

Sparks fly over Forest Dept ban on entry at waterfalls **MINISTER SAYS DELHI-BASED OFFICER'S ACTION IS DEVOID OF MERIT AND A BLANKET BAN WILL AFFECT TOURISM**

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PORVORIM

Slamming the forest department's circular banning entry to the waterfalls during monsoon, Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte on Tuesday said he would meet Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Forest Minister Vishwajit Rane to resolve the issue.

Addressing the media in Porvorim, Khaunte criticised a "Delhi-based officer" for imposing such a ban, which was



be proper coordination between the tourism and forest departments, Khaunte said he would raise the matter with **Chief Minister Pramod Sawant** and Forest Minister Viswajit Rane and sort out the matter in a day or two.

"No doubt security and safety of people should be our concern, but once this is taken care of there is no need to impose a ban. Some people go to private or government quarries which are not easily accessible. The government

Ban lifted on access to low-risk waterfalls, asserts Vishwajit

PANAJI: Following issues raised by Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte regarding the ban imposed on access to water falls in sanctuaries, Forest Minister Vishwajit Rane has said the low risk ones which were also kept open last year will be spared from the ban.

These low risk waterfalls which were also kept open for

Soon, big bro to keep watch at all check posts in State

Move aimed at checkmating criminals who try to take refuge in Goa, says minister

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Those committing crimes and

fleeing to the State to evade

law enforcement agencies

may now find it difficult to

escape detection, as the State

government will set up CCTV

cameras at all check posts in

While this CCTV surveillance system has already been

introduced in some coastal

areas, it will be implemented

at all entry/exit points in the

When contacted, Info-Tech-

Minister Rohan Khaunte said

his department has been

working on this system, in a

State from September.

the State.

TACKLING CRIME

CCTV surveillance system to be made operational at all entry/exit points after September

Proposal was prompted by an increase in crimes over the last few years

CCTVs to keep check on those with criminal background... who have committed crimes in other States and are wanting to take refuge in Goa

and take immediate action against him."

The minister informed that there were discussions with the Ministry of Home Affairs and Information Technology regarding this arrangement a few months ago.

surveillance at all entry/ exit points in the State was prompted by an increase in crimes in the State over the last few years.

"After being criticised for failing to tackle crimes, the government decided to keep

devoid of merit.

"It is unfair for the Forest Department to ban entry to tourists and locals at waterfalls during the monsoon. We have to designate waterfalls which are dangerous and they should be banned for public entry," said Khaunte.

"Goa is a tourist destination and tourists visit Goa during monsoon to enjoy the beauty of nature. Locals also visit waterfalls during monsoon. If

a blanket ban is imposed prohibiting entry to all waterfalls then a wrong message will go out to tourists and there will be a substantial drop of tour-

ists in Goa." Stating that several traders and kiosks owners located near waterfalls depend on tourists for their livelihood, Khaunte said they would be

affected badly if a ban is made effective. Insisting that there should

cannot be held responsible if casualties take place at such locations," said Khaunte.

TOURISM ACT

The minister said Goa needs a sound Tourism Act which includes progressive reforms.

"We have obtained a draft of the Tourism Act prepared by a Telangana company which we have placed before

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the public last year during the monsoon will continue to be open this year as well with forest guards and lifeguards deployed there, Rane said, adding that directions have been issued to the Forest Department to issue a fresh notice.

Rane, however, claimed that he will not take the responsibility of lifting the ban with regard to medium and high risk waterfalls as several mishaps had occurred last year. He also said that the issue will be discussed with Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.

Last year during the monsoon months, the Forest Department had conducted the exercise of classifying the State waterfalls mostly in wildlife sanctuaries as low, medium and high risk ones.

bid to identify and take action against those who have committed crimes in other States and are fleeing to Goa.

"Since Goa is a tourist State, lakhs of tourists visit Goa every year by air, rail and road. Many foreigners also come to Goa to escape detection after having committed crimes abroad," said Khaunte.

"When such persons enter Goa, police will be able to capture his face through CCTV surveillance at the entrance

"However due to the election code of conduct and some other issues, implementation of this surveillance system was interrupted," said

Khaunte. Khaunte said such a CCTV surveillance system has been introduced in some coastal areas and will be made operational at all entry/exit points in the State after September.

According to sources, the proposal to set up CCTV

a check on those with a criminal background by introducing this CCTV surveillance system," said a source. The source added that Chief

Minister Pramod Sawant was apprised about this CCTV sur veillance system. Following his approval, the departments of Information Technology and Home interacted on this and started the process of set ting up this system at all en try/exit points in the State.

IN SHORT >> **KTC to discontinue** pass concession for govt employees

PANAJI: The Board of Directors of Kadamba Transport Corporation Ltd has decided to end the current pass concession for State/Central Government employees who receive salaries equivalent to government rates and use travel allowances. Existing passes will, however remain valid until their expiration, but no renewals will be available starting from July 1, 2024, according to the KTC resolution.

Beach beds present along coastal belt

PERNEM: The tourist season may have ended, but certain private restaurants and resorts along the beach belt are disregarding caution and continuing operations, with beach beds and wooden decks set up directly on the » See pg 3 shore.

Victim in Mapusa assault case dies

MAPUSA: Ahmed Devadi a victim of a brutal assault on May 30 in Mapusa, succumbed to his injuries early

Industrial, commercial users to bear brunt of power hike

INEVITABLE, SAYS DEPARTMENT BUT MUM ON OPPOSITION DEMAND TO PLUG LEAKAGES

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Price rise and inflation is increasingly burdening the citizenry who now will have to bear an additional burden when power bills reach their homes next month owing to an aggregate 3.5% hike in tariff which has become effective from this week.

Both high and low tension consumers across all categories -- domestic, commercial, industrial, agriculture and public sector -- will all face increased power consumption bills in July, a senior official of the electricity department said but the hike will be the maximum for the commercial

and industrial users. The most hit will be the manufacturing sector with high tension industrial consumers having to cough up a flat five paise increase per unit irrespective of quantum of consumption. They will

GCCI voices apprehension over steep hike

PANAJI: The Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry has expressed serious concerns regarding the recent steep hike in power tariffs across all sectors, which will significantly impact its members from various industries -- hospitality, agriculture and allied sectors.

During the public hearing conducted by JERC before the tariff increase, GCCI had proposed several alternative measures to generate additional revenue without burdening consumers. » See pg 3

sumption quantum slabs.

The low tension industrial consumers utilising up to 500 units per billing cycle too will be burdened by a hefty 40 paise per unit hike in tariff from Rs 3.60 to Rs 4 per unit. For those in this category consuming more than 500 units per billing cycle, each unit of electricity consumed which earlier cost Rs 4.25 per unit 41 airports get bomb threats on email, all turn out hoax PTI

NEW DELHI

Forty-one airports, including in Chennai, Patna and Jaipur, received bomb threat emails on Tuesday, prompting authorities to scramble contingency measures and carry out anti-sabotage checks that lasted hours, and each of them was found to be a hoax, official sources said.

Security was beefed up as agencies swept terminals after emails were received around 12.40 pm from the ID exhumedyou888@gmail.com.

The airports in Chennai, Patna, Nagpur, Jaipur, Vadodara, Coimbatore and Jabalpur were among those that received the threats.

An online group called "KNR" is suspected to be behind these hoax threat emails. The group reportedly issued similar emails to several schools in the Delhi-National Capital Region on May 1, the sources said.

The emails received by the airports carried almost the identical message: "Hello,



VIVA PORTUGAL: Portugal fans with a picture of Cristiano Ronaldo ahead of their match against the Czech Republic at Leipzig stadium in Germany.

Veggie prices hit the roof, turn family budgets upside down

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Family budgets of common folk in Goa have begun to get strained with prices of vegetables spiking drastically in the local markets over the last few days.

average prices last week.

Prices of tomato, another quintessential ingredient in Goan and Indian cooking, also rose sharply week-onweek, the per kilogram rate quoted at an astronomical Rs 80 compared to the Rs 40-50 last week.

between 20 to 30 per cent and both wholesale and retail traders said the prices will continue to rise.

"The rains have caused massive destruction of harvestable crops in Belagavi, Kholapur and other regions on which Goa is dependent

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Tuesday at GMC after 18 days		have to pay Rs 5.30 per unit in- will now be billed at 4.65.		Meanwhile, in the case of	there are explosives hidden	In the Panaji market, on-	Green chillies and corian-	on. The situation is unlikely to	
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to English-medium schools: NCERT **DIRECTOR SAYS IT IS NO LESS THAN SUICIDE**

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NEW DELHI

NCERT Director D P Saklani has lamented that parents remain fascinated by English-medium schools even though many don't have trained teachers, saying it is "no less than suicide" as government schools now provide quality education.

The chief of National Council for Educational Research and Training said the practice of cramming content in English has led to knowledge loss among kids and distanced them from their culture.



"Parents are obsessed with English-medium schools, they prefer to send their children to such schools even if there are no teachers or they are not trained enough. This is not less than suicide and this

why the new NEP has stressed upon teaching in mother tongue," he said.

"Why should teaching be matrabhasha adharit (based on mother tongue)? Because till then we will not understand our own mother, our roots. And multilingual approach is not like teaching in any language is being ended, the push is to learn multiple

languages," Saklani added. The NCERT chief cited an initiative by the Union education minister to get primers (books) developed in two tribal languages of Odisha to teach students.

Parents obsessed with sending kids A year on, Goa fails to enact law on widows' rights

Three Assembly ses-

nowhere in sight

FAST FORWARD:

Around 14 panchayats

have already adopted

treat widows on par with

resolutions against

married women.

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400 units.

Dack in March 2023, the Basembly unanimously supported a legislation to protect the rights of widows and prevent the discrimination against them that still prevails in some remote parts of Goa.

domestic consumers will be

charged Rs 1.90 instead of Rs

1.75 per unit for consumption

of up to 100 units in a bill-

ing cycle. Those consuming

up to 200 units are now to be

charged Rs 2.80 per unit in-

stead of the earlier Rs 2.60

and a significantly higher 40

paise per unit higher rate of

Rs 3.70 if they consume up to



"I make a commitment that in the next Assembly session, maybe in July (2023), we can bring in legislation within the purview of the law to prevent any kind of widow discrimination," was the assurance by

PROMISES BROKEN

In March 2023, the Assembly supported a legislation to protect rights ofwidows

Vishwajit Rane had said "I make a commitment that in the next Assembly session, maybe in July (2023), we can bring in legislation... to prevent any kind of widow discrimination

Minister for Women & Child Vishwajit Rane on the floor of the House in response to Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao's Private Member's Bill seeking preventing "unjust customs of widow discrimina-

tion, widow abuse, and widow isolation."

Since then, three Assembly sessions have been held monsoon, winter and Budget – but legislation on the critical issue is still nowhere in sight.



Ironically, neither the Oppo-

sition nor some ruling MLAs

who supported the demand

Assembly complex.

have pursued the matter with

Sources revealed to The

due diligence even outside the

Goan that the proposal has been discussed by the Department and some attempts were made to draft a proposal.

During the Budget session this February, the issue was tabled through an unstarred question, to which the minister responded that the department is in the process of framing a policy on "widowhood practices."

"Once a draft of the policy on widowhood practices is framed, a meeting will be called to discuss and take views as assured on the floor... Once the law is enacted it will be implemented," the reply stated although no timeline was provided for its completion.

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Call for action as stakeholders convene to finalise traffic plan to ease Margao's congestion crisis

STAKEHOLDERS TO MEET TODAY TO DISCUSS SOLUTIONS TO STREAMLINE PARKING IN CITY BUT DOUBTS RAISED OVER EXERCISE

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Venue: Matanhy Saldanha Complex. Administrative Meeting place: Room No 438, 4th Floor, Collectorate building. Date and time: June 19 at 12.15 pm. Agenda: To discuss the acute traffic congestion plaguing Margao City. Roadmap: To outline plans and strategies for improving traffic flow, alleviating traffic congestion, infrastructure improvement, enforcement of traffic regulations and safety in Margao City.

Taking cognizance of the worsening traffic scenario after the reopening of city schools for the new academic year, authorities and stakeholders may have an answer to a simple question -- Will the proposed roadmap have any meaning unless the spacious old Margao bus stand adjoining the city schools is put to effective use for vehicular parking during peak school hours. For, the old bus stand offers an opportunity as a drop-off and pickup facility, besides vehicular parking for parents who instead park their vehicles on the roads for want of a parking space. Another moot question staring the authorities, including the Margao MLA and the civic body controlled by him is simple - Will they force the kiosk owners to cart away their kiosks from the bus stand after business hours to pave the way for the utilization of the space for vehicular parking during school peak hours. A visit to the old bus stand on Tuesday revealed a pathetic state of affairs, with the bus stand littered with stink and waste. While it was business as usual for the fast food kiosks, the bus stand had a cou-



A view of the pathetic conditions at Old bus stand which ought to have been utilised by the authorities for vehicular parking during peak school hours. **Pics: Santosh Mirajkar**

Invite to only two schools for meet

MARGAO: The heads of the Loyola High School and the Fatima Convent High School along with the PTA chairmen of the two schools have been invited to Wednesday's meeting in a bid to explore the possibility of introducing staggered timings for the two schools.

Standing just a couple of metres apart, these two major schools are in the heart of the commercial capital and when the schools end for

invited only the heads of these two schools when the administration ought to have invited the heads of the schools, higher secondary schools and colleges in and around Comba to work out a holistic solution to the perennial traffic woes.

A senior district administration official told 'The Goan' that the administration has for the moment invited only the heads of the two

schools and the PTA chairmen to get feedback

tion in the city. "Definitely, the meeting called

on Wednesday is not the first and last meeting.

We expect to come out with a road map for the

city as a whole and not piecemeal solutions,"

the official added.

on how to help improve and ease traffic conges-

No change in ground reality at old bus stand as inspection yields zero results

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Is there any change in the ground reality at the old bus stand since the time Margao MLA Digambar Kamat along with Margao Civic Chief Damu Shirodkar and officials in tow inspected the area on June 6? Other than the Margao

MLA sending the minutes of the inspection held on June 6 with a suggestion to constitute a committee to identify the gaddas at Old Bus Stand in Margao and relocate the existing gaddas and demarcation of the area to pave way for proper parking, there's no change in the ground reality till date.

In fact, questions are being raised in city circles that the constitution of the committee to identify and relo-



Clockwise from top: Stink pervades the old bus stand for want of maintenance. The damage

The Committee Members

shall inspect the various

locations in Margao and

submit a detailed report

thereof latest by July 10,

The panel consists of the

Margao, Margao Municipal

Deputy Collector SDM,

can be done.

2024.

the day in the afternoon, the traffic on the main roads adjoining the schools comes to a virtual halt. Over half-a-dozen schools are located in close proximity to each other in the heart of the town, within a radius of 1-2 kilometres, playing host to thousands of students. Ouestions are being raised as to why the administration has

ple of abandoned kiosks, bewoes when umpteen number sides a horticulture stall, and of similar meetings chaired accident vehicles. Even the by his predecessors over the pedestrian pathway lay damyears had come a cropper.

aged with the inter-locking These are a few questions for the Margao Municipal and The District Collector con-**PWD** officials:

*Why is the Margao Municipal Council dragging its feet in ensuring that the owners of the fast food gaddas tow their kiosks back to their place of residence after business hours? What had forced the

MMC officials to turn a blind eye to the violation of the licence conditions by the kiosks?

Have the PWD officials any explanation why the gaddas adjoining the Comba railway crossing have been not removed even after notices were issued to the owners as the structures were set up in road-widening areas and causing acute traffic congestion?

cate the existing gaddas will only delay action to get the fast food kiosks out of the bus stand after business hours so that the bus stand is kept free for parking during day and afternoon time.

Officials in the know say what they have been demanding all these years is to ensure that the Margao Municipality get the fast food kiosks moved out of the bus stand after business hours as per the licence conditions.

"If the Collector has constituted the committee to identify and relocate the gaddas, let the Collector or the Margao Municipal Council first get the fast food owners to tow away the kiosks out of the bus stand after business hours so that the space is utilized for park-

pavers at the bus stand. Accident vehicles dumped in the area.

BRIEF OF THE PANEL

The Committee constituted by District Collector, South will identify gaddas (handcarts) at Old Bus Stand, Margao with their names, licences, occupier name and location and collect all their documents located and relocate existing gaddas and demarcate the area so that proper parking

ing in the morning and afternoon," remarked an official. Incidentally, while it's now almost eight days since the collector had constituted the panel, none of the kiosks have moved out of the bus stand after business hours, only rais-

ing suspicions about whether the Collector-constituted pan el is just an alibi for the kiosks to stay put at the bus stand.

Chairpersoin, DySP traffic,

DYSP Police, Margao Police

Inspector, Police Inspector,

Traffic, Margao Municipal

engineer and the Inspection

Officer of concerned Taluka

in South Goa, Food and

Drugs Administration or

Officer nominated by the

Directorate of Food and

Drugs Administration.

Complete Lohia Maidan renovation in six months or face stir: LoP to govt

pavers craving for attention

vening a meeting to address

the traffic and parking imbro-

glio plaguing the heart of the

commercial town may ring

in good news and has raised

hopes of a roadmap being

put in place to ease traffic

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Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao has set six months ultimatum on the Goa government to complete the renovation works on the historic Lohia Maidan or face a stir.

After paying tributes to the martyrs at the Lohia Maidan on the occasion of Goa Revolution Day, Yuri said though the government has spent almost Rs three crores on the renovation of Lohia Maida, it is unfortunate that the unplanned and substandard work has created inconvenience to all

those who use this historic place. "I demand that the Electric Transformer should be shifted, the Stage needs to be expanded and Public Utilities need to be created immediately. I give an ultimatum of six months to the Government to complete these works, Yuri asserted.

GPCC President Amit Patkar, Quepem MLA Altone D'Costa, South Goa MP Capt Viriato Fernandes, Senior Vice President MK Shaikh and others were also present.

GPCC Chief Amit Patkar said the BJP Government has completely failed in protect-

ing the State of Goa. Every day, one person dies on the Goan Roads due to worst road conditions. "Government is busy in organising Events. Time has come to start another Revolution against this incompetent Government, Patkar added.

Newly-elected South Goa MP Capt Viriato Fernandes said the faulty Policies of the Government have resulted in massive Destruction of Environment and Identity of Goa. Let us unite to save this beautiful land which was liberated with the sacrifices of the Freedom Fighters, he added.

Live up to ideals of those who freed us: Minister

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Environment Minister Aleixo Sequeira on Tuesday said it is the responsibility of every Goan to live up to the ideals for which the freedom fighters had sacrificed whatever was needed to liberate Goa from the oppressive Portuguese regime.

He was speaking at the Goa Revolution Day program at the historic Lohia Maidan on Tuesday after paying respect to the martyrs and Dr Ram Manohar Lohia in the presence of Margao MLA Digambar Kamat, Navelim MLA Ulhas Tuemkar, Margao Civic Chief Damu Shirodkar, freedom fighters, officials and



Environment Minister Aleixo Sequeira with MLAs Digambar Kamat and Ulhas Naik along with MMC Chief Damu Shirodkar, besides Collector Asvin Chandru paying tributes to Martyrs and Dr Ram Manohar Lohia at the Lohia Maidan Margao on Santosh Mirajkar Tuesday.

school children.

Speaking further, Sequeira said Chief Minister Pramod

Goa is known for peace, amity and brotherhood amongst the people. Let us together strive to maintain and preserve this rich legacy," —Aleixo Sequeira, **Environment Minister**

that the sacrifices undertaken by the freedom fighters does not go in vain. "Goa is known for peace, amity and brotherhood amongst the people. Let us together strive to maintain and preserve this rich legacy,' he appealed.

