for the upcoming 2024-25 season. The 20-year-old from Punjab is known for his ability to operate on the left side of the field and contribute heavily to the attack. He has joined the Marina Machans from Mumbai City FC on a two-

him in the club till 2026. Gurkirat Singh made his Indian Super League (ISL) debut with Mumbai City FC and he was also part of the team that lifted the ISL League Shield and ISL title in 2023 and 2024, respectively.

year deal that will keep

"We wanted to add power and pace to our forward line and Gurkirat was someone we were keeping an eye on. He was a handful when he played against us in the Super Cup and his goalscoring record for the India U20's speaks for itself," head coach Coyle said.

Having played regularly for an ISL club,

## Chennaiyin FC rope in Gurkirat

AGENCIES, CHENNAI: the talented footballer has a great understanding of the Chennaiyin FC have secured the services of level required to win in the talented young forward league and is expected to play Gurkirat Singh as their skills at Chennaiyin.

a crucial role with his sublime "To be honest I love Owen Coyle as a coach. He's a brilliant coach and I want to play

under him," Gurkirat said.



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#### slow pace due to rainy conditions and Macnal Dias receives the man-of-match award from Baptista Fernandes both teams tried to

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take control of the game, while Novowaddo SC scored the first goal through Milagres Fernandes with a neat placement before half time.

Bhatti SC regrouped quickly and took control in the second session and got the much needed equaliser through the boots of Marcus Peixeto before full time

#### **GOA DIARY**

#### GFA to hold selection trials for U-17 girls

PANJIM: The Goa Football Association will hold selection trials for U-17 girls from June 19 to 22, at 3.45 pm. On June 19 and 20, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa. On June 21 and 22, at King's School ground, Sao Jose de Areal. Players born on or after January 1, 2008 are eligible for the selections and should report at the venue with the full playing kit to Coach Jonathan Faleiro.

#### TODAY'S SPORTS

Sporting Club Virabhat 9-a-side football: Youth of Pidadigal vs SC Virabhat, at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, 5 pm

13th Cana-Benaulim Panchayat Cup 2024 (semi-final): Parish Youth Nuvem vs Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorda, at St John de Baptist ground, Dando-Benaulim, 4.30 pm





# Mbappe breaks nose in France's win

### Woeber diverts Kylian's cutback into his own net seven minutes before half-time

AFP, DÜSSELDORF: Maximilian Woeber's own goal was enough to give France a winning start to their Euro 2024 campaign on Monday as they edged Austria 1-0 in their opening game but Kylian Mbappe came off late on with a broken nose.

Woeber diverted Mbappe's cutback into his own net seven minutes before half-time in Duesseldorf to allow the French, one of the leading contenders to win the tournament. to come through a stiff test.

Austria have much-improved under Ralf Rangnick and they often made life uncomfortable for the 2022 World Cup runners-up, who saw Mbappe leave the field near the end after being hurt in a collision.

He had earlier failed to convert a glorious chance that would have allowed France to win by a wider margin, and sources close to the player confirmed he had broken his nose in the accidental clash with Kevin Danso.

Despite Mbappe's injury, France will be relieved to have emerged victorious after a build-up overshadowed by talk of politics rather than football.

Mbappe and other French players had spent much of their time before the media in recent days answering questions about upcoming elections in the country which could see the farright National Rally become





France's forward #10 Kylian Mbappe collides with Austria's defender #04 Kevin Danso during the UEFA Euro 2024 Group D match at the Duesseldorf Arena in Duesseldorf. (Right) Mbappe receives medical treatment

the biggest party.

Any slip-up here would have led to suggestions their minds had not been fully focused on the competition.

Instead, the result leaves France level on three points in Group D with the Netherlands, who defeated Poland 2-1 on Sunday.

France and the Netherlands meet next in Leipzig on Friday, while Austria face Poland the same day in Berlin.

Austria had enjoyed some impressive results coming into the tournament and their team is on familiar ground during these Euros -- Rangnick is from Germany

and eight of their starting line-up played in the German Bundesliga last season. The French, however, are arguably the most talented team at the tournament, led by their captain Mbappe.

He endured a miserable time at his only previous Euros in 2021, failing to score and missing the decisive penalty in a shoot-out defeat by Switzerland in the last 16. The new Real Madrid signing will wonder how he did not score in this game, with his first big opportunity ar-

riving inside eight minutes. Antoine Griezmann and Theo Hernandez combined

to release Mbappe, who cut in from the left and shaped to curl a shot into the far corner before instead aiming for the near post.