Saying that 18th June and

Goa Revolution is the red letter day in the history of Goa, Sequeira said many people had made sacrifices to reach the goal of liberating Goa from the Portuguese. "Dr Ram Manohar Lohia had come to Goa for a holiday to spend some time with his friend Dr Juliao Menezes at Assolna. However, after sensing the prevailing conditions in the state, this nationalist made a valiant speech that electrified and galvanized the masses to fight for freedom from Portugal. This movement defined a new phase that paved the way for the Liberation of Goa on December 19, 1961 following Operation Vijai by the Indian Army," he added.

Cavelossim p'yat petitions district

KTC fines H'bad company for not

MMC lodges police complaint against clerk, cites misappropriation of funds

collector over stray dog menace

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Tourism stakeholders and panchayat bodies have rung alarm bells for the government and authorities to work out a solution to the stray menace on the beach belt before tourists abandon the land of sun, sand and sea.

As a delegation of Cavelossim Panchayat led by Sarpanch Dixon Vaz and panch member Adv Irish Passainha and Colva social worker Thomas Rodrigues handed over a memorandum to the District Collector, Asvin Chandru to intervene under the Disaster Management, they made a fervent plea to the government to save Tourism by controlling the stray dog menace.

Thomas narrated a chilling incident while stray dogs mauled a small boy at Colva beach when the victim along parents descended on the beach last week. Dixon,



A memorandum is submitted to the South Goa District Collector Asvin Chandru by Cavelossim Sarpanch Dixon Vaz, panch Irish Passainha and Colva social worker Thomas Rodrigues on stray dogs on the beach belt. Santosh Mirajkar

ism and the visitors from the on the other hand, warned strays," Dixon explained the that Indian tourists, who love monsoon tourism in Goa, may district Collector. just abandon the state if there Understanding the gravity of the situation, the district is no security for the visitors Collector has called for an on the beach. "We hardly find urgent meeting of the stakeany morning walkers on the

beach now after the spate of holders, including officials of attacks by stray dogs. Tourists the department of Tourism, will not dare enter the beach Animal Husbandry, Municif they are attacked by the ipalities and Panchayat to discuss and find a way out of strays. It's time the government intervene to save tourthe situation.

delivering buses

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Chairman, Kadamba Transport Corporation Ulhas Tuenkar on Tuesday informed that the government has issued a show cause notice as well as fine on the Hyderabad-based EV manufacturing company for the failure to deliver all the 150 electric buses to the KTC. Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the Goa Revolution Day commemoration at the Lohia Maidan, Margao on Tuesday, Tuenkar said the company has now promised to deliver the buses in the next two months. "We had entered into an agreement with the Hyderabad based company to deliver 150 EV buses. However, since the company has failed to deliver the buses, a show cause notice and fine amounting to Rs one crore has been issued to the company," he said, adding that the company has now promised to deliver the remaining buses in the next two months.

Chief Officer seeks criminal investigation against municipal LDC

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Margao Municipal Chief Officer Gaurish Sankhwalkar has finally lodged a complaint against a Municipal Lower Divisional Clerk with a plea to the police to register an FIR against the erring employee and investigate the matter and register offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act and under the IPC. The Chief Officer, howev-

er, said the complaint is filed without prejudice to the rights of the Municipal Council to conduct a disciplinary proceedings against him for allegedly misappropriation of funds, misconduct and dereliction of duties and also for recovery of the amounts.

In his three-page complaint with the Margao police, the Chief Officer said the LDC with an alleged criminal in-

THE CHARGE

Sawant under the guidance of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

is also committed to ensure

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tent dishonestly misappropriated funds of the Municipal exchequer to his personal accounts for an amount of Rs 17.96 lakh, thereby committing offenses of criminal misconduct by a public servant under the Prevention of Corruption Act. Similarly, the complaint stated that the employees has allegedly committed theft, dishonest misappropriation of public funds and criminal breach of trust by allegedly siphoning the money collected as fees and fines, from the vendors of the Municipal Council to his personal accounts.

"During the preliminary inquiry, it was revealed that the employee used the amount of Rs 17.96 lakh for his personal use and had depositing the amount in his personal bank accounts to clear up his personal outstanding loans. He further issued and affidavit dated June 14 to the Council admitting the fact that an amount of Rs 17.96 lakh is in his custody and he failed to deposit the amount to the Municipal treasury. On the same day, he deposited a sum of Rs three lakh in the Municipal treasury and further requested to grant some time to de-

posit the balance amount in the municipal treasury," the Chief Officer further stated in his complaint.

The complaint added: "After preliminary inquiry with the Municipal inspectors, accounts and taxation officer and the Head Clerk, it is revealed that all the fees and fines collected during the Purumentachem fair was taken into custody by the LDC unauthorizedly and an amount of Rs 17.96 lakh was allegedly fraudulently transferred by the employee to his personal bank account, thereby committing theft, misappropria tion of municipal funds and causing loss to the Municipal exchequer. The LDC has also unauthorisedly directly collected fees from some of the vendors to his personal GPay account, thereby committing criminal breach of trust."

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Outrage in Anjuna as huge rave party hoardings occlude traffic signals

GCCI voices concern over power tariff hike, offers suggestions

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PANAJI

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. The tariff hike is the recommendation of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC).

During the public hearing conducted by JERC before the tariff increase, GCCI had proposed several alternative measures to generate additional revenue without burdening consumers. These suggestions were implementing steps to minimise power transmission losses to improve efficiency and lower costs and switching back from the current KVAH-based billing system to a KWH-based system to make billing more straightforward and cost-effective for consumers. Similarly, identifying high distribution loss areas and focusing on areas with high distribution losses and peak load restrictions to take corrective

er compared to major cities in India. To address these issues, the chamber suggested the installation of automated sectionalisers to enhance power distribution efficiency.

GCCI also recommended the formation of mini grids equipped with Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and the utilisation of waste heat recovery gener ating stations at Amona to en hance the reliability and quality of power supply in the region.

Peak power problem

To address the peak power shortage in Goa, GCCI urged JERC to direct the Electrici ty Department to explore alternative avenues such as pumped hydroelectric generation, BESS, and open tenders for procuring peak power. These measures, according to GCCI, would alleviate the peak power problem.

Despite repeated requests, GCCI also brought to JERC's notice that no district committee has been formed to review the quality of power supply. This oversight has led to continued dissatisfaction among consumers regarding the power quality.

The increased electricity tariffs for industries in Goa 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 manu facturing sector, said GCCI director, Kiran Ballikar.

ADS NOT ONLY CREATING EYESORE BUT COULD ALSO JEOPARDISE ROAD SAFETY

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MAPUSA

Residents along the Anjuna-Vagator coastal belt are raising concerns over a new nuisance in their village: lifesized hoardings advertising rave parties.

advertisements, These strategically placed by several nightclubs, have proliferated at key intersections, obscuring traffic light poles and detracting from the village's aesthetics.

The hoardings, erected at the base of traffic lights, have sparked outrage among locals for not only creating an eyesore but also potentially jeopardising road safety.

The traffic lights appear to be popping out from these large advertisements, barely visible amid the overwhelming signage.

Desmond Alvares, an outspoken resident from Assagao, voiced his concerns on social media questioning the prioritisation of rave party promotions over essential traffic signals.



Multiple rave party hoardings obscure a traffic signal light near A rave party hoarding obstructs a traffic signal in Anjuna, the Vagator petrol pump in Anjuna, posing a safety hazard. raising concerns about road safety and visibility.



A rave party hoarding displayed on a traffic signal pole at the Sai Café intersection in Vagator, Anjuna.



He also defended the panchayat's record, claiming that Anjuna is better managed in this regard compared to other coastal villages like Calangute.

However, the problem raises broader questions about governance and priorities. The proliferation of hoardings is symptomatic of a larger issue where commercial interests seem to overshadow public welfare.

While the revenue from rave parties might benefit the local administration, the adverse impact on traffic safety and the environment cannot be ignored.

The situation calls for stricter regulations and enforcement to balance commercial activities with the community's quality of life.

Moreover, a sustainable approach to tourism and nightlife is essential to preserve the character and livability of the Anjuna-Vagator coastal belt.

The ongoing debate highlights the need for transparent governance and community engagement in decision-making processes. As the panchayat moves to remove the offending hoardings, it remains to be seen whether this action will lead to a more permanent solution to the problem.

New criminal laws aim to eliminate colonial

mindset, CM says at 'Revolution Day' event

Coming into force on July 1, they will also be implemented in Goa

"Which is more important traffic signals in Anjuna or rave party hoardings," an intrepid Alvares wrote on a social media platform with the pictures of the offensive hoardings.

Alvares's post quickly

gained traction, with one netizen cynically remarking that rave parties are prioritised because they generate significant revenue for the local panchayat and its members. dent of Police.

In response to the growing discontent, Alvares has filed complaints with various authorities, including the local panchayat, the district collector, and the Superinten-

This has put pressure on hoardings during the night to the local administration to avoid detection.

Chimulkar said the panchayat has taken action in the past to remove such illegal advertisements and pledged to do so again.

actions would benefit both consumers and the electricity department, felt GCCI.

GCCI also highlighted the need for improvements in the quality and reliability of power supply, noting that the current standards are much low-

Mapusa brutal assault case victim dies after 18 days

Family refuse to claim body unless main accused is arrested

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MAPUSA

Ahmed Devadi (30), a victim of a brutal assault on May 30 in Mapusa, succumbed to his injuries early Tuesday morning at Goa Medical College, Bambolim, after 18 days of treatment.

The Mapusa Police have now registered a case of murder against all suspects involved in the attack.

The assault, which occurred near an overhead water tank at the Housing Board in Mapusa, involved two victims – Ahmed Devadi from Laxminagar, Housing Board, and Sandesh Salkar (28) from Moira.

Both men were viciously attacked with iron rods by four assailants, leaving them with severe head injuries.

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unit at Goa Medical College.

Following the death of Ahmed Devadi, his family has refused to claim his body until the prime suspects, Ramkrishna Bhalekar, also known as RK, and his brother Babu Bhalekar, are apprehended.

The Bhalekar brothers remain at large.

On the day of the incident, Mapusa Police apprehended three suspects: Manthan Chiri (24), Sridhar Killedar (26), and Abhishek Pujari (20), all residents of Khorlim, Mapusa.

Subsequently, three more suspects - Sharanbasu Gaikwad (27), Nagaraj Pujari (19), and Boresh Pujari (38) – were also arrested.

Initially, the police had filed charges under Sections 120 (B), 307, 326, 506 (2), and 34 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

With Ahmed Devadi's death, the charges have been amended to include Section 302 (murder) of the IPC.

Sources suggest that the victims and their attackers were acquainted and had a personal dispute.

The assault was reportedly triggered by a recent verbal altercation between the victim and RK's brother, Babu, which had already resulted in a police complaint.

Mapusa Police Inspector Nikhil Palekar is leading the ongoing investigation.

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PANAJI

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Chief Minister Pramod Sawant who also himself holds the Home portfolio chose Tuesday's Revolution Day state function at Azad Maidan to delve into the much anticipated roll out of three new criminal laws to replace the British Raj era Indian Penal Code (IPC), Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) and the Evidence Act, saying it is a step which will "eradicate" the colonial hangover.

These laws -- Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Bhartiya Sakshva Sanhita -- are slated to come into force from July 1 this year and these will be implemented in Goa too, he said.

Sawant who was addressing an audience with a few freedom fighters in it, also touched on his favourite taunt



Governor PS Sreedharan Pillai pays tribute at Martyrs Memorial along with CM Pramod Sawant, Union Minister of State for Power Shripad Naik, and Chief Secretary Puneet Goel on Goa Revolution day which was marked on Tuesday. (Right) Goa Police team readying for the gun salute.

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leading to the Central governbecame free in 1947. "India was freed from Britment's decision to launch 'Operation Vijay' to free Goa in 1961. ish domination, but Goa re-

wreath at the Martyrs Memorial as did the Governor P S Sreedharan Pillai and Union Minister of State for Power Shripad Naik.

Cong alleges national anthem sung wrongly

PANAJI: The Congress on Tuesday alleged that the national anthem was insulted by singing it wrongly at the Goa Revolution Day event at Azad Maidan.

"We condemn insult of National Anthem by @ BJP4Goa @GovtofGoa at Goa Revolution Day function at Azad Maidan...," the Congress said on its @INCGoa handle on micro-blogging site 'X' (formerly Twitter).

Dravida UTKAL Banga is pronounced as 'UCCHAL' & 'Bharat Bhagya VIDHATA is pronounced as "VIRAADA", it alleged.

Anjuna panchayat to submit compliance report on sealing of illegal structures

Despite end of tourist season, wooden decks still on beaches

Pics: Narayan Pissurlenkar

mained a victim of Portuguese rule for the next fourteen years," Sawant said, adding that development here would have been at a faster pace. Earlier, Sawnt placed a

It will detail actions taken and current status of establishments

the Panchayat Raj Act, town

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The Anjuna Panchayat is poised to submit a compliance report regarding the recent sealing of illegal structures along the Anjuna and Vagator beach belt.

This follows the directives of the High Court of Bombay at Goa, which initially mandated the sealing of 175 unauthorised structures.

The compliance report will detail the actions taken and the current status of these establishments.

Earlier this year, on February 13, 2024, the High Court, while hearing a public interest litigation concerning illegal constructions, ordered the sealing of these commercial establishments.

The court's ruling emphasised that merely possessing house tax receipts, electricity, and water connections does

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lishments was completed in all respects, and most of the units were shut," Shankardas stated. He further mentioned that the Panchayat Secretary has been tasked with filing the compliance report before the High Court.

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establishments, including numerous restaurants and lodges that were operating without proper occupancy certificates and clearances. The court ruled unequivocally that no commercial activities could be conducted from

these structures without the necessary legal permissions. "We have complied with the High Court's directions, and the Secretary will be filing a compliance report on the sealing of the structures,"

Chimulkar reiterated. This legal action underscores the ongoing efforts to regulate unauthorised constructions and ensure compliance with environmental and planning regulations along Goa's coastline.

The forthcoming compliance report will provide a detailed account of the steps taken by the Anjuna Panchayat in adherence to the High Court's directives.

private restaurant business is on, and as there is no parking arrangement on the roadsides, the visiting tourists park their vehicles on both sides causing traffic jams. The government should take action on this and find a solution, appeals a local

The tourist season at Morjim, Ashwem, Mandrem, Harmal, Keri and Tiracol areas is between October to May. After April, the shacks permitted on the coastal belt by the government are shut. These restaurants on private land are at Vithaldas wada and as they put wooden decks on the seashore, some tourists visit them even during the rains.

As most of these restaurants have no parking space, the visitors to these restaurants park their vehicles on both sides of the roads, and

Morjim's cup of woes overflows as tourists cause nuisance

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PERNEM

The tourist season is over, however even in the rainy season, Sanjay Kole.



Wooden decks on the seashore as some tourists visit restaurants even during the rains.

traffic jams occur due to this. would be brought under con In times of crises, if fire servictrol, however it has continued. es have to be summoned, how would emergency services over and the monsoon has start provide service? The Pernem ed, yet noise pollution is a regpolice and traffic department ular phenomenon here. Manshould take note of this and drem police should take action take action on the vehicles against this, locals appeal. parked on both sides of the roads, demand citizens.

After an independent police station was formed for Mandrem constituency, the citizens were expecting that prostitution and other illegalities like drugs, quarrels, fighting, abusing etc No parking zone The tourists come with friends and families with their own vehicles to celebrate weekends and park their vehicles in no parking zones. Strict action should be tak en against them, demands Kole.

Now the tourist season is





Many a trip continues long after movement in time and space have ceased. John Steinbeck

Why the silence on issues flagged by artistes on KA?

rotests over Kala Academy works erupted once again. This time, artistes from across the State came together on Monday demanding a white paper on the expenses incurred over renovation works and also sought the resignation of Art and Culture Minister Govind Gaude. The artistes threat-

ened to take to the streets if the structure was not restored to its original state within 15 days.

While artistes took turns pointing at shortcomings of the works and alleged misappropriation of funds, a representative of the Charles Correa Foundation pointed out that drastic changes had been made to the structure taking away the original aesthetics and vibe of the area. The representative stated that the restoration work lacked visual appeal and was of mediocre quality.

Interestingly, the meeting which was an open forum saw Gaude seated among the audience patiently listening to every line that was spoken, but chose not to comment despite him being a direct target of criticism. Gaude, who is an artiste himself, by attending the meeting sent out a message that he was ready to listen, and yes he did. But why has there been a silence or a pause? On the flip side, why is PWD also not held responsible? It is a foregone conclusion that the renovation work has gone bad, and whether one calls it overhead clogging of drainage resulting in leakages or something else, the fact of the matter is that there is something seriously wrong. A cross-section of artistes coming together to take up the issue shows that things are indeed not up to the mark. Lest we forget, Gaude had said that the sound system installed is of professional standard and needs to be tuned to the requirements of artistes. The There has to be a white paper released on the question is, why has that not happened? expenses incurred on Have Gaude's assurances of the past the renovation because come to haunt him now? Way back in accountability in public 2021, the art and culture minister had clarprojects is a must ified that the special agency involved in the work would carry out maintenance of the renovated premises for five years and that there is a 25-year guarantee on the repairs. That means that the contractor is liable to take care of any problems that arise in the next two-and-a-half decades. The irony is that the State government is now pumping in another Rs 10.56 crore to repair the renovated structure, and what is more surprising is that this job has also been awarded to the same contractor. The agony of artistes is understandable, but the silence of Gaude and Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, who also holds the PWD portfolio, is baffling. We recall when Sawant issued directions to the PWD Chief Engineer to ensure that all repair work at Kala Academy is to be done on priority so that there are no leakages. Leakages happened even when the State witnessed the first showers in May. By ordering an audit of the renovation work and constituting a three-member technical committee to examine the alleged "corruption", "irregularities" and "illegalities" the government cannot assume that it has done its job. The need of the hour is to hear out the artistes and lay out an action plan. There has to be a white paper released on the expenses incurred on the renovation because accountability in public projects is a must. The assurances of quality work and world-class infrastructure appear hollow given the state of affairs of Kala Academy. It's time Gaude and Sawant view the entire Kala Academy renovation work through the lens of these artistes who are flag bearers of our art and culture.

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Do poll results show that nation is saved?

The traumatised souls of the last ten years are a pragmatic lot. They know that the nation is still not completely out of the woods



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ASHUTOSH

The country is saved", is how an elderly friend reacted when I called him up after the election results. I can't call him a left liberal but he is a hardcore political person for whom "country first" has been the leitmotif for life. I have known him for a very long time and can vouch for the honesty of his conviction. He was a worried man. We had had many discussions over the years since the Bharatiya Janata Party formed the government in 2014. As elections neared this time, he told me in one of his friendly but very enlightened chats that if the BJP were to get more than 300 seats, then the country would not be the same again; the Constitution would be changed, Parliamentary democracy would be consigned to the dustbin of history; Parliament and the Constitutional institutions would have no meaning and the country would be proclaimed a Hindu rashtra. No wonder, a large section of intelligentsia, journalists, professionals working in different walks of life, activists with no affiliation to any party, who had been critical of the Congress in pre-2014 era, and even those who were considered to be rightists or supporters of Hindutva philosophy, gravitated towards the Congress. In their opinion, the rise of right-wing fascist politics was due to the decline of the Congress as a robust political force. And if the country had to be saved then the Congress had to be strengthened. After the exit poll results, gloom permeated their hearts and the subsequent tense two days tormented them no end. But by 10am on June 4, once the results trickled in and it was apparent that the BJP was not getting the numbers that the pollsters had predicted, they were overwhelmed by relief and mobile phones started buzzing with congratulatory calls and messages. The nation has finally survived, was the common call. These are brilliant people who have done well in their respective fields, and wear love for the nation on their sleeves; yes they are not fashionably pompous about their patriotism – for them India is a lived reality, a commitment, and not a delusional society's false imagery. For them, nation means pluralism, a free society, freedom to express themselves, where



the voice of dissent is celebrated, not mauled; where minorities live with dignity without fear and persecution, where the state is creative and harmonious and not discriminatory, and liberty is the uncompromising cardinal principle of life.

But the traumatised souls of the last ten years are a pragmatic lot. They know that the nation is still not completely out of the woods. It's only a temporary recovery. The sun has peeped through the dark clouds but the bright sunshine is still far away. The new government has been formed. Unlike the last two, it's not a majority government. Crutches are needed to run it. The prime minister is theoretically weakened but his team is the same. Though, the coming week will unfold the truth about his real demeanour when parliament will be in session. Unlike the last two terms, the Opposition will be more robust, the Congress will be bolder due to its enhanced numbers in the Lok Sabha; one can see better floor coordination as the results have proved that if the Opposition is more cohesive and united then the government can be tamed. But with Modi at the helm, overconfidence can be disastrous. It is true that he has never run a coalition government ever since he became the chief minister of Gujarat. He always had a majority on his own and he was never constrained by mundane things in his party and the government. He was the boss and ran both the institutions like his fiefdom. In fact, he so jealously guards his power that he did not tolerate the RSS, and during his time as chief minister he ensured that none of the RSS pracharaks and officebearers would have any say in the party or in the government, and those who dared challenge his authority were brutally shown the door and could not survive. A similar model has been active in Delhi since 2014. It was his government. Even senior BJP leaders had no

authority, their job was to implement

what was being decided or ordered by the powerful PMO. Through Amit Shah, the prime minister has total control over the party. Now the situation has changed.

Nitish Kumar and Chandrababu Naidu are mavericks. They know how to protect their interests and demand their pound of flesh. Both have worked with the PM in the past and had their skirmishes with him; together they command 28 seats, which is enough to destabilise the government with the support of others. It's a relationship of distrusting partners. The PM knows that if any of their demands is not fulfilled then neither will hesitate to pull the rug under his feet and the two of them are well aware that in his quest to get 272, the prime minister can hijack their MPs too. The election of the Speaker in Parliament will be the first test of the coalition government. If the BJP cedes the Speaker's chair to a coalition partner then it can be argued that the partners have decided to buy peace and Parliament will have some amount of autonomy in its functioning. And if the BJP carries the day with its nominee then uncertainty will continue. The second test will be the appointment of the BJP's party president. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's statements are a stiff reminder that the RSS has decided to not mortgage the party like it did earlier. It has not taken lightly the statement of JP Nadda that now the BJP has become self-sufficient and it is not dependent on the RSS to win elections. A senior RSS person told me long back that Modi's priority could be to be the prime minister which is not that of the RSS, whose civilisational project is to unite Hindus. Now is the right time for the RSS to assert itself, when Modi's popularity is declining and he does not have enough numbers. This battle is serious and it will be interesting to see how it unfolds.

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- FPJ

THE INBOX >>

Food safety regulations must be strictly followed

This is reference to the report, "Bladelike object found in food of Al fight - The Goan Everyday - June 18, 2024." That was certainly disturbing news. How much more dangerous can it get? Close on the heels of the incident where a finger was found in a customer's icecream in Mumbai and another incident of a centipede found in a Amul ice-cream tub of a customer in Noida. And now, a blade-like metal object was found in a passenger's food onboard an Air India flight. Where are we heading? Are the Food Safety regulations being followed, apparently it does not seem so. The situation is certainly alarming. With the monsoon at our doorsteps, we need to take extra precautions even while preparing food at home to ensure that no bacterial infections take place. The human body has the capacity to overcome certain levels of infection but there is a limit. So, it is imperative that all food safety regulations are strictly followed by all.

Keep away from water bodies for your safety

With the onset of monsoons there comes a lot of precautionary measures attached to it while vacationing in Goa. However, rough conditions do persists in sea and water bodies during this time of the year. Inspite of the advisory warnings, there are incidents of tourists getting drunk and venturing into the water bodies. Such type of incidents tarnish the image of Goa across the globe. However, tourists/local populace also ought to keep away from water bodies such as dangerous quarries and monsoon waterfalls. Unfortunately, there are several unmonitored quarries which pose danger to children. Furthermore, it's quite evident to note that children too need guidance from teachers/ elders and parents pertaining to monsoon related safety measures as far as water bodies are concerned. However, to beef up safety measures, certain monsoon waterfalls have been banned by the authorities. Eventually, the beauty and charm of vacationing in Goa during monsoon season is altogether a different experience. However, a humble appeal to everyone that exercise little bit of wisdom and self control by keeping away from water bodies, especially during this time of the year.

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RONNIE DSOUZA, Chandor

OPEN SPACE >>

Hand over Kala Academy to the artistes' forum

s 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 premiere cultural centre and the resignation of the Art and Culture Minister Govind Gaude from his position as chairman of Kala Academy. 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 theatre collapsed in July last year. 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 to hand over the upkeep 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.

ADELMO FERNANDES, Vasco

MELVILLE X D'SOUZA, Mumbai

Justice should be speedy, equitable to masses

Our institutions compromised like in the case of the IIT Kharagpur student campus death where the 2nd post-mortem has brought out that he was shot and stabbed which the first post-mortem was silent about. It is also alarming that the government institutions like the hospitals and police try to hide such a glaring injury that could have been a cause of the victim's death. The same with the Porsche accident case in Pune recently where the forensic department substituted blood samples for bribes, with the price set at Rs 5 lakh, as reported in the papers. Here again the common citizen's claim for justice was intended

JOSEPH SAVIO DESOUZA, Rajasthan

to be denied to save the rich perpetrator. Then look at the rape cases brought against Yediyurappa and Prajwal Revanna in Karnataka, 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 end of social stigma. The rights of common individuals should not be encroached and in the event of them being victims of crime, justice should be speedy, fair and equitable.

S KAMAT, Mysuru

Congrats to The Goan on its 9th anniversary

Congratulations to The Goan Everyday newspaper on its 9th Anniversary. The Goan family of readers are growing

Traffic system going off rails in State The traffic situation is witnessing a big challenge in Goa. Traffic congestion in the rush hours is the regular scenario in Goa. With haphazard parking (double or triple parking) without any proper traffic regulations, the prime roads in the major towns of Goa are getting completely filled

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with the vehicles in the daytime with hardly any place left for parking and especially at Panaji Market, 18th June Road, DB Borkar road. Tourism in the state is also sinking day-by-day which led to the further draining of the state treasury. With shortage of traffic police, decline in number of wardens, it's imperative to mitigate the city's growing challenges. Bad roads, poor connectivity, waterlogging on roads, poor drainage systems and road designs, incomplete smart city project works, the list goes on and on. The blame is invariably heaped on the government departments.

KG VILOP, Chorao

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Renovation plans afoot for MMC buildings in Vasco

REDEVELOPMENT TO BE DONE USING PPP MODEL

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VASCO

With a number of municipal-owned buildings in a dilapidated condition and posing a threat to public in Vasco City, plans are afoot to redevelop these buildings using the PPP model.

Speaking to The Goan, Vasco MLA Krishna Salkar said he had discussed the matter with Urban Development Minister Vishwajit Rane to redevelop MMC buildings under PPP model and had got an assurance from him.

"We have already placed the proposal before the government and works will be taken in this direction. We are already taking up multiple projects on priority in Vasco like the fish market, sports complex, etc. and these projects are underway," said Salkar.

"After that, we will start

Builder cites challenges in redeveloping unsafe Pvt buildings

VASCO: Nazir Khan, a builder and redeveloper from Vasco, has claimed that while the government can take up redevelopment of its own buildings, redevelopment of unsafe private buildings is a complex issue.

"The government can take up redevelopment of its buildings on its own, if required, through a tender, especially for their own staff accommodation quarters which are in a dilapidated condition," said Khan.

"However, no builder would be willing to demolish and redevelop a private building and also offer the same area to shops and flat owners."

Khan admitted that a tragedy is waiting to happen when it comes to unsafe buildings in

to develop MMC buildings Building, Mukund Building, under the PPP model. We Borges building, etc. which have identified many MMC will be demolished and rebuildings like the Kossambe developed under PPP model

Vasco, especially with many shops and establishments operating in some buildings.

"The MMC must look forward to a settlement scheme for shopkeepers and residents who have invested a lot of money to buy flats and shops. No one should be in a loss but at the same time we cannot afford to take a risk of operating from buildings that can collapse any day," said Khan.

"Though we sympathise with residents and shop owners of unsafe buildings, a builder also has his costs to take care while redeveloping a property and may be unable to offer the best deal to owners, especially since many people want the same area for flats and shops in the new redeveloped building without paying extra."

> so that people get their rights and MMC benefits in terms of revenue from the extra FAR away." for the area.'

Canacona cops accused of harassing Karwar motorists

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CANACONA

Accusing Canacona police of harassing non-Goan vehicles entering Goa via Polem border, Karwar MLA Satish Sail has asked Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to intervene and take appropriate action against this arbitrary action. While vehicles are stopped

at Goa's Polem checkpost, Sail alleged that Canacona police have also been stopping vehicles at Shellim, around 800 metres inside the Polem border check post. The non-functional toll-booth at Shellim was earlier in operation to collect entry tax of outstation vehicles.

"It is not a right practice by police to stop vehicles again at Shellim on the pretext of checking documents, when vehicles coming to Goa through Karnataka go through Karnataka's Majali Checkpost and are stopped for document verification at Goa's Polem checkpost by Goa Police, Excise and RTO,

Ex-councillor pushes for justice after

located just about 800 metres "This unhealthy practice

by Canacona police amounts to harassment of Karnataka and particularly Karwar vehicles plying to Goa. What is the significance of stopping and checking these same vehicles for document verifications at Shellim," asked Sail.

"If this trend is not stopped and if Canacona police continue to harass Karnataka vehicles at Shellim, will it be right if Karnataka police stops every Goa vehicle again at Karwar?"

The Karwar MLA stated that Karwar and Goa, particularly Canacona taluka, share a very close relationship and hoped this would be allowed to continue peacefully.

"I hope better sense will prevail and that, Goa's Chief Minister Pramod Sawant initiates appropriate action by stopping this arbitrary practice of Canacona Police. This blatant and arbitrary harassment of motorists will not be tolerated," warned Karwar MLA Satish Sail.

According to sources, Canacona Police has been accused of placing a police team at the old and abandoned toll booth at Shellim about 800 metres away from Polem Checkpost.

IN SHORT >>

Haryana tourist flees with rent-a-car

MAPUSA: Mapusa police has booked a tourist from Haryana on charges of fleeing with a rent-a-car belonging to a person from Bastora.

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According to police, the accused Pradeep Singh had hired the rent-a-car from the owner Mohiddin Hakeem of Paliem-Bastora for a period of four days from June 6 to June 9.

The accused had paid Hakeem the amount to rent the car, but did not return the car after four days. Singh did not respond to calls and when Hakeem suspected that his car may have been stolen, he filed a complaint with the Mapusa police.

Acting on the complaint, Mapusa police registered a case against the accused under Section 420 of IPC and further investigation is being conducted by PSI Mangesh Palni.

Cong demands rollback of power tariff hike

PANAJI: The Congress on Tuesday demanded that the power tariff hike be immediately rolled back even as Leader of the Opposition Yuri Alemao flanked by the other party MLAs -- Carlos Alvares Ferreira and Altone D'Costa -- accused the government of failing to reduce T&D losses or control power theft.

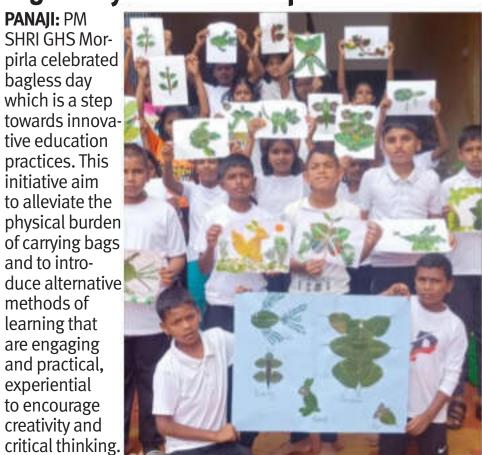
Alemao said a coordinated strategy with INDIA alliance partners will be worked out to corner the government over the issue during the upcoming monsoon session of the Assembly.

Other issues will also be raised which affect Goa and Goans, he added. Incidentally, Alemao, Ferreira and D'Costa addressed the media at the Goa Legislative Assembly complex chamber of the Leader of the Opposition in candlelight but Speaker Ramesh Tawadkar who is the custodian of the legislature complex said the LoP was well aware that his chamber is under repairs and power supply is cut off. Meanwhile, Power Minister Ramkrishna (Sudin) Dhavlikar has claimed that a provision will have to be made in the budget if the hike is to be rolled back or reduced.

Dhavlikar said the issue will also have to be discussed with the Chief Minister Pramod Sawant for concurrence of the finance ministry for the State to bear the additional cost which will arise due to roll back or reduction of the power tariff hike.

Bagless day held at GHS Morpirla

PANAJI: PM SHRI GHS Morpirla celebrated bagless day which is a step towards innovative education



Cong urges amendment to Xth

demolition of public toilet in Mapusa schedule to curb MLA defections

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MARGAO

Congressmen from Margao led by Savio Coutinho on Tuesday presented a memorandum to GPCC President Amit Patkar and Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao with a request to move a Private Member Bill through the Leader of Opposition/Congress Party MLA or any India Alliance MLA pertaining to the Amendment to the Xth Schedule of the Constitution.

Coutinho pointed out that then Opposition Leader Digambar Kamat had moved a Private Members Bill during the Legislative Assembly Session in July 2021, seeking a Resolution requesting the Central Government to bring about appropriate changes to the Xth Schedule of the Constitution so as to put a halt to the rampant defection of MLAs from the party they are elected, to a different party for their greed and selfish interests.

"Astonishingly though, Digambar Kamat himself became the captain of an eight MLA team to jump from Congress to the BJP", Congressmen pointed out. "Probably, if the Bill had to be passed, Ka-

mat on moral grounds would

ANTI DEFECTION AMENDMENT

Congressmen from Margao, led by Savio Coutinho, presented a memorandum to GPCC President Amit Patkar and Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao

They requested a Private Member Bill to amend the Xth Schedule of the Constitution to prevent MLA defections

Then Opposition Leader Digambar Kamat had previously moved a similar Bill in July 2021

The congressmen highlighted Kamat's defection to the BJP despite his earlier efforts against defections

They expressed hope that Kamat, now in the ruling party, would support the Bill to amend the Xth Schedule

The primary goal is to prevent defectors from re-entering Congress via fresh defections

fections to topple the gov-

ernment, Coutinho said sar-

castically. "But, the primary

interest of all Congressmen

and Goans at large is that

this defector should not have

re-entry into the Congress

party via fresh round of de-

Leader of Opposition Yuri

Alemao said he had brought

a similar Bill in the House at

one of the Assembly sessions,

but a resolution to that effect

was not passed. "I will see

that the Bill proposed by the

Congress will be brought in

the Assembly, he assured.

fection, he added.

Yuri Alemao assured that he would work to bring the proposed Bill to the Assembly

not have defected, they said in their representation.

The congressmen expressed confidence that since Kamat has joined the ruling party, which has an overwhelming majority, he will be able to convince his "new team" to support the Bill seeking amendment to the Xth

Schedule of the Constitution of India with respect to defections, the representation reads.

"Furthermore, this Bill will be beneficial to the ruling side in majority as well, considering the threat of deTHE GOAN | NETWORK

MAPUSA

The Chief Officer of Mapusa Municipal Council (MMC) has been urged to file a police complaint following the demolition of a public toilet belonging to the municipality. Former councillor Tushar Tople has written to MMC Chief Officer Chandrakant Shetkar, demanding appropriate action against those responsible for the illegal demolition.

Tople emphasised that as the custodian of municipal property, the Chief Officer must take immediate steps to address the issue.

He called for a thorough inquiry by both the police and the municipality to identify and prosecute those involved in the destruction of public property.

"The police and the municipal council should conduct

MAPUSA TOILET DEMOLITION

Former councillor Tushar Tople urges MMC Chief Officer Chandrakant Shetkar to file a police complaint after the illegal demolition of a public toilet

Tople demands immediate action and a thorough inquiry by police and the municipality to identify and prosecute those responsible

The public toilet, located in Vithalwadi, Mapusa, was demolished by unidentified individuals

a detailed investigation and bring the culprits to justice," Tople stated.

He also suggested that the machinery used in the demolition, including the JCB and the rickshaw, should be seized, and the costs of the damage should be recovered from the offenders.

Tople reminded the coun-

He also highlighted the

duty of the local councillor to protect municipal property within their ward and assist in the investigation.

Tople warned that any delay in taking action would compel him to approach the High Court, accusing officials of neglecting their duties and protecting the culprits.

The incident in question involves the sudden demolition of a 40-year-old public toilet in Vithalwadi, Mapusa, by unidentified individuals last Saturday.

practices. This initiative aim to alleviate the physical burden of carrying bags and to introduce alternative methods of learning that are engaging and practical,

Students also engaged in activities like Yoga, Nature Walk, leaves craft and Nature collage etc.

KLES hospital performs rare heart surgery



Photo: The Rotarians and doctors seen with the child and parents. Louis Rodrigues

BELAGAVI: A 20-month-old male child from Belagavi district who born with a rare congenital heart defect known as a 'Coronary cameral fistula', underwent a successful surgery at KLES Dr Prabhakar Kore Hospital, Belagavi.

This rare condition, occurring in approximately one out of every 2,000 children, involves an abnormal connection between the main coronary artery and a heart chamber, leading to symptoms of heart failure.

According to Senior Paediatric Cardiologist Dr Veeresh Manvi, the child was experiencing frequent colds, coughs, breathlessness, fatigue, and failure to thrive.

The complex surgical repair was performed by Australian trained Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon Dr Gananjay Salve. The surgical team comprised Dr Anand Vagarali, Senior Perfusionist and team. Post operative care was managed by Paediatric Cardiac Intensivist Dr Nidhi G Manvi and team.

Chairman of KLE Society Dr Prabhakar Kore has expressed profound gratitude to the members of Rotary Club Belgaum South for their financial assistance through the 'Gift of Life' program. Col(Dr) M Dayananda, Medical Director of KLES Hospital, congratulated the medical team for their exceptional skills and dedication.

MLA, Sancoale VP inspect polluted nullah at Shindole

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Responding to several complaints from locals about the polluted Nullah at Shindole, Cortalim MLA Anton Vas with Sancoale Panchayat officials conducted a joint inspection of the contaminated Nullah and warned of strict action against those dumping sewage in the Nullah.

Later speaking to reporters, Vas said he had been inspecting the area over the last few



Cortalim MLA Anton Vas along with former Sancoale sarpanch Ramakant Borkar and other villagers during a joint inspection at Shindole-Sancoale on Tuesday. Vikram Nayak

said Vas. Vas said some resi- which might lead to seepage

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Sparks fly over Forest Dept ban on entry at waterfalls

the public for their information and views. This draft contains all the progressive reforms required to boost the tourism. Once the views of all stakeholders are received, this draft will be finalised," said Khaunte.

HINTERLAND FESTIVALS Reacting to Opposition criticising the government for sanctioning funds to promote Chikhal Kalo and Sao Joao festivals, Khaunte said there is nothing wrong in encouraging the such festivals. "Under Regenerative Tourism, there is a need to promote these festivals in the hinterland. The Chikhal Kalo mud festival is associated with Devki Krishna and the Sao Joao festival is celebrated practically in every village. The tourism department cannot be restricted to Carnival and Shigmo festivals alone. We have to showcase our tradition and other popular festivals to tourists," said Khaunte.

Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) had justified it by arguing that the cost of supplying power is much higher than the prevailing tariff and that it is inevitable. Also, at the public hear ings conducted by the JERC in both North and South District headquarters, several opposition political leaders had accused the department of fiscal imprudence including poor recovery of massive arrears of energy charges from defaulting consumers.