However, Austria goalkeeper Patrick Pentz managed make the save.

The Austrians settled into the contest and passed up a wonderful chance of their own to go ahead on 36 minutes. Skipper Marcel Sabitzer touched down a Michael Gregoritsch cross from the left for Christoph Baumgartner, but he was foiled by goalkeeper Mike Maignan.

That proved crucial as France took the lead two minutes later. Ousmane goalkeeper to beat. Dembele gave the ball to That left the game in the

far corner of his own net by

Mbappe was then thwart-

ed by Pentz as he tried to go

around the goalkeeper in

first-half stoppage time, but

that was nothing compared

to the chance he squan-

dered 10 minutes after the

restart. Adrien Rabiot sent

Mbappe away, bounding

in behind the Austrian de-

fence, but he somehow put

his shot wide with just the

the unfortunate Woeber.

Mbappe on the right, and he balance, and Austria conproduced a stepover to get tinued to push for a leveller, to the byline before his cutwithout success. back was nodded into the

Their fans were less than impressed by what they perceived as time wasting late on from Mbappe, who needed treatment after colliding with Danso in the box. He left the pitch with his shirt stained by blood, only to then come back on and sit down, earning himself a vellow card before being replaced by Olivier Giroud. **RESULT** 

Austria 0 France 1 (Woeber 38-og)

## Turkey win thriller

**AFP, DORTMUND:** Turkey got their Euro 2024 campaign off to a thrilling start on Tuesday with a 3-1 win over Georgia that brought delight to a passionate army of fans in soaking wet Dortmund.

Real Madrid midfielder Arda Guler crashed in a brilliant goal in the 65th minute at a Westfalenstadion dominated by tens of thousands of Turkey supporters before Kerem Akturkoglu rolled home the third deep in stoppage time as Georgia pushed for a late leveller. Guler, 19, had a difficult

time with injuries in his first season in Madrid but stepped up for Turkey in a fiercely-contested match with Georgia, who did not look out of place in their first-ever match at a major international tournament.

Georgia were dangerous after Georges Mikautadze levelled Mert Muldur's 25th-minute opener for Turkey just after the halfhour mark, and were denied a second equaliser by the woodwork and a series of saves and blocks.

But Akturkoglu made sure Turkey would top the group ahead of Portugal's opening match with the Czech Republic. Turkey took the cue from their fervent support and went at Georgia from the off, pressuring their inexperienced opposition high up the pitch as a huge din came rolling down the stands.

Kaan Ayhan and Abdulkerim Bardakci both went close with headers from corners inside the first 10 minutes before Ayhan crashed a low drive off the inside of the post. And Mikautadze stunned what was effectively the home crowd in the 32nd minute by sweeping home Giorgi Kochorashvili's low cross after brilliant play down the right.

Kvaratskhelia, who was below-par throughout, then poked a good chance wide in the 62nd minute and only moments later Guler took aim from distance and arrowed in an unstoppable shot past the despairing Giorgi Mamardashvili.

But Kochorashvili and Zuriko Davitashvili were both unfortunate not to level in added time as Mamardashvili pushed forward for one last effort and Akturkoglu charged home on the break to seal a thrilling win.

Turkey 3 (Muldur 25, Guler 65, Akturkoglu 90+7) Georgia 1 (Mikautadze 32)

#### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

Croatia vs Albania, at the Volksparkstadion Hamburg Stadium, Hamburg, 6.30 pm Germany vs Hungary, at the Stuttgart Arena, Stuttgart, 9.30 pm

Scotland vs Switzerland, at the Cologne Stadium, Cologne, 12.30 am

# Germany's golden oldies leading the charge for glory

AFP, HERZOGENAURACH: With a combined age of 106, Germany's three remaining 2014 World Cup winners Manuel Neuer, Thomas Mueller and Toni Kroos are leading the hosts' charge for Euro 2024 glory.

Friends off the pitch, Neuer, Mueller and Kroos are the only players in the 26-man squad to pave each played over 100 games for Germany. But not only are they the most experienced members of the squad, they can also remember a time when Germany were on top of the football world.

Since a semi-final elimination to France at Euro 2016, the Germans have struggled in major tournaments, with two World Cup group stage exits bookending a last 16 elimination by England at Euro 2020.

After a 5-1 romp against Scotland in the tournament opener, their best performance at a major tournament for almost a decade, Germany's golden oldies will be hoping for a successful last dance on home soil.