Veggie prices hit the roof, turn

cil, the Chief Officer, and the municipal engineer of their responsibility to safeguard municipal assets.

Industrial, commercial users to bear brunt of power hike

hotels, shops and other businesses with low tension connections, the earlier Rs 3.60 per unit rate has been hiked to Rs 3.75 for 100 units. Instead of Rs 4.40 per unit, consumption between 100-200 units will be charged at the rate of Rs 4.60 per unit instead of Rs 4.40 and it will increase from Rs 5 to Rs 5.30 per unit for those consuming between 200 to 400 units in a billing cycle.

The tariff hike has not spared even the agricultural category. While farmers with high consumption of up to 40 kilowatts have a five paise per unit increase to bear but the low tension consumers using up to 25 killowatts will be charged 5 paise per unit lower than the earlier tariff which is Rs 1.50 per unit instead of Rs 1.55 The electricity department in its proposal for the power tariff hike presented to the Joint

family budgets upside down get even worse," said Hussain, who trades

in fruits and vegetables in the CCP market at Panaji.

Lemons, French beans and most of the other vegetables including cabbage, have also become dearer as parts of Karnataka and Maharashtra from where Goa gets most of its supplies have seen rain related crop damage. Horticulture kiosks ease the pain: There was some respite from the stiff prices of vegetables due to sale at subsidised rates through outlets of the Goa State Horticulture Corporation with a nearly 25 per cent discount.

An official of the GSHCL, however, said the Corporation faces a challenge to source supplies with crop damage ravaging the mandis in Belagavi and other regions it relies on.

A year on, Goa fails to enact law on widows' rights

Around 14 panchayats have already adopted resolutions against discriminatory customs to treat widows on par with married women. Not too long ago, a Goan couple's marriage attracted national attention when Usha Naik, a widow, defied societal norms by performing the wedding rituals of her daughter, Dr Gautami. The bride and groom's families challenged the age-old stereotypes surrounding widowhood making a progressive shift and debunking the belief that widows are inauspicious for religious or ritual ceremonies.

days to pinpoint the source of contamination.

"The stream is heavily polluted and the stench is unbearable, making it difficult for people to live here. I have also intimated Goa State Pollution Control Board officials, who have collected water samples. We expect their findings within a week,"

dents have been suspecting sewage tankers of discharging waste into the stream, particularly during the monsoon.

"During an inspection at the hilltop with locals, we discovered a nearly non-functional sewage treatment plant (STP). The plant's capacity is inadequate for the area's needs,

causing contamination."

"There is also suspicion that sewage tankers are illegally dumping sewage into the stream under the cover of rain. Let me be clear that anyone caught releasing sewage into the stream will face strict penalties. Their licenses will be permanently revoked," warned Vas.

Two books by educationist Prabhakar Timble published

PANAJI: Educationist, columnist, political commentator and former Goa State Election Commissioner Prabhakar Timble's two books, one, a collection of essays, 'Illusions of Mind: Goan Identity, Migration and Development' and the second, 'Judiciary, Judges and Judgements', an exploration of legal landscapes with wit and wisdom, were published recently.

Authored by Timble and edited by Akbar Gaded, 'Illusions of Mind: Goan Identity, Migration and Development' is an attempt to address these issues and provide the reader a fresh perspective. The book takes the readers on a journey to understand the core issues of Goa. The book, 'Judiciary, Judges, and Judgments', navigates through complex legal terrains with simplicity, making it intelligible to all readers. Devan Parab has provided editorial assistance for this book.

The book 'Illusions of Mind...' is divided into four sections, 'The Nostalgia', 'Goa in Transition', 'The Delusions of Development' and 'Migration and Identity'. It offers an accessible and engaging narrative that can captivate both scholars and other readers. The author's storytelling prowess makes complex topics like identity and migration feel like an adventure rather than an academic exercise. The book, 'Judiciary, Judges and Judgements' has sections including 'Defections and Elections', 'Gender Justice', 'Slippery Judicial Doctrines' and 'Judiciary on Trial'. The author shines a spotlight on the challenges faced by the judiciary, offering insightful reflections and thought-provoking analyses. With humour as his ally, he transforms legal issues into digestible narratives. The book is useful for anyone curious about the legal realm. Both books are published by Qurate Books Pvt Ltd and priced at Rs 295, are available at Confidant, Golden Heart, Dogears Margao, Varsha, Broadway, Singbal, Naguesh Law Books and Bidve in Panaji.

Freedom fighters stopped at Aguada Jail

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MAPUSA

Some freedom fighters reacted with outrage after they were stopped from visiting the Aguada Jail without an entry ticket on Goa Revolution Day. They were later permitted to enter the fort complex.

According to sources, the incident took place as they had gone to the Aguada Jail as part of an annual programme organised by the government to mark Goa Revolution Day.

As they reached the entry gate, they were stopped from entering the premises and were



asked to purchase entry tick-

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The freedom fighters react-

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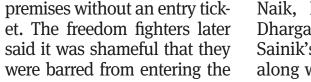
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leased to a private contractor.

Meanwhile, to mark Revolution Day, President of the Goa Daman Diu Freedom Fighters Association Rohidas Naik Desai hoisted the flag and placed garlands on the statue of Ram Manohar Lohia at the Aguada Jail.

Others present on the occasion included the Association's Secretary Chandrakant Pednekar, Yashwant Malik, Raya Shirodkar, Prabhakar Naik, Dashrath Naik, Arun Dhargalkar, Dheeraj Naik of Sainik's Navjeevan Society along with their families, students and teachers of different schools.

said it was shameful that they were barred from entering the premises without entry tickets on Revolution Day



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WEDNESDAY WISDOM

Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves – Carl Jung

How to avoid being hacked Start by upping your password game

Airpods case to deter thieves midst rising concerns, a man's unique

Man engraves Micromax logo on

strategy to deter theft has gone viral on social media. To avoid getting his Apple AirPods stolen, a social media user named Baked Samosa on X revealed he engraved them with the Micromax logo. Baked Samosa then posted a picture of his



AirPods case, customised with a fist bump emoji, to illustrate his theft prevention technique. His reasoning? Disguising the brand logo to make them less appealing to potential thieves.

Leadership and what's missing..!

here's something amiss in this country: There's somebody who's going round the world pounding his chest and shouting, "Look at me, see I'm back for the third time," and there's the world saying, "I think you've got it wrong, there's a brother and sister, who seem to have more leadership qualities than you!"

I believe, and this is not a political article, that these elections have shown us qualities of true leadership. And let's learn some pointers about leadership from the election's that's happened:

First learn we are human, not gods, and so limited in our understanding or thinking, so never neglect taking ownership of your mistakes or the mistakes of your team. That is what strong leaders do. They take full responsibility for mistakes, and they are respected much more for doing so.

Secondly, have the boldness to point out what's not worked and propose methods that will work. Yes, you need to become a problem solver. Which means to think out solutions. People respect problem solvers and solution finders more than blamers. Even if people don't fully accept your proposal, they will respect you for providing one. It shows that you are truly invested in making things better, and you will gain a reputation for generating ideas, solving problems and improving processes. Thirdly, treat other people not just the way you would like them to treat you, but go one step farther and treat others the way they want to be treated. Which means investing time and thought to find out and delve into the strengths and weaknesses of others. This is very important as we are not generalising but serving a specific purpose. Focus on what they need and what they care about. Fourthly, learn to ask questions and remain open to new ideas. Yes, from the recent elections we have found that people really don't like know-it-alls. If you go around diminishing others while acting like you have a monopoly on bright ideas, you will be disliked. People will respect you less because they don't feel you value their ideas or expertise. Fifthly, learn to deal with conflict even when it's uncomfortable. When you avoid conflict, you send a message that you are afraid, or that their needs are inferior to yours. Turning a blind eye to a conflict as what happened in Manipur is more the style of Nero playing the fiddle while Rome burned. Finally, allow criticism from others. Never think that only weak people need others. Strong ones have the courage to allow others to provide assistance. When you ask for help, you show your strength. You show that you are indeed confident in your abilities and have the willingness and courage to accept guidance. You show others that you don't believe yourself to be superior to those around you, and you create opportunities for others to contribute to your development. Yes, there's much that we can learn from these elections, especially what was missing, if only we look closely..! feedback@thegoan.net

If you type the term "password cyberattack" into Google News, the results will show just how often cyber criminals are getting hold of important data belonging to companies and individuals

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to auto-save when you create a new account, a flawless solution. Despite the convenience, these platforms pose a risk of credential exposure.

authenticate a user – for example a password and facial or retina recog-

What are the biggest password no-nos?

hy is password security so important? The spike in cyberattacks leading to system breaches and data leaks has compelled a review of access control strategies. The question has shifted from whether cyberattacks will occur to when and how they will happen.

Passwords and usernames remain a key point of vulnerability as they are still used for access and authentication. Too many people use weak and recycled passwords. A report by cybersecurity firm Sophos found that the "number of cyber attacks on businesses in South Africa, Kenya and Zambia increased by 76% in 2023". This comes at a huge cost.

Each year various sources publish lists of the most used passwords. Research by NordPass often highlights predictable choices like "123456", "admin", "12345678" and "password".

These passwords can be cracked in less than a minute by highly skilled hackers and those with basic hacking skills. Confidential information is then exposed to theft, deletion or tampering. Al tools are making hacking easier.

In some organisations, passwords never expire, creating opportunities for unauthorised access. In many instances, compromised passwords result in online identity theft. Nor are password-saving features, such as websites offering

What can companies do differently?

A password policy and corresponding standards should be developed and implemented to meet the company's cybersecurity objectives. How this is done depends on the organisation and the type of business. For example, financial institutions and credit card companies may find the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard to be most appropriate. Others might find the guidelines provided by the US National Institute of Standards and Technology or ISO/IEC 27001 security standards useful. These standards are used globally.

Companies must ensure that employees are fully informed about the policies and procedures related to password use and that they understand their responsibilities. They should therefore conduct regular awareness campaigns to promote safe password practices and address potential password threats. Follow best practice security standards for user accounts management and password control.

Incorporate password-strength meters to assist users in generating more secure passwords.

Consider adopting multi-factor authentication, which requires two or more pieces of evidence to nition ensure that the password files are encrypted.

Conduct regular audits to monitor and ensure compliance with password policies and standards.

What about individuals?

Individuals can enhance their online safety – both at work and in their private life – by remaining vigilant and informed about the latest threats that could compromise password security. In organisational settings you should know and follow organisational policies and standards for safe password use. Participate in awareness and training sessions. Report any suspicious security incident to the ICT help desk or follow your organisation's incident management process.

Keep your login credentials safe and secure. Log out after every session, especially when you're using a shared computer. Use passwords which are strong and unlikely to be guessed by attackers.

Avoid using sequential characters or repetitive phrases for passwords, recycled or easily guessable passwords such as dictionary words.

Check if the chosen password is not already on the list of breached or common passwords.

Change your password whenever a compromise is suspected and use encrypted password manager tools to store passwords safely.

Don't use basic or easily guessable passwords, such as common dictionary words. Users should aim for a password not shorter than 12 characters long, a combination of alpha numeric (letters and numbers) and special characters, and lower and upper cases (small and capital letters) and keep it confidential.

It's also important not to reuse passwords across different accounts.

Don't use auto-fill or save your passwords on websites especially on shared computers.

Avoid sharing passwords or revealing them to others, particularly with colleagues in the workplace. If you have to share a password, ensure that it is authorised by the manager and that the details are documented for auditing purposes. Never give password details over the phone to individuals claiming to be IT technicians without proper verification.

Some of the ways to verify the authenticity of the call are to confirm the ticket number the caller is referencing. Ask the caller to send an official email to your account, especially if you don't have issues accessing a computer.

If an internal telephone number is being used, check the authenticity of the call and request identification details from the caller such as their name, office location, department and reporting lines.





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From right: Editorial Director, Pramod Acharya, Editors: Joel Afonso, Pandurang Gaonkar and Mahesh Divekar cut a cake during the 9th year anniversary celebration of The Goan, Goan Varta and Bhaangarbhuin at the media office, St Inez on Tuesday. Pics: Narayan Pissurlenkar



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NEET-UG exam: Negligence of any kind should be probed, says SC

'EVEN 0.001 PER CENT NEGLIGENCE SHOULD BE DEALT WITH THOROUGHLY'

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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.

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 be treated as adversarial. "Even if there is 0.001 per 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 Nation-



Students protest against the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG 2024 entrance exam result, in New Delhi. File photo

al 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 examination held on May 5. ciety". "We all know the labour

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 so-

"Representing an agency

OBSERVATION

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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 in-

spires confidence in your performance," the bench told the NTA's counsel.

Stressing 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 exam afresh.

It said the NTA and the Centre would file their responses on these fresh petitions within two weeks. When one of the advocates appearing for some petitioners raised the issue pertaining to a question asked in the exam, the bench said, "They (NTA and Centre) will

respond to it". "Let us understand the purpose of your submissions. In these matters, we are prepared to sit up to evening,"

Assam top official kills himself in hospital after wife's death

GUWAHATI: Assam Home Secretary Siladitya Chetia on Tuesday shot himself dead inside the ICU of a private hospital where his wife passed away moments earlier, police said. Chetia, who had earlier served as SP of Tinsukia and Sonitpur districts, killed himself with his service weapon, they said.

In an unfortunate turn of events, Sri Siladitya Chetia, IPS 2009, Secretary Home and Political took his own life this evening, a few minutes after the attending physician declared the death of his wife who was battling cancer for a long time. Entire Assam Police family is in deep grief, DGP G P Singh said in a post on X.

A team of forensic and CID officials has also been sent to the hospital. Chetia's late father was also a police officer.

OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR CUM SUB REGISTRAR AND SPECIAL NOTARY (EX-OFFICIO) OF TISWADI JUDICIAL DIVISION AT PANAJI, GOA NO.CRSR/TISWADI/NOT/535/2024

Dated: 13/06/2024 NOTICE Shri. Manuel Vales, Joint Civil Registrar cum Sub Registrar and Special Notary (Ex--Officio) of Tiswadi Judicial Division at Panaji-

In accordance with the Section 346 (11) of 'The Goa Succession Special Notaries and Inventory Proceeding Act, 2012", it is hereby made public that by a Notarial Deed of Succession dated 31st May, 2024 recorded before me in Book No.765 of Notarial deeds at page 103 onwards the following is noted:-

That on 2nd day of May, 2023 Mrs. Maria Helena Pinto alias Maria Helena Pereira Braganca expired at Cosme M.M.M. Clinic, Panaji-Goa, without will or any

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and without executing any Will or any other

disposition of his last Wish, but leaving

behind his wife Catherine Flossy D'Melo

widow as his moiety sharer and his following

children/heirs namely (1) Mr. Flynn Anthon

Rebello married to Clara Diana D'Souza (2

Miss. Christina Jacqueline Rebello, spinster

(3) Mr. Placido-Savio Rebello, bachelor, as

his "sole and universal heirs". there being no

one else or no other person or heir who in

terms of Law of Succession in force in this

State of Goa may prefer the estate left by the

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No. CR / SR / SAN / 102 / 2024

deceased persons.

Registrar and Special Notary, Salcete.

mail us at >> desk@thegoan.net

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CHANGE OF NAME

SALMA BI, R/o. H. No. 3/2840, Kare Hill View, Nr. Bhatikar Bunglow, Gogol Fatorda, South-Goa, hereby change my name from SALMA BI DAWOOD SHAIKH" to "SALMA BI" Hereafter in all my dealings & documents, I will be known by the name "SALMA BI".

GOVERNMENT OF GOA REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR CUM SUB REGISTRAR 1ST FLOOR, GOVT. PREMISES, QUEPEM GOA, 403705 Tel. No. : 0832 2663857

Email: crsrquepem-rd.goa@nic.ir No. CR/SR/QPM/464/2024

Dated: 18/06/2024 Shri Prarnod M. Velip, Civil Regstrar--Cum-Sub Registrar and Special Notary Ex-Officio of the said Judicial Division of Quepem Goa. In accordance with section 346(11) of the Goa Succession Special Notaries and Inventory Proceedings Act, 2012, it is hereby made public that by Deed of Relinquishment of Illiquid and undivided Rights and Deed of Succession, dated 19/03/2024 duly recorded under Book No.613 at pages 195 to 199 of this Office the following is

recorded That Xavier Carvalho died on 27/06/201 at Bamnabhat, Ambaulim, Quepem Goa, died intestate, without executing will or any other disposition of their last wish, but leaving behind his wife Mrs. Pobrinha Fernandes as his moiety sharer and his children namely (one) Mrs. Jeronima Carvalho married to Mr. Pedro Inacio Fernandes (two) Mr. Milagres Carvalho married to Mrs. Linda Fernandes (three) Ir. Jose Carvalho married to Mrs. Benfa Fernandes as his only Sole and Universal Heirs. That the said Mrs. Jeronima Carvalho and her husband Mr Pedro Inacio Fernandes have assigned and relinquished all their illiquid and undivided rights that they have to the estate and inheritance left by their father/father-in-law late Xavier Carvalho in this aforesaid deed and therefore the Sole and universal heirs of the deceased are (one) Mr. Vilagres Carvaiho married to Mrs. Linda Fernandes (two) Mr. Jose Carvalho married to Mrs. Benfa Fernandes, there being no one else or no other person or heirs who in terms of Law of Succession still in force in this State of Goa may prefer to the estate left by the deceased person. Any person having objection to this deed may file in this office within one month from the date of its publication.



Internet suspended in Odisha town after communal violence CPI candidate to take on Priyanka in Wayanad

PTI

BALASORE

The Odisha government suspended internet services in Balasore town for 48 hours and extended curfew indefinitely following a clash between two groups that left 10 people injured on Monday.

Balasore SP Sagarika Nath urged residents to stay indoors during the curfew period, emphasising that seven FIRs have been filed and 34 people detained on charges related to rioting since Mon-

The conflict initially arose in Bhujakhia Pir area reportedly over alleged animal slaughter and blood on the road

day. To maintain law and order, over 40 platoons of police personnel have been deployed, particularly in areas where the administration suspected possible flare-ups. All six entry and exit points to the town sealed off, the SP said. Flag marches were also

conducted in the sensitive areas of the town. Exceptions will be made

for those needing to travel for exams or in cases of medical emergencies, provided they can produce necessary documentation, she said. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has already intervened, instructing Balasore collector to take immediate measures to restore calm, officials said. The conflict initially arose in Bhujakhia Pir area reportedly over alleged animal slaughter and blood on the road.

PTI

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM The CPI on Tuesday said that it will field a candidate against Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in the Wayanad Lok Sabha by-poll.

LS BY-POLL

The CPI holds Wayanad Lok Sabha seat in the Left Democratic Front (LDF) and its candidate would contest in the by-election, CPI state secretary Binoy Viswam told reporters here. "What is doubt in it? The CPI and the LDF will not do anything that is favourable to the BJP. So, we will certainly field our candidate there," he said. When asked about Privan-

ka's candidature, he said the Congress has all the freedom to choose its candidate in any segment. The Left leader also said if the Congress party's plan was to vacate Wayanad, there was no need for them to bring a prominent leader like Rahul Gandhi to the south.

Senior CPI leader Annie Raja had contested against Rahul in the recent Lok Sabha polls from Wayanad.

other disposition of her last wish, leaving behind her husband and moiety holder/ half sharer. Mr. Felinto Crescencio Olivio Xavier Pinto, aged 64 years, Widower and her son. Mr. Felicio Samuel Pinto, aged 27 years, married, both residents of Model Exotica. 6F1- 1. Next to PWD office. St.Inez. Panaii North Goa as her only legal heir that the said declarants have full knowledge and that there does not exists nor existed any other person who according to law may have legal right of Succession or would prefer in the said Succession or would Concur with the said qualified heir to the inheritance left by the above deceased and besides that there does not exist any other person or persons who according to the prevailing law in force in the State of Goa may have a legal right of Succession or would prefer in the said succession or would concur to the inheritance left behind by said deceased persons.

Any person having objection to this deed. may file in this Office within one month from the date of its publication. Sd/-

(Seal)

(Manuel Vales)

Special Notary (Ex-Officio),

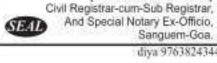
Tiswadi, Panaji- Goa

Officio of in the said Judicial Division. accordance with Section 346(11) of the Goa Succession, Special Notary and Inventory Proceeding Act, 2012, it is nereby public that by a Notarial Deed o Succession dated 01/02/2024 drawn by and before me Shri Piedade Dias Civil Registrar and Special Notary Ex-Officio Sanguem Goa at pages from 06 to 09 of Notarial Book No. 21 of this office, the following is recorded:

That the son of the interested party William Mascarenhas alias William Antonio Mascarenhas expired on Eighteenth day of the month of June in the year Two housand and Sixteen on Board Celebrity Reflection Cruise Ship in International waters in the capacity of bachelor without making any will or any other legal disposition of his last wish but feaving behind him his parents(one) Antoni Avelino Mascarenhas alias Antoni Mascarenhas, son of Mr. Aveline Mascarenhas, aged seventy six years married, agriculturist, Indian national and (two) Joaquina Nogueira alias Joaquina Antonio Mascarenhas, aged seventy one

years, housewife, Indian national, both residents of H.no. 165, vagremol vichudren Sanguem Goa; as his sole universal heirs. The declarants further stated that there is no one else except the above mentioned persons qualified to concur, prefer and acceed to the inheritance, estate, legacy left by the above mentioned decease person namely William Mascarenhas alias William Antonio Mascarenhas. Any person having any objections to this

one month from the date of this publication. Sanguem-Goa Sd Date: 05/02/2024 (Shri.Piedade Dias) Civil Registrar-cum-Sub Registrar



PUBLIC NOTICE

informed to the GENERAL PUBLIC that my client MR. DEU PARSHURAM GADEKAR alias DEU P. GADEKAR, residen of House No. 30, Madhalawada, Arambol Pernem, Goa 403524, wishes to purchase the properties described as under from MRS HILDA FERNANDES alias HILDA ROSARIO FERNANDES, MR. WALLY ROSARIO FERNANDES and his wife MRS. ALCINA WALLY FERNANDES and MR. DARRY ROSARIO FERNANDES, all residents of Room No. 08, Ground Floor, Parkarwadi Dhobighat, L. J. Road, Opposite Paradise Cinema, Mahim West, Mahim, Mumbai Maharashtra 400016

SCHEDULE-ALL THAT property known as PALICHASA MADHALAWADA originally known as SORVA PATIEO POIQUIM or PATTIECHEA SORVA or DABYACHA SUKHA, bearing SURVEY NO. 133, SUB-DIVISION NO. 1-B, admeasuring 610 SQUARE METERS, of Village ARAMBOL atuated within the jurisdiction of Villao Panchavat of Arambol, Taluka PERNEM, District NORTH-GOA, State of GOA, registered n the Land Registration Office of Bardez under tescription no. 1074 at Folio 546 of Book I Old 4th of copies and enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office of Pemem under Matriz no 1062 of Matriz Records and bounded as under: East: By Survey No. 133, Sub-Division No. 1-C West: By water drain: North: By Survey No. 133, Sub-Division No. 1; South: By Survey No. 133, ub-Division No. 9.

Place: Quepem Goa Sd/-(Shri Pramod M. Velip) Seal Special Notary Public Ex-Officio, Quepem- Goa

IN THE COURT OF THE

UPERINTENDENT OF

Case No. LRC/APPL

SSLR/05/2024

years

SURVEY AND LAND RECORDS.

MARGAO-GOA

Mrs. Maria Francisca Almeida

alias Maria Francisca Figueiredo

Nife of late Arlindo Joao Joaquim

US Congressional delegation arrives for meet with Dalai Lama DHARAMSALA: A US Congres-

sional delegation led by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul arrived in Himachal Pradesh's Dharamsala on Tuesday to meet Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama.

Apart from McCaul, the delegation consisted of six more prominent US Congressional members namely Nancy Pelosi (Speaker Emerita), Mariannette Miller, Gregory Meeks, Nicole Malliotakis, Jim McGovern, and Ami Bera. The delegation is on a two-day visit here and will meet the Dalai Lama on Wednesday morning, officials said. After arrival at the Gaggal

Airport here, McCaul expressed enthusiasm about the visit and said. "We are excited to meet His Holiness the Dalai Lama and to talk about many things, including the bill which passed by Congress basically says that the United States of America stands with the people of Tibet."

Sweltering heat wave broils swathes of north, east India

Power demand at record high amid warmer nights

PTI

NEW DELHI

Large parts of northern and eastern India remained in the grip of a sweltering heat wave on Tuesday, driving power demands to record highs with warmer-than-usual nights further exacerbating people's distress.

The India Meteorological facing a severe water crisis, re-Department (IMD) said heat wave to severe heat wave conditions prevailed in parts of five notches above the normal. Uttar Pradesh, south Uttara-The minimum temperature in khand, Himachal Pradesh, the city was 33.8 degrees Cel-Harvana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Punjab and pockets of north Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, the year. Jharkhand, Bihar and the Jam-

mu division. Maximum temperatures ranged from 44 to 46 degrees Celsius in many parts of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, load due to the increased use

HEAT WAVE SWEEPS STATES

Maximum temperatures ranged from 44 to 46 degrees Celsius in many parts of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and some parts of north Madhya Pradesh, south Bihar and north Rajasthan

and some parts of north of air conditioners and other Madhya Pradesh, south Bihar cooling appliances amid the and north Rajasthan. Delhi, relentless heat wave has led to the record rise in power decorded a maximum temperamand. IMD officials said high ture of 44 degrees Celsius over minimum temperatures or warm nights are exacerbating the impact of the deadly heat. High night temperatures are considered dangerous besius, at least six notches above what is normal for this time of cause the body does not get a chance to cool down. Increasing nighttime temperature The national capital's peak power demand on Tuesday is more common in cities beafternoon reach 8,647 MW, cause of the urban heat island the highest ever for the city. effect, in which metro areas According to officials, cooling are significantly hotter than their surroundings.

GOA STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (A Government of Goa Undertaking)

6th Floor, Shramashakti-Bhavan, Patto-Plaza, Panaji, Goa Ph. No. 2437210, Tele-Fax: 2437094 www.gsuda.org Email: membersecretary@gsuda.org **TENDER NOTICE** (E-TENDERING MODE ONLY) FILE No. F.40/3/GSUDA/24/Eol/2024-25/406

Dated: 18/06/2024

This office has invited e-tender and the notice is available on our website https://eprocure.goa.gov.in Notice Inviting Tender for rendering Consultancy services for the work of:- "Re-construction/ renovation of market at Tisk, Usgao in ward no. 07 of Usgao- Ganjem Village Panchayat"

Bid security:- Rs.25,000/-

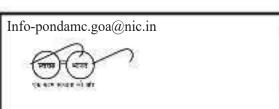
Last date of submission of online bid is 04/07/2024 upto 17.00 hrs. Detailed tender notice may be seen on the office notice board and our website https://eprocure.goa.gov.in

For more details contact the Office of the Member Secretary, GSUDA.

DI/ADVT/208/2024-25

"Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

18/06/2024



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

-iaueiredo Aged 65 deed may file the same in this office within housewife. 2. Mr. Albino Anthony Oswi Figueiredo, Son of late Arlindo Joao Joaquim Figueiredo Aged 40 years, service 3. Mrs. Vania Marissa Fernandes, Wife of Mr

Albino A.O. Figueiredo Aged 32 years, service 4. Mrs. Maurishca Mary Figueiredo Daughter of late Arlindo Joao Joaquim Figueiredo Aged 30 years, service 5. Mr Gwyn Boris Gracias Son of Mr. Bonifacio J.R. Gracias Aged 35 ears, service 6. Miss. Marion Anna Figueiredo, Daughter of late Arlindo Joao Joaquim Figueiredo, Aged 27 vears. student All residents of H.No 29/B, Olavaddo, Carmona, Salcete

Goa

1. Devina D'Cruz Olavaddo

Carmona, Salcete Goa. 2. Mrs

Violeta Teresinha Lucy Fernandes

alias Violeta Teresinha Lucy D'Cruz

3. Mrs. Gelberta Goes Major ir

age, landlady 4. Mr. Sebastiao

D'Souza Major in age, retired 5.

Mrs. Marcelina D'souza, Wife of

Mr. Sebastiao D'souza, Major ir

age, housewife Both residents of

Olavaddo, Carmona, Salcete Goa 6

Mrs Filomena Magdalene D'Souza

Alias Filomena D'Souza Maior

in age, housewife 7. Late Ofelia

Perpetua Barreto Dias Wife of Mr

Agnelo L.C.F.L. Dias, (through her

egal heirs) 20a) Mr Rajiv Dias, Son

of Mr Agnélo L.C.F.L.Dias, Major ir

age, Service 20b) Mrs. Rohini Dias

Vaior in age, service All residents

of Olavaddo, Carmona, Salcete

Goa. 8. Mr. Josce Comenio Luis

alias Josce Luis, Advocate Major

in age All residents of Ankur Luis,

KANCHANJUNGA ACCIDENT

Railway unions rally behind deceased driver, say unfair to blame before probe

PTI

NEW DELHI

Various railway employee unions have objected to the railway ministry's initial response to the West Bengal train tragedy when it prima facie blamed the driver of the goods train that hit the Kanchanjunga Express from the rear for the accident.

Ten people, including the driver, lost their lives and 40 were injured in the accident near New Jalpaiguri Monday. The employees' unions said that squarely blaming the driver, who is not alive to defend himself, amounts to making him a scapegoat for the systematic shortcomings of the Railways.

"It was highly insensitive

tions) was clear and there was on the part of the Railway Board to say that the driver no train in between," he said.

overshot the red signal which **DRIVER'S FAULT?** caused the accident," Shiva Gopal Mishra, general secre-The Railway Board admittary of All India Railway Men's ted on Monday that there was Federation (AIRF), said. "My a signal failure between the advice to the Railway Board is Ranipatra Railway Station that in such cases, instead of and Chattar Hat Junction beblaming any staff, they should tween which the accident took wait till the probe concludes. I place. The Board also said the don't think that the driver was station master of Ranipatra solely responsible for the accigave the goods train driver written authority to cross all dent," he said. Mishra referred to various

red signals. However, the drivoperating norms and queser was supposed to move at 10 km speed with a one-minute tioned why the driver was authorised to cross all red sigstoppage at each red signal, it added. According to the nals in the section when there was a train in between them. Board, he didn't observe the "The authority to cross the speed restriction and hit the red signals should have been Kanchenjunga Express which given only when the section was waiting at one of the de-(distance between the two stafective signals.

Train services restored at accident site in WB

KOLKATA: Train services on both the up and down lines at Rangapani near West Bengal's New Jalpaiguri station were fully restored on Tuesday, a day after a goods train rammed into the Kanchanjunga Express from behind, killing 10 people.

Electrical traction was restored at the accident site and trains with electric locomotives have started plying on the stretch from Tuesday afternoon, Divisional Railway Manager of Katihar S Kumar said. He said that trains were moving through the accident spot with speed restrictions, following repair of the tracks and other components.

PONDA-GOA

PMC/TRY/SOPO/686/2024-25

TENDER NOTICE (Re-Tender)

The Chief Officer, Ponda Municipal Council on behalf of Ponda Municipal Council invites sealed Tenders/Quotations/ Bids from eligible Contractors of the State of Goa for Collection of Sopo Feesfrom Open road side area & Fish/ Chicken vendors at Market excluding handcarts in Ponda Municipal Area for the financial year 2024-25 (1st July 2024 to 31st March 2025) as per the Tender Notice No. PMC/TRY/SOPO/685/2024-25 dated 18/06/2024

TENDER SCHEDULE

1. Last date of receipt of application, payment & issue of blank tender schedule is 26.06.2024 upto 03:00p.m.

2. The Date of submission of filled tender is 28.06.2024 upto 3:00p.m

3. The date of opening of tender is 28.06.2024 at 4:00 p.m.onwards in the office of the Chief Officer, Ponda Municipal Council, Ponda-Goa

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the Accounts Section, Ponda Municipal Council, Ponda Goa, For more details contractors may refer Tender Noticeon the Notice board of this Council or visit: www.ptmc.goa.com or http:// goaulbservices.gov.in.

Sd/-(Yogiraj P. Gosavi) Chief Officer, Ponda Municipal Council Seen & approved

Sd/-(Ritesh R. Naik) Chairperson Ponda Municipal Council

SCHEDULE-II

Panchavat of Arambol. Taluka PERNEM, o

District NORTH GOA, State of GOA, registered

in the Land Registration Office of Bardez under

description no. 1074 at Folio 546 of Book B

Old 4th of copies and enrolled in the Taluka

Revenue Office of Pernem under Matriz no

1062 of Matriz Records and bounded as under:

East: By Survey No. 133, Sub-Division No. 1-A;

West: By Survey No. 133, Sub-Division No. 1-B;

North: By Survey No. 133, Sub-Division No. 1;

South: By Survey No. 133, Sub-Division No. 9

IT IS THEREFORE informed to the GENERAL

PUBLIC that in case any Individual Person/s.

Bank/s, Corporation/s, Legal Entity, any

Financial Institution/s, Company, Firm

(Partnership or Individual), is/are having any

kind of right / title / share / claim / interest over

the property described above, either by way of

nheritance, agreement, lien, mortgage, lease

leave and license, memorandum of

understanding, sale deed/gift deed, sale

certificate, auction, court decree or order,

wpothecation, collateral security, will

testamentary, inventory proceeding, succession

partition, co-ownership, adverse possession

easementary rights, mundkarial, tenancy and/or

any other rights etc. recognized under law in

force in the State of Goa or otherwise, and if any

objection to the said proposed transaction i

whatsoever manner should file his/hen/their

claim or objection at my office with all

documentary evidence within a period or

FIFTEEN DAYS from the date of publication

hereof this notice, failing which my client shall

proceed with the said sale and execute the

ale deed and any claim/objection made

Sd/- Adv. Priyadarshana N. Gawade

House No. 153, Mashalawada, Arambol,

Pernem, Goa 403524 Phone: 9518988784

pereafter shall not be entertained.

Carmona, Salcete, Goa 9. Late Beaventure Figueredo Resident of ALL THAT property known as PALICHASA olavaddo, Carmona Salcete Goa MADHALAWADA originally known as SORVA Government of Goa. Executive PATIEO POIQUIM or PATTIECHEA SORVA Executive Engineer, Work Division or DABYACHA SUKHA, bearing SURVEY NO. √I(Roads); P.Ŵ.D, Fatorda, Salcete 133, SUB-DIVISION NO. 1-C, admeasuring 251Respondents Goa SQUARE METERS, of Village ARAMBOL **PUBLIC NOTICE** situated within the jurisdiction of Village

WHEREAS in the above mentioned case Advocate for the Appellants has prayed that the appeal against the Order dated 5/09/2023, passed by the Inspector of Survey & Land Records, Margao in Demarcation Case No. 5/ISLR/

DEM/SAL/CARM/47/2023. AND WHEREAS, Notice to the respondents were sent by post through Registered A.D. and some of the notices have been returned un-served with the postal remark. AND WHEREAS, the applicants prayed in his application dated 11/06/2024 to this Court for substitute service of notice by publishing in local newspaper. AND WHEREAS, I am satisfied that this is a fit case for such publication since you have been cited as respondent in the above case. You are hereby summon to appear in this Court at Margao in person or duly authorized agent on 28/06/2024 at 11.00 a.m. along with the documentary evidence on which you relied upon. If you fail to attend, the matter will be decided ir

your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this office on this the 11th day of June, 2024. Sd/-(Maya K. Amonkar) Superintendent of Survey & Land Records

Seal

Margao Goa

(Seal)



Wednesday June 19, 2024

growth at 7 per cent, S&P Glo-

bal Ratings and Morgan Stan-

ley project growth rate of 6.8

per cent. Moody's Ratings and

Deloitte India estimates India's

GDP to grow at 6.6 per cent in

The Indian economy grew

8.2 per cent in the last fiscal

(2023-24), with a 7.8 per cent

Fitch said purchasing man-

agers survey data point to con-

tinued growth at the start of

the current financial year.

expansion in March quarter.

2024-25 fiscal.



IN ASSOCIATION WITH

NEW DELHI **India oilmeal** exports fall $31\overline{\%}$ on year



India's oilmeal exports in May fell 31% on year to 302,280 tn, according to data released today by The Solvent Extractors' Association of India. Overall oilmeal exports in May fell owing to a drop in the export of rapeseed meal and castor seed meal

NEW DELHI Le Travenues shares zoom **over 78%**

Shares of Le Travenues Technology Ltd, which operates travel booking platform ixigo, on Tuesday ended with a huge premium of over 78 per cent against the issue price of Rs 93. The stock started the trade at Rs 135, rallying 45.16 per cent from the issue price on the BSE. Later, it zoomed 74.18 per

In four days, investors' wealth has risen by ₹10.29 lakh crore Sensex, Nifty and Midcap hit fresh record high levels

ΡΤΙ

MUMBAI

Benchmark Sensex closed above the 77,000 level for the first time, and broader Nifty scaled a fresh peak on Tuesday as key equity indices stayed on the record-breaking run powered by a rally in index majors ICICI Bank, HDFC

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Bank and Infosys. Besides, renewed foreign fund inflows amid a firm trend in global equities boosted investor confidence, traders said. In a range-bound session,

Sensex and Nifty settled at their new closing all-time high levels amid intense demand for realty, consumer durable and utility stocks. Rising for the third straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 308.37 points or 0.40 per cent to settle at a new closing peak

cent to hit the fresh lifetime

on the BSE. of 77,301.14. During the day, it session. It rallied 113.45 points jumped 374 points or 0.48 per or 0.48 per cent to hit the new



ing the day trade.

As many as 2,167 stocks ad-"The Indian market touched vanced while 1,836 declined record highs again and is gradand 147 remained unchanged ually expanding the gains achieved following the na-The NSE Nifty went up by tional election. It is responding 92.30 points or 0.39 per cent to positively to the upcoming hit a record closing high of budget, which is anticipated to 23,557.90 for the fourth straight strike a balance between growth and populism," said

firms hit fresh high The market capitalisation of BSE-listed

Mcap of

BSE-listed

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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.

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

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

Fitch ups India's FY25 GDP growth forecast by 20 bps

ΡΤΙ NEW DELHI

Fitch Ratings on Tuesday raised India's growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.2 per cent, from 7 per cent projected in March, saying elevated consumer confidence will drive spending, besides increased investments.

In June update to its global economic outlook report, Fitch said it expects inflation to decline to 4.5 per cent by end of this year and RBI to cut policy interest rates by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent.

"We expect the Indian economy to expand by a strong 7.2 per cent in FY24/25 (an upward revision of 0.2 pp from the March GEO)," Fitch said in its global economic outlook report. Investment will continue to rise but more slowly than in recent quarters, while consumer spending will recover with elevated consumer confidence, it said.

For the fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, Fitch projected growth rates of 6.5 per cent



Fitch expects inflation to decline to 4.5 per cent by end of this year and **RBI to cut policy** interest rates by 25 basis points to 6.25%

and 6.2 per cent, respectively. Fitch's estimates for FY25

are in line with that of RBI which earlier this month projected Indian economy to expand 7.2 per cent in the current fiscal on the back of improving rural demand and moderating inflation.

While the Asian Development Bank (ADB) estimates

mate," 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 per cent in May from 5.7 per cent in De-

years to slow and approach

our medium-term trend esti-

Too premature to shift RBI policy

Direct tax mop up rises 21% to **₹4.62 lakh cr**

Vinod Nair, Head of Research,

Geojit Financial Services.