> **Oldest Germany** squad since 2000

While the exploits of Jamal Musiala and Florian Wirtz, both 21, stationed either side of the 25-year-old Kai Havertz, have dominated highlights reels, Germany have gone with an experienced squad for the Euros.

With an average age of 28.5, Germany's squad is the oldest at the tournament, with 10 of the 26 members aged 30 or older.

Germany's starting XI against Scotland on Friday was the oldest they have fielded at a tournament since Euro 2000, when Lothar Matthaeus led them onto the pitch against Romania.



Manuel Neuer

Neuer, 38, is two years older than coach Julian Nagelsmann. Kroos and Mueller are both 34 -- a year older than captain Ilkay Gundogan. Gundogan made his Germany debut in 2011 but missed out as Germany lifted the World Cup in Brazil in 2014 with a back injury. Neuer's first Germany cap



was in June 2009, while Mueller and Kroos made their debuts in the same match nine months later. Kroos, who has confirmed he will end his career at the end of tahe tournament, had retired from international duty in 2021 but came back with a Euro 2024 win in mind. And Kroos has undoubtedly



Toni Kroos

been the most impressive of the three, showcasing his calmness and control against Scotland.

Despite being under fire for some pre-tournament mistakes, Neuer remains a calming presence between the sticks and is still an excellent distributor of the ball. Mueller's playing peak

may be behind him but few are better at bringing a diverse cohort together. When announcing the Euro 2024 squad, Nagelsmann named Mueller "a connector" who "can link the rappers with the yodellers" in the squad.

The veteran forward seems to be doing his part at Germany's camp in the Bavarian village of Herzogenaurach.Neuer ed the "mood and the atmosphere within the camp", saying "there's just a really good, colourful mix in our team". Neuer said he was "happy to hang out" with the younger squad members, joking that he can "hear conversations that are perhaps a little different to those with Toni Kroos or Thomas Mueller".

**Experienced** a lot together

Speaking on Monday, Neuer

said the trio "bring a very good perspective" to the squad.

"We've already experienced a lot together. We've had times with good or bad first games and at the beginning you don't always know where you stand."

Neuer said they would make sure Germany "keep our feet on the ground" despite blowing Scotland off the park "I think the relationship be-

tween us is simply very good and has been over the years too." "But we don't just get on well off

the pitch, we're also fine characters on the pitch who always give everything to the team." "Even if someone isn't playing, like Thomas isn't starting, but he is a player who contributes everything."

"We know about his ability and I'm glad I've been able to bring such great people and players into my career."

## Little hectic but we're ready: Rohit on Super Eight

PTI, BRIDGETOWN (Barbados): India captain Rohit Sharma conceded that the T20 World Cup's Super 8 stage is going to be a "little hectic" but his players are prepared for the grind as there is "real keenness" among them to do "something special".

India will open their Super 8 campaign against Afghanistan on June 20, followed by games against Bangladesh (June 22, Antigua) and Australia (June 24, St Lucia). "Once we play our first game, we are going to play the next two in a span of 3 or 4 days," Rohit said in a video uploaded by the BCCI.

"It is going to be a little hectic but we are used to all of this. We travel and play a lot so that is never going to be an excuse," the 37-yearold added. The Indian team session on Monday with senior players like Virat Kohli and Rohit spending morethan-usual time in the nets.

There is real keenness in the group to go and do good way to start the second stage. It clearly shows that everyone wants to make a difference and we take our skill sessions quite seriously," he said. "There is something to

achieve in every skill session that you do," Rohit said on the mood inside the

defeated run in the group The Indian team endured

hostile batting conditions during the US leg due to the drop-in pitches used by the organisers. Rohit said the ongoing Caribbean leg brings with it a sense of familiarity and his team the same time," Rohit said.

something special. That's a dressing room after an un-would look to make the

"We have seen a lot of games here, we have played a lot of games here. So everyone understands what one needs to do to get the result in our favour. Everyone is looking forward and are quite excited as well at

#### T20 WORLD CUP SUPER EIGHT FIXTURES

**JUNE 19** 

South Africa vs USA, at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, at the Antigua & Barbuda, 8 pm

West Indies vs England, at the Daren Sammy cricket ground, St Lucia, 6 am

Afghanistan vs India, at the Kensington Oval Stadium, Bridgetown-Barbados, 8 pm **JUNE 21** 

Australia vs Bangladesh, at the Sir Vivian had an extended practice Richards Stadium, Antigua & Barbuda, 6 am **England vs South Africa, at the Daren** Sammy cricket ground, St Lucia, 8 pm **JUNE 22** 