'Ministries have started accepting quarterly applications for PLI claims'

Central banks plans to add gold to their

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

cent to settle at Rs 161.99.

NEW DELHI L&T bags 'significant' orders

Larsen and Toubro (L&T) on Tuesday said its Buildings and Factories (B&F) vertical has secured multiple orders in the 'significant' category. The orders have been secured from clients in Hyderabad and Mumbai, the company said in a statement. The company did not disclose the order value.

NEW DELHI Amazon Fresh expands reach

Amazon India on Tuesday said it has expanded its full-basket grocery service, Amazon Fresh, to over 130 cities like Ambala, Aurangabad, Hoshiarpur, Dharwad, Una, and Suri, among others. The service includes a wide range of wet and dry groceries.

NEW DELHI

Akme **Fintrade IPO** opens today

Akme Fintrade (India) Ltd on Tuesday said it has raised nearly Rs 38 crore from anchor investors. The company's Rs 132 crore IPO comprises a fresh issue of 1.1 crore equity shares. The issue, with a price band of Rs 114-120 apiece, will open on June 19 and conclude on June 21.

stance: **RBI's Das**

Says any form of adventurism has to be shunned

ΡΤΙ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Tuesday said it is "too premature" to change the monetary policy stance and the apex bank has to shun "adventurism" approach on the rates front.

Speaking at broadcaster ET Now's Leadership Dialogues here, 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 markets regulator. 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 per cent for the first nine months of fiscal year 2023-24.

For the first nine months of the fiscal, CAD moderated to 1.2 per cent of GDP, from 2.6 per cent of GDP in the corresponding period a year ago

on the back of a lower merchandise trade deficit. Amid talks of increased inflows after the country's inclusion in global bond indices, the Governor said the Reserve

peak of 77,366.77.

all-time high of 23,579.05 dur-

'Will not be surprised if FY24 **CAD less than 1%** of GDP'

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said he would not be surprised if India's current account deficit for 2023-24 (Apr-Mar) were to come in at less than 1% of GDP. "I will not be surprised next week when we publish our current account deficit numbers," he said. "This year it could be lower than 1%. So, the current account

deficit looks very promising."

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 Bank of India (RBI) will keep at its projection of 7.2 per cent in FY25, Das said. on building reserves to act as

ΡΤΙ NEW DELHI

Net direct tax collection grew 21 per cent to Rs 4.62 lakh crore so far this fiscal on higher advance tax mop-up, the income tax department said on Tuesday.

The first instalment of advance tax, which was due on June 15, showed collections rose 27.34 per cent to Rs 1.48 lakh crore. This includes Corporation Tax (CIT) at Rs 1.14 lakh crore and Personal Income Tax (PIT) at Rs 34,470 crore. The net direct tax collection of Rs 4,62,664 crore (as of June 17) includes CIT at Rs 1,80,949 crore and PIT (including Securities Transaction Tax) at Rs 2,81,013 crore, the CBDT said in a statement.

Refunds amounting to Rs 53,322 crore have also been issued in the FY 2024-25 till June 17.

Certain quarters of PLI beneficiaries have urged the departments for timely disbursement of claims

ΡΤΙ NEW DELHI

> Several departments have started accepting applications for disbursements of incentives under the production linked incentive (PLI) schemes on a quarterly basis to fast-track clearance of claims, a senior government official said. The department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) has suggested others also follow the same practice.

> "In many departments, we have started accepting quarterly applications. Others also, we are telling them to do except in some cases, where they are finding it difficult to do like food processing, where the numbers are small," the official said. The development assumes



significance as certain quarters of PLI beneficiaries have urged the departments for timely disbursement of claims.

The PLI scheme was announced in 2021 for 14 sectors, including telecommunication, white goods, textiles, manufacturing of medical devices, automobiles, speciality steel, food products, high-efficiency solar PV modules, advanced chemistry cell batteries, drones, and pharma, with an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh crore. So far, only Rs 9,700 crore has been disbursed to PLI beneficiaries, which is about 5 per cent of the total estimates. In 2023-24, the figure was Rs

6,800 crore, the official said.

Earlier the scheme guidelines stated that applications for incentives can be submitted after the end of the financial year to which the claim pertains. Annual claims can be submitted only once and within nine months of the end of the financial year.

In February, economic think tank GTRI (Global Trade Research Initiative) flagged the slow progress in the disbursement of sops under the schemes and suggested the government to simplify the criteria to expedite the grant of incentives and push domestic manufacturing.

June 17, 2024.

reserves in a year: WGC

IANS CHENNAI

cember 2023.

Nearly 30 per cent of 70 central banks surveyed have said they plan to add to their own gold reserves within the next year, a World Gold Council survey said.

According to WGC, the views in favour of the yellow metal from the reserve managers persist despite two successive years of record central bank purchasing and the gold price hitting new all-time highs in 2024.

The 2024 Central Banks Gold Reserves (CBGR) survey, collected data from a record 70 of the world's central banks, the WGC said. According to the report, reserve managers indicate that they are looking to gold to help mitigate risks and prepare for further political and economic uncertainty globally.

Power Min asks utilities to be on high alert due to rising demand amid heatwave

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The power ministry on Tuesday said it has asked all utilities "to maintain a high state of alert and minimise forced outages of equipment" amid heatwave pushing electricity demand, especially in the



northern region where Monsoon is yet to arrive. The country's northern re-

gion has been experiencing high electricity demand due to a prevailing heatwave since May 17, 2024, the ministry said in a statement.

Despite these challenging conditions, the ministry said, the highest ever peak demand of alert and minimise forced of 89 GW in the northern reoutages of equipment," the gion was successfully met on statement said.

Gilts recoup losses on FPI It was made possible by imbuys despite porting 25-30 per cent of the region's power requirement rise in US yields from neighbouring regions, it said. "All utilities have been advised to maintain a high state INFORMIST

MUMBAI

Government bond prices recovered all losses and ended little changed as foreign portfolio investors continued to buy gilts despite a rise in US Treasury yields, dealers said. For most of the day, trade was dull as the market lacked firm cues. The 10-year benchmark 7.10%, 2034 bond ended at

Infra, realty to get ₹15 lakh cr in investments till March 2026: Crisil

PTI NEW DELHI

capacity and 25,000 kms of roads in the infra space, and real estate, the rating agency



Investments in the energy sector will be focused on adding more green power in the country's energy mix, while road investments will be focused on creating denser networks and realty investments will be on residential as well as commercial projects, it said. "The underlying demand

drivers in these three sectors remain strong, with regular policy interventions fuelling in-

that FY24 saw auctions of 35 GW and the pipeline now stands at 75 GW.

NEW DELHI **Falcon Tech IPO to open** on June 19

Falcon Technoprojects India Ltd, has announced its plan to go public with an IPO on June 19, 2024. The company is aiming to raise Rs 13.69 crore at the price of Rs 92 per share through this IPO, with shares set to be listed on the NSE Emerge platform. The issue size is Up to 14,88,000 equity shares at face value of Rs 10 each.

NEW DELHI **CAI** raises output estimate

The Cotton Association of India (CAI) has scaled up its projection for the country's cotton output in 2023-24 (Oct-Sep) to 31.8 mln bales from 31.0 mln estimated in April, according to a release.

Infrastructure and realty secsaid.

tors are likely to get Rs 15 lakh crore worth of investments till March 2026, a domestic rating agency said on Tuesday. real estate are expected to

The investments will create 50 GW of renewable energy

"Investments in India's key infrastructure sectors -- renewable energy and roads -- and

of USD 237.7 million seen in

2020, as per Kroll's Celebrity

Brand Valuation Report 2023.

films like Jawaan and Pathaan,

58-year-old actor Shah Rukh

Khan has jumped to third

place in the rankings with a

total brand value of USD 120.7

Riding on the success of

previous two fiscals to Rs 15 grow 38 per cent in fiscal 2025 lakh crore," Crisil Ratings said in a research note. and 2026 compared with the

vestor interest," chief rating officer Krishnan Sitaraman said. The government's targets on renewable energy have led to more auctions of projects and created a strong pipeline for omic growth. players, it said, pointing out

On the roads front, the 100.84 rupees, or 6.98% yield agency expects 12,500 kms of against 100.81 rupees, or 6.98% road building per year over the yield, on Friday. The 7.18%, next two fiscal years because of 2033 bond closed at 100.94 ruthe need for improved physical pees, or 7.04% yield, compared connectivity for broader econwith 100.91 rupees, or 7.04% yield, the previous day.

> For most of the day, trade was dull as the market lacked firm cues

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Cricketer Virat Kohli has regained the top position to become India's most valued celebrity with a brand value of USD 227.9 million in 2023 but remained short of the peak of USD 237.7 million in 2020, as per a report.

million in 2023. The Badshah of A jump of nearly 29 per cent in the overall brand value in Bollywood was valued at USD the year from USD 176.9 mil-55.7 million in 2022, which lion in 2022 has ensured Kohli placed him at the tenth spot on overtakes actor Ranveer Singh, the list. The firm's managing who slipped to second spot director for valuation advisory services, Aviral Jain, said Khan with a brand value of USD 203.1 million, the report by consulis making an "incredible return" into the league of India's tancy firm Kroll stated.

However, Kohli's brand top five celebrity endorsers for value is yet to reach the levels the first time since 2020.

> More than doubling of Khan's brand value has led to other celebrities slipping previous spots in the list of top brands. This includes Akshay Kumar coming in at fourth in 2023 with a brand value of USD 111.7 million from third in 2022, Alia Bhatt slipping to fifth from fourth with a valuation of USD 101.1 million and Deepika Padukone with a valuation of USD 96 million at sixth spot in 2023 from being fifth on the list in 2022. Wicketkeeper-batsman M S Dhoni, who announced his retirement from cricket recently, moved up one



spot on the list with a brand value of USD 91.3 million. value of USD 95.8 million while Salman Khan also moved up retired cricketer Sachin Tenone spot to become the tenth most valuable celebrity brand dulkar held on to the eighth epaper.thegoan.net in 2023 with a value of USD 81.7

million in 2023.

The overall valuation of the top 25 celebrity brands stood at USD 1.9 billion in 2023, which was 15.5 per cent higher than the year-ago period.

Among the others in the top 25, Jain said actor Kiara Advani had a meteoric rise to rank 12, while Katrina Kaif debuted on the list at rank 25.

The firm said its assessment represents the brand value of a celebrity based purely on their earnings potential from product brand endorsements, including full-fledged endorsements, purely digital and one-time campaigns, and website appearances.

The market opened a tad lower tracking a rise in US Treasury yields and crude oil prices, dealers said. The yield on the 10-year benchmark US Treasury note rose to 4.30% from 4.23% at the time the Indian market closed on Friday. The yields rose after Minneapolis Federal Reserve President Neel Kashkari indicated the central bank may not cut rates until December, which was later reiterated by Philadelphia Fed President Patrick Harker on Monday. A rise in US yields narrows the interest rate differential between safehaven assets and emerging market debt.



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SEIL Energy

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SBI aims ₹100 bn infra bond issue by mid-Jul



SEIL Energy India Limited,

a leading independent

power producer, has

INFORMIST MUMBAI

After raising funds in the offshore market earlier this year, India's largest lender, State Bank of India, is charting out plans to borrow up to 100 bln rupees through infrastructure bonds in the domestic market

raised Rs 250 crore in debt through its maiden 5-year bonds issue on the BSE. According to information available on BSE, the fiveyear bond issue (Non-Convertible Debentures or NCDs) carry a coupon of 8.45 per cent and would mature on June 18, 2029. The bond issue was fully subscribed through private placement, reflecting investor confidence.

NEW DELHI **AI-powered Copilot+PCs** now available

Microsoft on Tuesday announced the availability of its new Copilot+PCs - Surface Laptop and Surface Pro - which are the fastest Windows PCs designed for the Al era. The laptops are available in four colour options, starting at \$999 estimated retail price (ERP) on Microsoft.com and the Microsoft Experience Centre, the company said in a statement. The 64GB Surface Laptop (7th Edition) with 64GB RAM starts at \$2,399.99 in black with a 13.8-inch display, Snapdragon® X Elite (12 Core) Processor and ITB SSD Storage.

by the end of this month or by mid-July, sources aware of the development told Informist. "Yes, we are planning to come up with infrastructure bonds, but this might take in the current financial year. some time. We are looking at Infrastructure bonds are iseither the end of June or midsued to finance long-term in-

July. However, dates are not fifrastructure projects. They have a minimum maturity nalised yet as the board has just given the approval. The period of seven years. In the financial year ended Mar 31, SBI amount might be 10,000 crores had raised 200 bln rupees (100 bln rupees) but it has not been finalised yet," a source in through two infrastructure bond offerings maturing in 15 This could be the first infravears each.

structure bond issue by a bank In 2023-24 (Apr-Mar), sev-



eral public and private sector banks had tapped the corporate bond market to raise funds through infrastructure bond issuances to fund the growing requirement for infrastructure development amid strong economic activity.

Market participants expect the coupon for SBI's infrastructure bonds to be lower than 7.50%. In September, the

state-owned lender had raised 100 bln rupees through a 15year infrastructure bond at a coupon of 7.49%.

"Given it's SBI, rate would be finer. Most papers issued by public sector banks are being traded at around 7.50% kind of level, so SBI's will be finer. Given where the lender sees demand from, be it provident funds or insurance companies, the rate on its infrastructure bond will be at least 25-35 basis points over the 10-year government bond," another source said. Currently, the yield on the benchmark 7.10%, 2034 government bond is

6.9867%. The bank is in talks with credit rating agencies to assign a rating to its fresh infrastructure bond issue, sources said. SBI's previous papers were rated AAA by India Ratings and Research.

UGRO raises **₹1,265 cr as** equity capital

ΡΤΙ NEW DELHI

UGRO Capital, an NBFC focused on MSME lending, on Tuesday announced the successful completion of its equity capital raise and the allotment of Compulsory Convertible Debentures (CCD) and warrants worth Rs 1,265 crore.

The company's board had approved an equity capital raise of Rs 1,332.66 crore during a board meeting on May 2, 2024, UGRO said in a statement. UGRO Capital received

shareholders' approval on June 1, 2024. "However, investor commitment to UGRO remained robust. All investors, except the ones who became ineligible for regulatory reasons, in-

vested full money in

UGRO," it said.

Airports Eye Record Profits in FY25

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The Indian airport industry is set to soar in profitability this year. According to figures, Indian airports are expected to yield

approximately \$1.24 billion in profit before tax in the current financial year, aided by tax cuts.

What's Happening?

Paramprit Singh Bakshi, Vice President of CAPA India, stated at the CAPA India Aviation Summit that the profit per passenger is estimated to be around Rs 256.1 (approximately \$3.1) by March 2025. Moreover, during this period, the number of travellers using Indian airports is also expected to increase. It is estimated that a total of 404.9 million passengers will travel by air, with 81.1% travelling domestically and 18.9% internationally.

Increase in Airport Numbers

Over the past decade, the number of airports in the country has increased from 74 to 157. Additionally, the government is planning regulatory changes to enhance air connectivity in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. According to Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu, the government

continues to rise steadily. CAPA India estimates that while there were 144 airports in India in 2019, this number is projected to reach up to 350 by 2030, according to government figures.

PNB Hsg Fin to

raise ₹10K cr

via NCDs

PNB Housing

Convertible

growth.

on Tuesday said its board

has given approval for raising

Rs 10,000 crore from Non-

(NCDs) to fund its business

The fund would be

raised through NCDs on

a private placement basis,

in one or more tranches,

The mortgage firm, PNB

Housing Finance aims to grow

its loan book by 17 per cent

with focus on the affordable

PNB Housing closed the fis-

PNB Housing

said in regulatory filing.

Finance

Debentures

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NTPC ropes in Macawber Beekay to supply green coal for power projects

ΡΤΙ NEW DELHI

the know said.

State-owned power giant NTPC has roped in Macawber Beekay to supply charcoal (green coal) to help the energy giant reduce carbon emissions

the waste-to-energy firm said on Tuesday. In a statement, Macawber Beekay Private Ltd (MBL) said it has "bagged three

NTPC's Green Coal projects in Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), and Hubbali (Karnataka)". while generating electricity, Green coal is charcoal made



treatment process called torrefaction, which is carried out in an oxygen-deficient environment, MBL said.

To supply the material, MBL

Noida, 500 TPD in Bhopal and 400 TPD in Hubbali. This is in addition to a similar project bagged from NTPC in Varanasi earlier, the company said.

by the completion of 100 years of India's independence in 2047. What's in it for Investors?

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The success of the Indian airport industry is at-

tributed to contributions from both government and private sectors. While Airport Authority of India (AAI) manages most of the busiest airports in the country, private companies like GMR Airports manage Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport. Moreover, other private entities like Adani Group and Fairfax India are also making significant contributions to this sector.

What's Next?



NEW DELHI **Shivalik SFB** raises ₹100 cr equity capital

Shivalik Small Finance Bank on Tuesday said it has raised Rs 100 crore in equity capital from a clutch of investors like Lightspeed and Sanjay Nayar-founded Sorin Investments, along with participation from existing investors Accel and Quona. The bank plans to use the funding to enhance its tech stack, strengthen its team, and further develop the product proposition as it continues its journey to build a digital-first bank for the small business and underserved segment, the bank said in a statement.

NEW DELHI Vikram Solar bags order

Solar energy solutions provider Vikram Solar on Tuesday said it bagged an order to supply 393.9 MWp solar modules for NLC India's solar project in Gujarat. According to a statement, Vikram Solar will supply 393.9 MWp module to NLC India Limited at GSECL's Solar Park (Stage 2) in Khavda, Gujarat. This order brings Vikram Solar's total PV module supply contract to the Khavda Solar Park to over 1 GW, the company said.

using municipal solid waste (MSW) through a thermal

said it will set up three green coal manufacturing units having the capacity to treat 900 tonnes per day (TPD) MSW in

It aims to complete the three projects by August 2025 in engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) mode.

is preparing a 100-day action plan to accelerate growth in the aviation sector and achieve the longterm goal of 'Viksit Bharat'

BLS E-Services to acquire controlling stake in Aadifidelis

ΡΤΙ NEW DELHI

Visa services provider BLS International on Tuesday said its subsidiary BLS E-Services Limited (BLSE) has signed an agreement to acquire 55 per cent in Aadifidelis Solutions and its affiliates for an enterprise value of about Rs 190 crore. BLSE has entered into a de-

finitive Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) to acquire the controlling interest in Aadifidelis Solutions (ASPL) and its affiliates, a major player in India in the distribution and processing of loans for corporates and individuals.

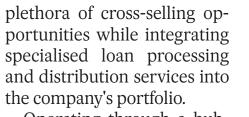
BLSE will make an upfront investment (primary and sec-



ondary) of about Rs 71 crore with balance consideration being deferred linked to the achievement of milestones in 2024-25, BLS said in a release.

The acquisition will be an all-cash deal. The transaction will be completed in the second quarter of the fiscal.

Shikhar Aggarwal, Joint Managing Director of BLS International Services said that the signing of a definitive agreement with ASPL is a strategic move that will unveil a



Operating through a huband-spoke model, with a presence in 17 states and union territories, ASPL's network of 8,600 plus channel partners source loan enquiries, which will align with BLSE's portfolio of Business Correspondentsled citizen-centric last mile banking services, the release said.

Lagrange Point Advisors LLP, a Mumbai-based M&A advisory firm, acted as the sole transaction advisor to BLSE for this transaction. Dua Associates acted as legal advisors for the transaction.

Budget 2024-25: CII seeks steps to cut cost of business and enhance ease of doing biz

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Apex business chamber CII has in its presentation to the government ahead of the Union Budget, requested for the rationalisation of stamp duty on land and phasing out the cross-subsidy on power rates to "reduce the cost of doing business".

The CII presentation suggests that states should be encouraged to rationalise stamp duty. The apex industry chamber has also recommended that cross-subsidisation of power by industry to other user segments should be



phased out as it tends to increase the cost of production and makes Indian industry less competitive than its global rivals.

CII has also suggested that captive power plants (CPPS) should be brought at par with the power sector for coal pricing, allocation, and transportation.

The presentation also makes out a strong case to cut

logistics costs for businesses by phasing out cross-subsidisation of railway passenger fares by freight.

It points out that as highlighted in the National Logistics policy, the government should continue digitisation aiming towards paperless logistics to save significant time and cost.

CII has also suggested petroleum products and electricity should be brought under GST to reduce power and logistics costs.

Apart from reducing the segment. cost of business, CII has also suggested measures to "encal FY'24 with a loan book of hance ease of doing business". Rs 63,000 crore.

Former Sri Lanka cricketer Muralitharan to invest ₹1,400 cr in beverages unit in Karnataka

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Sri Lanka cricket legend Muttiah Muralitharan will invest a total of Rs 1,400 crore in phases to establish a beverages (soft drinks) and confectionery unit in Badanaguppe in Cha-



facture beverages and confectioneries under the brand

"Muttiah Beverages and Con-

fectioneries." The project, in-

itially

planned with an

and manufacturing operations are expected to begin in January 2025.

He also said officials have been directed to resolve minor issues related to the allocated land.

Patil further revealed that Muralitharan has plans to establish another unit in Dhar-

Housing rent growth moderates in top 7 cities; avg hike 2-4% in Apr-Jun: Anarock

ΡΤΙ MUMBAI

Average monthly rent for residential properties has risen 2-4 per cent so far this quarter compared with the January-March period across seven major cities, according to Anarock.

Real estate consultant Anarock said that the growth in housing rent across the top seven cities -- Delhi-NCR, Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), Chennai, Kolkata, Pune, Hyderabad and Bengaluru -- has moderated because of improvement in housing supply. The data is based on average rent for a 2-BHK flat of 1,000 square feet.



with the preceding quarter.

"In India, the second quarter of most years typically sees rents increase more than in other quarters due to the commencement of the new academic year and the employment of new staff. This year, declining rental value growth coincides with substantial new housing supply entering these markets," Santhosh Kumar, Vice Chairman of Anarock. said.

EASE OF DOING

NEW YORK US Retail sales rise **0.1% in May**

Consumers barely increased spending in May from April as still high inflation and high interest rates curbed spending. Retail sales rose 0.1 per cent in May, below the pace that economists projected, according to the Commerce Department. And April sales were revised downward - a 0.2 per cent decline, from unchanged. Sales rose 0.6 per cent in March and 0.9 per cent in February. That comes after sales fell 1.1 per cent in January, dragged down in part by inclement weather. Excluding gas prices and auto sales, retail sales rose the same amount.

ing to Karnataka Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil on Tuesday.

marajanagara district, accord-

investment of Rs 230 crore, has The announcement came after Patil held discussions now been revised to a total of with Muralitharan, who met Rs 1,000 crore. It will be him to discuss the project. further increased to Rs 1,400 In a statement by the Mincrore in a few years, he said. ister's office, Patil said the The minister also noted that former Sri Lanka cricketer 46 acres of land have already Muralitharan plans to manubeen allocated for the project

wad in the near future.

The minister mentioned that 46 acres of land have already been designated for the project, with manufacturing operations anticipated to commence by January 2025.

He also stated that officials have been instructed to address minor issues concerning the allocated land.

"Average residential rental

dard 1,000 square feet 2-BHK prices across key markets in these cities saw a 2-4 per cent quarterly rise in Q2 (April-June) 2024 to date over the preceding quarter. The Q1 2024 saw rents in these markets rise by between 4-9 per this year. cent quarterly against Q4

2023," the report said. The average rent for a stanapartment in Bengaluru's Whitefield rose by 4 per cent Anarock data shows that the to Rs 35,000 per month in Q2 2024 to date from Rs 32,500 per month in January-March

However, the rentals rose by 8 per cent during January-March this year compared

top 7 cities are set to deliver 5.31 lakh new units in 2024 as against 4.35 lakh units in the last year. This denotes a 22 per cent annual supply increase this year if delivery schedules remain on track.

offgrid Non-cash payment on e-com platforms rose over 58% in 2023

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NEW DELHI

India has witnessed the fastest jump in alternative remittance share for e-commerce payments in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region, from 20.4 per

cent in 2018 to 58.1 per cent in 2023, a new report has said. According to the data and analytics company GlobalData, this jump can be attributed to the widespread usage of mobile wallets, largely driven by UPI (Unified Payments Inter-

face), which enables mobile payments in real time simply by scanning QR codes.

The report highlighted that alternative payments are already popular in countries like China and India, and are gaining traction in other APAC markets as well.

"While most Asian markets are traditionally cash-dominated, the adoption of alternative payment methods for both online and in-store payments is growing across many markets in the region, outpac-



Payments Analyst at Globaling the West," said Shivani Gupta, Senior Banking and Data. epaper.thegoan.net

"This trend is driven by the rising smartphone and Internet accessibility, increasing convenience of electronic payments, and the proliferation of mobile and QR code-based payment solutions," she added. In addition, the report revealed that cash-intensive countries in the region such as the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia, are also witnessing a similar trend.

"Alternative payment solutions account for the lion's share in e-commerce markets

across many APAC countries, supported by rising Internet and smartphone penetration, and growing acceptance of digital payments by merchants," Gupta said.

She also mentioned that with the convenience, speed, and security they offer, coupled with high expected growth in the overall e-commerce market in the region, "these payment tools are anticipated to further gain traction and disrupt the consumer payment space in the region."

The report highlights that in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region, the payment solutions such as mobile and digital wallets have displaced traditional payment methods like cash and bank transfers on ecommerce payments.

According to the company's 2023 Financial Services Consumer Survey, alternative payment solutions account for more than 65 per cent of the e-Commerce transaction value in China, the largest e-Commerce market globally.



All people have some

level of androgens, which increase during

puberty. The sensitivity towards androgens

varies from person to person, and in some

cases, hormone sensitivity changes as we

grow older. Additionally, lifestyle choices

can worsen acne conditions.

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Vastu Shastra for the main house entrance

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he Hindu science of structure prescribes multiple guidelines to make your main door house entrance Vastu compliant. Vastu shastra is the science of structure that specifies the guidelines such as the placement, structural design, colours along with size. There is a lot to keep in mind before constructing your main door house entrance as per Vastu. Listed here are a few tips to make your compound wall gate and the main entrance of the house vastu compliant.

The dos

The main entrance must be well lit, but make sure you avoid the red colour.

Keeping a mirror in front of the main entrance is not recommended

The main gate should open with a clockwise movement.

The main gate should be properly oiled and not make any creaky noise. Ensure that the door accessories are well polished as they will attract



Dos and don'ts for main door house entrance vastu

texture There are multiple dos theme or and don'ts specified by Vastu to design for gain utmost prosperity. Check out the below-mentioned your main entrance points to get a better understanding of main door. door Vastu:

Ensure the main entrance door is higher than the other doors.

Always

choose a light

coloured

If the main entrance has steps, then make sure the number of steps is an odd number.

Make sure the main door does not face directly to another house entrance. Even the shadow cast by another entrance on

The don'ts Don't choose a

sliding door for your main entrance door as it doesn't comply with the main door Vastu.

Do not construct a bathroom anywhere near the main gate. Make sure the main door is not painted with dark colours such as black

or dark blue, as the dark colours attract negativity.

Avoid the placement of animal figures, fountains, status or any water elements near the entrance.

Avoid applying dull paints to the main entrance, use bright and lively colours instead.

Most of you have seen people placing a shoe rack in front of the main entrance to keep dirt away. However, it is not recommended to keep the shoe rack in front of the main entrance as

it may cause an adverse effect on the inhabitants.

The main entrance is the initial point where cosmic energies and people move, so it's better

What triggers hormonal acne? Hormonal acne in women is most

commonly triggered by:

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Hormonal changes during premenstruation: Fluctuations in estrogen and progesterone before menstruation can lead to increased oil production and clogged pores, resulting in breakouts.

Poor diet: Consuming high-glycemic foods and dairy products can spike insulin levels, promoting inflammation and oil production. Sleep

deprivation:

Lack of sleep can disrupt hormone levels and increase stress, both of which can exacerbate acne.

Makeup use: Heavy or pore-clogging makeup can block pores, leading to acne. It's crucial to use non-comedogenic products and remove makeup thoroughly before bed. **Stress:**

Elevated stress levels can increase cortisol production, which in turn can trigger oil production and inflammatory responses in the skin.

How to manage hormonal acne

Managing hormonal acne involves a combination of lifestyle adjustments, skincare routines, and

ormonal acne involves breakouts tied to fluctuations in your hormones, typically experienced during puberty. However, hormonal breakouts can happen well into adulthood, and it's most common in women. These breakouts are usually characterized by acne around the cheeks and jawline, blackheads, whiteheads, or cysts, oily skin, inflammation, and sensitivity.

What causes hormonal acne?

Most breakouts happen when the oil glands in the skin become more sensitive to a group of hormones known as androgens. These androgens drive the enlargement of oil glands and increase the production of oil in the skin.

Riddhi Roy

Did you know? Hormonal acne can happen at any age?

get 7-9 hours of sleep per

hormones and

night to help regulate

support skin

Maintain a balanced diet

• Low-glycemic foods: Opt for foods that do not spike blood sugar levels, such as whole grains, vegetables, and lean proteins.

Reduce dairy intake: Some studies suggest that reducing dairy consumption can help minimize acne breakouts. Anti-inflammatory foods: Incorporate foods rich in **3** Manage omega-3 fatty stress levels acids, like Relaxation fish and techniques: Practice yoga, flaxseed meditation, or deep-breathing which exercises to reduce stress. can • Adequate sleep: Ensure you

help reduce inflammation.

2 Adopt a consistent skincare routine

health. • Gentle cleansing: Use a mild, noncomedogenic cleanser to avoid irritating the

• **Exfoliation:** Regular but gentle exfoliation can help remove dead skin cells and prevent clogged pores.

4 Use targeted treatments

• **Topical retinoids:** These can help unclog pores and reduce inflammation.

Benzoyl peroxide: This can kill acnecausing bacteria and reduce oil production. **Salicylic acid:** This helps exfoliate the

skin and keep pores clear. **Hormonal treatments:** Birth control pills or anti-androgen medications can help regulate hormones and reduce acne.

5 Consult a dermatologist

If over-the-counter treatments and lifestyle changes are not effective, it may be time to seek professional help. A dermatologist can provide prescription medications, hormone therapy, or other treatments tailored to your specific needs.

financial well-being.

If the main entrance gate is situated in the western direction, then use a metal nameplate instead of a marble plate. If the door is situated in the east or south direction then use a wooden nameplate.

your main gate can be harmful as per Vastu.

You must keep a doormat in front of the main door as it will keep the dust and negative energy outside the house.

to make the main gate and compound wall comply with the Vastu to block negative energies and attract positive ones.

The symptoms of

spinal disc problems vary

Symptoms of a

herniated disc

Causes: Herniated

to the back. These factors

place excessive stress on

herniation.

the spinal discs, leading to

Symptoms of a

pinched nerve

cause limbs to feel as

if they've fallen asleep,

needles sensations, and

sharp, aching, or burning

Causes: Pinched

placed on the nerves. This

pressure can be caused

by injuries, obesity, and

certain illnesses such as

diabetes, thyroid disease,

pain that radiates outward.

muscle weakness,

numbness, pins and

nerves occur when

excessive pressure is

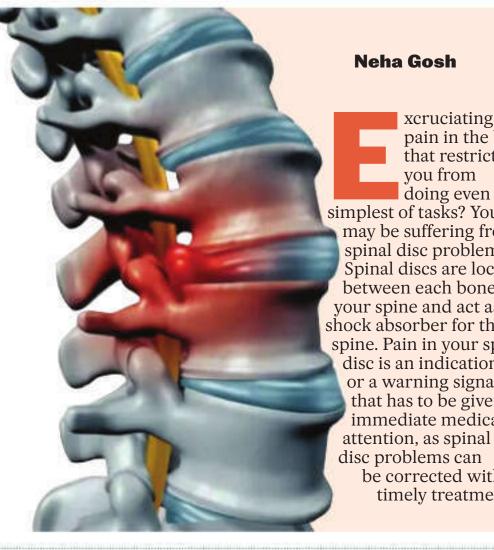
A pinched nerve can

Herniated disc

sometimes medical treatments. Here are some effective strategies:

• Oil-free moisturizers: Keep your skin hydrated with non-comedogenic moisturizers that won't clog pores. • Sun protection: Apply a broadspectrum sunscreen daily to protect your skin from UV damage, which can worsen acne.

Spinal disc problem: **Types, symptoms and causes**



What are the complications of spinal disc problems?

- Impaired mobility
- Muscle weakness
- Inability to work
- Difficulty sleeping Muscle pain and weakness

What are the types of spinal disc problems?

The problems affecting your spinal disc are of different types and they are as follows:

When you experience

problems with one or

more of your discs, it can

negatively affect your day-

to-day life as mentioned

below:

Herniated disc: Also known as prolapsed, slipped or ruptured disc, it is one of the

Neha Gosh

based on their location xcruciating and specific type. pain in the back that restricts you from doing even the symptoms differ among simplest of tasks? You individuals but generally may be suffering from include arm or leg pain, spinal disc problems. numbness, tingling, and Spinal discs are located weakness. between each bone of your spine and act as a discs primarily result shock absorber for the from ageing. However, spine. Pain in your spinal they can also be caused disc is an indication by lifting heavy objects or or a warning signal experiencing traumatic that has to be given events like falls or blows

immediate medical

be corrected with

timely treatment.

Symptoms and causes of spinal disc problems

Symptoms of degenerative disc

Degenerative disc symptoms include pain worsening with sitting, bending, lifting, or twisting, numbness and tingling, leg muscle weakness, and pain relief when walking, running, changing positions, or lying down. Severe pain can last for days or months.

Causes: Besides ageing, degenerative disc disease can be caused by poor posture, frequent lifting, and obesity. Repetitive bending, sports accidents, and traumatic injuries also contribute to the development of this condition. These factors accelerate the degeneration of spinal

Symptoms of spinal stenosis

discs.

Spinal stenosis symptoms vary by location. Cervical stenosis in the neck can cause balance issues, neck pain, loss of bowel or bladder control, difficulty walking, and

numbness, tingling,

or weakness in the

or legs. Lower back

stenosis symptoms

include back pain,

weakness in the feet

and legs, numbness

or tingling in the feet

cramping in the legs.

Causes: Spinal

or legs, and pain or

hands, arms, feet,

Shivangi Karn

ine nuts or say, chilgoza pine nuts are one of the most nutritional species of pine. They are edible seeds of pine tree fruit and are sweeter in taste. Some pine eaters, however, complain of bitter and metallic taste one or three days after their consumption (pine nut syndrome). Chilgoza pines have a buttery texture and are low in calories. They make for the best healthy snack and are thus preferred by diabetics or people on a weight loss journey. In this article, we will discuss the amazing health benefits of pine nuts. Take a look.

🚹 Manage diabetes

Diabetes is mainly associated with increased oxidative stress in the body. A study has shown that oral administration of pine nuts can improve insulin resistance and decrease fasting blood glucose by reducing oxidative damage to the liver. Pine nuts can be used as a potential therapeutic food item in the prevention and management of hyperglycemia.

Are homemade remedies to treat UTI successful?

Health Benefits: Pine nuts



5 Reduce ageing

Ageing is

factor for chronic

inflammation and

oxidative damage.

As pine nuts are

with antioxidant

compounds, they

may help improve

reduce inflammatory

biomarkers, thus

positively reducing

the ageing factors

cognitive decline.

and associated

highly packed

endothelial

functions and

diseases, mainly

due to chronic

the major risk

6 Boost immunity

The high content of minerals such as manganese, potassium, calcium, zinc, iron and selenium in pine nuts may help boost immunity effectively. They help improve the immune functions by increasing the number of white blood cells which in turn, help fight the pathogens and strengthen the immunity.

B Help with weight loss

A study has shown that ellagic acid, a naturally occurring polyphenol in nuts, is effective in attenuating obesity and related complications such as insulin resistance, fatty liver disease and type 2 diabetes. As pine nuts are also rich in ellagic acid, their consumption can help reduce adipose tissues and effectively manage obesity.

4 Have anticancer potential

Polyphenols in pine nuts have great anticancer potential and may help prevent cell division, which is the main cause of cancer. According to a study, dietary polyphenols in pine nuts may help reduce the risk of prostate cancer, lung cancer and other cancer types by inducing apoptosis that helps remove cancerous cells and maintains balance in the body. Also, selenium in the nuts may also help reduce the risk of cancer.

2 Prevent heart diseases

Impaired vascular functions are linked to increased risk of heart diseases. According to a study, nuts such as pine nuts can improve vascular functions and decrease the risk of cardiovascular diseases such as coronary heart disease. This is because they are rich in folate, magnesium, vitamin E, arginine, potassium along with polyphenols and healthy fats (monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats).

most common issues affecting your spinal disc. It is common in men and women ages 30 to 50, although they also occur in active children and young adults and occurs when the inner, gellike material bulges out of a disc.

Pinched nerve: This type of spinal disc problem is caused as a result of a herniated disc. If you have a herniated disc in your lower spine, it can place pressure on your nerve root, which causes radiating pain shooting down the back of your leg.

Sciatica: Similar to a pinched nerve, sciatica is not a medical condition itself, but instead, is the symptoms of another medical condition that affect your spinal disc such as degenerative disc disease, spinal stenosis etc.

develops when the damage to your discs causes pain and is caused due to low blood supplies in your discs.

Degenerative disc

develops with age, degenerative

disease: A condition that

disc disease is common and

affects the majority of the

population. The condition

Spinal stenosis: Located in the neck and lower back, spinal stenosis causes pain due to the pressure applied to the nerves that travel through the spine. People over the age of 50 are at greater risk of spinal stenosis, but younger people are prone to develop it as a result of congenital spinal deformities, genetic diseases affecting bone and muscle development or trauma.

Bulging disc: This condition is often confused with that of herniated discs. However, bulging disc is when you have bulges along the rear and side portions of your discs, placing pressure on the nerve and causing pain.

or rheumatoid arthritis. Herniated discs and bone spurs are also common causes of pinched nerves. **Symptoms of sciatica**

Sciatica may cause constant pain on one side of the leg and buttock, a burning or searing leg pain, radiating pain down the back of one leg, sharp pain, and increased leg pain when sitting.

stenosis can be **Causes:** Sciatica caused by herniated can result from several discs, overgrowth of underlying conditions. bones, and thickened Degenerative disc ligaments. Tumors disease, herniated discs and spinal injuries in the lumbar region, are additional causes. spinal stenosis, and These conditions spondylolisthesis are all lead to the narrowing potential causes. These of the spinal canal, conditions lead to the which can compress compression of the sciatic the spinal cord and nerve, resulting in pain nerves. and discomfort.

Symptoms of a bulging disc

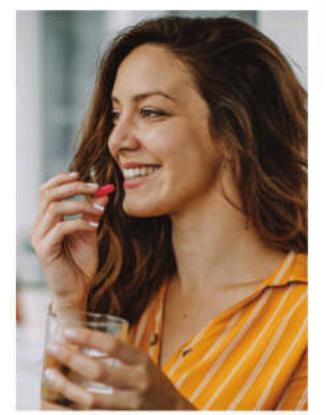
Bulging disc symptoms include heaviness, weakness, difficulty walking, a burning sensation, numbness, tingling, and pain. Symptoms may appear in different body regions depending on the disc's location.