> West Indies vs USA, at the Kensington Oval Stadium, Bridgetown-Barbados, 6 am

India vs Bangladesh, at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua & Barbuda, 8 pm **JUNE 23** 

Afghanistan vs Australia, at the Arnos Vale Stadium, Arnos Vale-St Vincent & the Grenadines, 6 am

England vs USA, at the Kensington Oval Stadium, Bridgetown-Barbados, 8 pm

West Indies vs South Africa, at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua & Barbuda, 6 am Australia vs India, at the Daren Sammy cricket ground, St Lucia, 8 pm

**JUNE 25** Afghanistan vs Bangladesh, at the Arnos Vale Stadium, Arnos Vale-St Vincent & the Grenadines, 6 am

#### Pooran's 98 takes WI to 104-run win PTI, GROS ISLET (St Lucia):

Nicholas Pooran displayed his incredible six-hitting prowess as West Indies geared up for the Super 8 with a dominating 104run win over Afghanistan in their final Group C match of the T20 World Cup, here, on Tuesday.

With both teams assured of a Super 8 berth, it was the two-time champions WI who displayed their batting might, amassing a formidable 218 for five, with Pooran going on a six-hitting spree during his 53-ball 98. It was the highest total for the hosts in men's T20 World Cups.

In reply, Afghanistan succumbed to scoreboard pressure, managing just 114 in 16.2 overs.

Afghanistan had bundled out their opponents for sub-100 totals in their first three games but skipper Rashid Khan's decision to bowl first here backfired as Pooran put on a ruthless display, hitting as many as 8 maximums and 6 fours during his stay.

Brief scores: West Indies 218-5 off 20 overs (Nicholas Pooran 98, Johnson Charles 43, Rovman Powell 26: Gulbadin Naib 2-14. Azmatullah Omarzai 1-41, Naveen ul Haq 1-41). Afghanistan 114 all out off 16.2 overs (Ibrahim Zadran 38, Azmatullah Omarzai 23; Obed McCoy 3-14, Akeal Hosein 2-21, Gudakesh Motie 2-28).

## **Emotional Boult calls** T20 World Cup exit

AFP, TAROUBA (Trinidad and Tobago): Left-arm paceman Trent Boult said he had played his "last day" of international cricket after New Zealand's disappointing T20 World Cup campaign ended with a seven-wicket win over Papua New Guinea in Trinidad on Monday.

His 13-year stint in international cricket appeared to have ended in the downbeat setting of a 'dead' T20 World Cup game. "It feels a little bit weird, a few emotions obviously the last couple of days," said Boult.

Pressed on whether the game represented his final New Zealand appearance, Boult added an element of doubt: "I haven't thought much further than this, I'm in no position to comment right now. I enjoyed being out there one last time." Defeats by Afghanistan and tournament co-hosts the West Indies earlier in Group C had helped end the Black Caps' hopes of qualifying for the second-round Super Eights.

Papua New Guinea had also been eliminated before the match in front of a sparse crowd at the Brian Lara Stadium. Boult took two wickets for 14 runs as PNG were skittled out for 78 in an innings where fellow quick Lockie Ferguson finished with a remarkable 3-0 from his maximum four overs but

'Gutted to not go any further, but I'm very proud of what I've done with the Black Caps and sad it's my last day with New Zealand," said Boult.

The 34-year-old has been infrequently selected for international duty since being released from his New Zealand central contract in August 2022, allowing him to play in more domestic T20 leagues abroad.

The swing bowler did feature in New Zealand's 50-over World Cup campaign last year, where they reached the semi-finals only to suffer a 70-run defeat by tournament hosts India at a packed Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. Boult's tally of 317 wickets in 78 Tests, is the fourth highest by any New Zealand bowler. Longstanding new-ball colleague Tim Southee (380 Test wickets) is second, behind Richard Hadlee (431 wickets).

"I've shared a dressing room with Tim Southee for well over a dozen years," said Boult, with the pair both involved when New Zealand beat India in the inaugural 2021 World Test Championship final. "It's a partnership I've enjoyed forming, and we're very

good friends off the field." Brief scores: Papua New Guinea 78 all out, 19.4 overs (Charles Amini 17; Lockie Ferguson 3-0, Tim Southee 2-11, Trent Boult 2-14) v New Zealand 79-3, 12.2 overs (Devon Conway 35, Daryl Mitchell 19 not out, Kane Williamson 18 not out).