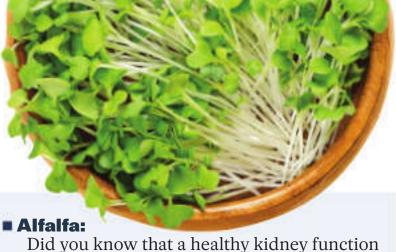
Causes: Bulging discs can result from ageing, which weakens the spinal discs over time. Neck and back strain, injuries, and genetic factors also contribute to the development of bulging discs. These factors cause the discs to protrude, leading to pain and discomfort.

ow are homemade treatments for urinary tract infection distinct from doctor prescribed medication? One treatment uses antibiotics to kill the E coli which may also kill good bacteria present in the body and hurt your resistance system. The second treatment uses natural methods to stop the E coli bacteria from sticking to the walls of the urinary tract. Though both therapies have been recorded as successful methods, using homemade remedies for urinary tract infections can save you money and let you live a far healthier life through natural health remedies.

Do you know what simple homemade treatments for urinary tract infection work? Many people are concerned about natural health and homemade treatments. People want a treatment that has been researched, documented and proven to work.

Since the start of the twentyfirst century, studies have shown that many homemade treatments happen to be just as effective as their hospital treatment equivalent. A study demonstrated in the Canadian Journal of Urology compared pure cranberry juice, cranberry extract tablets, along with a placebo in one fifty urinary tract infection sufferers. Research workers were baffled at the century old urinary tract infection treatment. Here's a list of three homemade remedies that have shown to treat E coli.





is vitally essential in order to fight and to prevent urinary tract infection? An alfalfa juice concentrate may significantly improve kidney function. Increased kidney functioning can help the body to get rid of the toxins by increasing the flow of urine.

Zinc along with vitamin C:

Ascorbic acid along with zinc helps to increase your immunity level and along with vitamin C, may help you fight off a urinary tract infection rapidly and efficiently. You ought to be capable of taking 3000 mg of vitamin C along with three zinc lozenges each day throughout the infection.

Unsweetened cranberry juice:

Drink unsweetened cranberry juice on a regular basis to prevent the E coli bacteria from clinging to your urinary and digestive tracts. During an active infection, you can drink from four to six glasses each day. The ingredients in cranberry juice prohibit the microorganisms from sticking to the urinary tract walls.

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Risk factors for spinal disc problems:

Ageing is a significant risk factor for spinal disc problems. Additionally, being obese or overweight increases the risk, as do certain illnesses such as diabetes. Engaging in physically demanding jobs and experiencing traumatic events can also contribute to the development of these issues.



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Actor recalls his first paid job in the film industry



PAN' Pat

Rohit Bhatnagar

ctor Abhay Verma is receiving a lot of accolades currently for his horror comedy, Munjya. In an exclusive chat with The Free **Press Journal**, the actor opens up about his life before fame, working as a junior artist in *Super 30*, working with the India's first ever CGI artist and more. Excerpts:

Q. How was it for you to shoulder the film on your own?

A. I was a junior artist in *Super 30* and when I used to get 800 rupees per day, I used to learn so many things just by looking around. I used to get inspire by seeing those 200 people throughout the day. I don't know how to put this in the most modest way, but I decided I would not do this for long. I am meant for bigger things solely for the sake of Cinema.

something very heavy on you while shooting. It took a lot of hard work to do all of it. I really had to focus on my body language, even in Safed, I had to play transgender so I had to look like one. We shot the every scene thrice. A short guy had to cling on me through harness.

Q. Do you feel *Munjya* is a game changer in your career?

A. If a person like Karan Johar, who has changed the coarse of the industry has messaged me and complimented me on my performance, I don't think so I can get a better validation than this. I couldn't have asked for more especially coming from a small place Panipat.

Q. Are you attracted to roles that are emotionally and mentally more draining?

A. I am attracted to roles that people say, I can't do it. I feel the magic lies in how you do things and not in what you are doing. Now, I can take reference from my own character in Safed if I had to play a transgender sometime in the future.



(I to r) Filmmaker Ketan Mehta, Jackky Bhagnani, Vaibhav Kumareshwar, Mohammad Kherandish, and others at the panel discussion

Global ambitions in animation

The panelists shed light on various facets of the animation film industry and highlighted key challenges it faces



he fourth day of the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) featured an engaging panel discussion with renowned personalities including filmmaker Ketan Mehta, actor-producer Jackky Bhagnani, Emmy-nominated filmmaker Vaibhav Kumareshwar, and filmmaker Mohammad Kherandish, moderated by Munjal

Shroff, an animation filmmaker.

The panelists shed light on various facets of the animation film industry and highlighted key challenges it faces. Ketan Mehta remarked on the limited international appeal of domestically created content, calling it a "vicious circle" plaguing the industry.

"When you are creating specifically for the domestic market it has very little resonance outside the country and that is the problem, a vicious circle we are caught in." said filmmaker Ketan Mehta when speaking about the travelability of content outside the

domestic markets.

Talking about the need for a global mindset, Mehta added saying "There are two constraints as far as I can see, we haven't cultivated a global mindset and we haven't triggered a global ambition.... Creatively there is nothing wrong with us, we are the most creative civilization the world has seen." He also highlighted the high cost of money and the lack of a sustainable distribution network for such content. Speaking at the engaging panel discussion actor-producer Jackyy Bhagnani emphasised the on differentiation of content today, with theatrical and OTT cum broadcast content being bifurcated and the sort of content being made to cater to each medium.



Nelocious

Thailand Shoot

Q. Go on...

A. I couldn't imagine a junior artist like me could ever get a film like Munjya, a film of that bigger scale and has India's first ever CGI artist, it's not less than a miracle. It is out and out different experience for any actor. I always wanted to be on the trend setter side rather on the follower side.

Q. Did you attend any workshop to perform with the CGI actor?

A. We had extensive workshops since I had to imagine

Q. After Safed and Munjya, do you have any strategy to go forward?

A. I agree, that I have got these films quite early in my career. Thankfully, the opportunities given to me were very varied and that has do with a lot of manifestation. To choose roles is a luxury in the industry. I have a lot of creative hunger within me. Acting itself means to act different roles each time.

> **Festival Director Prithul** Kumar with the filmmaker Ketan Mehta

CAUGHT (ON) CAM

Celebs were snapped as they were out and about in Mumbai

Malaika Arora strikes a pose as she heads out from a yoga class in Bandra

Fatima Sana Shaikh spotted outside a clinic in Khar

Pics: Varinder Chawla

r NTR and Janhvi Kapoor are set to shoot a melodious song for their upcoming movie Devara: Part 1 on Tuesday.

including heavy rain. vara will unfold in two parts.

The song will be filmed in the picturesque locales of Thailand. This marks the first on-screen collaboration between Jr NTR and Janhvi.

A few days ago, Jr NTR was seen at the Hyderabad airport heading to Thailand with his wife, Lakshmi Pranathi, and their children, Abhay and Bhargay. Earlier, he was

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spotted returning from Goa after completing an intense action sequence with Saif Ali Khan under challenging weather conditions, Directed by Koratala Siva, De-



Sonakshi Sinha shares pic with Huma Qureshi; Zaheer lqbal with his boys gang at his bachelor party

Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal are all set to tie the knot soon. Ahead of their wedding, both of them took to Instagram Stories on Monday night to post new pictures with their close friends. While Zaheer was seen celebrating his bachelor party with his bunch of friends, Sonakshi was seen with her girl gang, which included actor Huma Qureshi.



Lovebirds' grand affair

Sonakshi-Zaheer wedding decor to be in shades of ivory and white

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onakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal are set to make their relationship official on June 23.

Ahead of their big day, it has been revealed that the decor for the couple's special event at the venue, will be in shades of ivory and white.

A source said that while the details of the menu and dinner spread for the special day are being kept under wraps, the theme for the celebrations will be in shades of ivory and white. The source also revealed that arrangements are being made to accommodate close to 100 paparazzi in the lobby at venue. epaper.thegoan.net

Previously, the audio invite for the couple's wedding went viral. The invitation featured a photograph of the couple amid snow-capped mountains. The picture gave the impression of a magazine cover and had multiple texts that read, "We're making it official! (Finally)". They also clarified that the "rumours were true".

The message commenced with a voice-over by Sonakshi, "To all our hip, tech-savvy, and jasoos friends and family who managed to land on this page, hi". Zaheer then added in audio invite, "For the last seven years that we have been together, all the love, joy, laughter, and many, many adventures have led us to this very moment."





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Turkey beat Georgia in entertaining match marred by fan violence

GULER'S WONDER STRIKE STEALS SHOW AS OPPONENTS SHOW FIGHT

FINAL RESULT

>Turkey 3 (Müldür 25',Güler 65', Aktürkoglu 90'+7') Georgia 1 (Mikautadze 32')

AGENCIES

DORTMUND

Teenager Arder Guler's superb long-range strike helped Turkey a victorious start to their Euro 2024 campaign with a 3-1 win over tournament debutants Georgia amid a fevered atmosphere in Dortmund on Tuesday.

Mert Muldur gave Turkey a deserved lead in the 25th minute, smashing a swerving volley past helpless Georgia goalkeeper Giorgi Mamardashvili from the edge of the box.

Georgia, playing their first major international tournament, equalised in the 32nd minute when Georges Mikautadze turned Giorgi Kochorashvili's cross past Mert Gunok, who should have done better in covering his near post.

The 19-year-old Guler, coming into the tournament fresh from a run of goals for Real Madrid, scored after 65 min-

HISTORY SCRIPTED

Arda Guler scripted history when he scored the second goal for Turkey Guler took possession

of the ball along the right side of the midfield, shifted to his left and hit a left-footed curler that kissed the net, leaving debutant Georgia gobsmacked

With the goal, he became the youngest player to score on his debut at a European Championship finals (19 years and 114 days), surpassing the record set by Cristiano Ronaldo in 2004, at 19 years and 128 days

jects thrown by supporters in one corner of the ground before police stepped in to restore order.

Violence broke out more than an hour before Tuesday's Group F game was due to kick-off, with Turkey eventual winners with two brilliant efforts either side of Georgia's first-ever tournament goal. With Georgia threatening to nick a historic point late on, they sent their goalkeeper up for a corner but Turkey broke and Muhammed Kerem Akturkoglu finished a wonderfully entertaining game to make it

Goa Velha SC down UC

Benaulim to enter semis



The fans of Turkey and Georgia got into throwing punches at each other before kick-off, at Westfalenstadion.

FOOTBALL HOOLIGANISM

Fighting broke out between fans of Turkey and Georgia inside Dortmund's Westfalenstadion ahead of the teams' European Championship match

The brawling took place at ground level in one corner of the stadium, with supporters seen throwing punches and objects at each other as security attempted to intervene in pouring rain

The fighting stopped when police officers in riot gear came between them. A thick line of officers remained in place, with some standing in the stairwell alongside Georgia fans

On a chaotic day in West- midday.

Mbappe comes off with busted nose as France sneak 1-0 win

AGENCIES

MUNICH

Maximilian Wober's own goal was enough to give France a winning start to its Euro 2024 campaign on Monday as it edged Austria 1-0 in its opening game, but Kylian Mbappe came off late on with a bloodied nose.

Wober 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 has been much-improved under Ralf Rangnick and its pressing game often made life uncomfortable for the 2022 World Cup runner-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.

While Les Bleus were not at their best, they will be relieved to have emerged victorious from the game after a build-up overshadowed by talk of politics rather than football.

The result leaves Didier Deschamps' team level on three points in Group D with the Netherlands, who defeated Poland 2-1 in Hamburg on Sunday. France and the Netherlands meet next in Leipzig on Friday, while Austria faces Poland earlier the same day in Berlin. Austria had enjoyed some impressive results coming into the tournament on a seven-game unbeaten run and the team is on familiar ground during these Euros -- its coach Rangnick is from Germany and eight of its starting lineup played in the German Bundesliga last season.



Kylian Mbappe of France holds his nose after receiving medical treatment following clashing heads with Kevin Danso of Austria during the UEFA EURO 2024 group stage match at Düsseldorf Arena in Dusseldorf, Germany.

Mbappe to wear protective mask for remainder of Les Bleus games

MUNICH: Kylian Mbappé suffered a broken nose during France's 1-o win against Austria at the European Championship on Monday and will have to wear a protective mask if he plays on at the tournament.

The World Cup winning striker had to be substituted after colliding with Austria's Kevin Danso during the Group D match at Dusseldorf Arena and France coach Didier Deschamps did not know in the immediate aftermath if the injury would rule him out of the rest of Euro 2024.

utes, curling an unstoppable shot into the top corner. Georgia pressed for a late equaliser but, with Mamardashvili coming up for a series of corners, Kerem Akturkoglu broke away and passed into an empty net in added time to make it 3-1.

Turkey scored two goal-ofthe-tournament contenders and Real Madrid's Arda Guler underlined his burgeoning talent but violence threatened to mar their win over Georgia in the rain in Dortmund.

Punches were exchanged, weapons brandished and ob-



phalia, water cascaded from the stadium roof seemingly on to fans amid a major downpour in scenes similar to those witnessed at Manchester United's Old Trafford home last month, which sparked fears kick-off could be postponed.

A storm warning in Dortmund earlier led to the closure of a fan zone in the centre of the city and a viewing area in a park.

The German Weather Service forecast severe thunderstorms in western and central Germany starting around

Other Euro 2024 host cities in the region – Cologne, Dusseldorf and Gelsenkirchen - closed public fan zones on Tuesday following the warning.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

›Croatia vs Albania, 6:30 pm IST

Germany vs Hungary 9:30 pm IST

>On Thursday

Scotland vs Switzerland 12:30 am IST >Live on Sony Ten Network and Sony LIV

He was taken to a hospital in Dusseldorf and the France's Football Federation confirmed the extent of the injury.

"He will undergo treatment in the coming days, without undergoing surgery immediately," it said in a statement. "A mask will be made so as to allow the number 10 of the French team to consider resuming competition after a period devoted to treatment."

Mbappé sustained the injury in an aerial collision when his face struck Danso's shoulder. Images showed Mbappé's nose was bloodied and swollen and he was in obvious pain as Austria goalkeeper Patrick Pentz signaled for medical assistance.

FC Goa sign Lara Sharma THE GOAN | NETWORK

PANAJI

FC Goa announced the signing of goalkeeper Lara Sharma on permanen transfer from Bengaluru FC for an undisclosed fee. The 24-year-old has inked a multi-year deal with the Club.

Expressing his excitement about joining FC Goa, Lara Sharma said: "I am thrilled to be part of FC Goa. The Club has a fantastic reputation for its style of play and passionate fan base, and I can't wait to start this new chapter of my career with the team.

"During every break, I aim to win the upcoming season and return home with pride. But this time, it feels even more significant. We have a strong squad that can show where we belongs and what we deserve to achieve. As long as I'm part of FC Goa, this mindset will remain unchanged," he added.

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3-1.

Goa Velha SC emerged victorious over United Club Benaulim 5-3 via penalties to book their spot in the semifinals of the Cana Benaulim Panchayat cup inter village football tournament, at St John de Baptista football ground, on Tuesday. Despite an aggressive start

from Benaulim, Goa Velha's goalkeeper Pratik Kankonar stood firm with a crucial save in the sixth minute to deny Joseburn Cardozo. Benaulim's persistence paid off in the 13th minute when Nicholas Rodrigues' misjudged cross found Keegan Fernandes, who head-

ed the ball into the net. In the second hald, Goa Velha equalised in the 38th minute through Alme Fernandes, who nodded in a low cross from Akash Sanadi. Benaulim's efforts to retake the lead were thwarted by an in-

effective striking duo of Enosh Goes and Cedran Rodrigues.

In the tie-breaker, Goa Velha SC emerged victorious with Sainath Kankonkar, Akash Sanadi, Rishabh Madkaikar, and Francis Afonso converting their spot-kicks whileonly Nicholas Rodrigues and Alejo Fernandes were successful from the penalty spot for UC Benaulim.

UC Benaulim's Tino Fernandes was awarded the man of the match award.

Sporting Clube appoint Savio Medeira as Technical Director

Set to oversee club's sporting operations and development

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PANAJI

Sporting Clube de Goa announced the appointment of Savio Medeira as the club's new Technical Director.

Medeira, a highly respected figure in Indian football, brings over 35 years of invaluable experience at all levels of the game to this crucial leadership role.

"I am tremendously honored to join Sporting Clube de Goa as the club's new Technical Director," said Savio Medeira. "This is an exciting opportunity to work for an ambitious club determined to reach new heights of sustained excellence.

Medeira's key objectives at Sporting Clube de Goa include retaining the GPL title, establishing a top-tier youth development program that fosters



winning while nurturing talent, and securing promotion to the I-League.

"My immediate focus is to help the team retain the GPL title and achieve promotion to the I-League this season,"

Medeira explained. "But our long-term vision is to establish Sporting Clube Goa as a dominant force nationally, with our players and coaches representing India at the highest level."

IN SHORT >>

State sub junior & junior aquatic c'ships in July

PANAJI: The Goa Swimming Association will be organising State Sub Junior and Junior Aquatic Championships on July 5, 6 and 7, at Ponda Swimming Pool complex, Ponda. The selections for the Nationals will be done as per the State Championship performance. Entry forms are available with SAG swimming coaches at the swimming pools. Duly filled forms are to be submitted to respective coaches on or before June 25.

GFA to hold U-17 girls selection trials

PANAJI: The Goa Football Association will hold the selection trials for the U-17 girls on the following days from 3:45 pm onwards. Duler Stadium, Mapusa, Bardez: June 19 and 20; King's School ground, Sao Jose de Areal, Salcete: June 21 and 22 Interested players should ttend all the days of the trials in their respective zones. Players born on or after 01.01.2008 are eligible for the selection trials and should report at the venue with the full playing kit to Coach Jonathan Faleiro.

Bhatto SC prevail over Novowaddo SC

MARGAO: Bhatti Sports Club get the better of Novowaddo Sports Club 6-4 via the tie-breaker to enter the semifinal of 9-a-side football tournament, organised by Sporting Club Virabhat, at St.Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Tuesday.

Novowaddo scored the first goal through Milagres Fernandes with a neat placement before half time while Bhatti regroup quickly and took control in second session and got the much needed equaliser through the boots of Marcus Peixeto. In the resultant tie-breaker, Bhatti scored through Jovial Dias, Maven Dias, Macnal Dias, Tony and Aaron Dias while Novowaddo found the net through Alister, Frazer and Milagres Fernandes. Macnal Dias was awarded the man of the match prize.

Sandeep-Marvando to clash with Jesus-Sanjot in veterans finals

Yug set to battle it out with Kavish in U-11 boys final

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MARGAO

The Goa Table Tennis season for 2024 officially commenced with the highly anticipated Ulhas Jewellers - BPS Major Ranking Table Tennis Tournament 2024, marking the first Major ranking tournament of the calendar season.

BPS MAJOR RANKING TT

The tournament kicked off with the Veterans and Para TT events held over the first two days, while the Major Ranking Tournament is set to commence on June 18. All finals, spanning across various categories, are scheduled for June



23, with matches taking place face Jesus D'Costa and Sanjot Sankalp, who secured a domdaily from 3 pm onwards at the Multipurpose Stadium in inant 3-0 victory against Sanford Xavier and Praveen Gad. Fatorda. In the Veterans Semi-Finals, The Para TT category also

the duo Sandeep D'Mello and saw thrilling matches, with the National Gold Medalist in Marvando Mascarenhas triumphed over Leslie Noronha Para making a notable impact and Anthony Mendes with by defeating Stany D'Souza a score of 3-1. They will now 3-0 to advance to the Wheel-

chair category finals. He is set to compete against Moises Rodrigues, who narrowly beat Vishant Nagvekar 3-2 in a gripping semi-final match. In the Para Standing category, Alex Albuquerque will clash with Chetan Salgaonkar for the title. Albuquerque and Salgaonkar both achieved convincing 3-0 victories over Fleev Andrade and Gopal Naik, respectively.

In the U-11 Boys Quarters, top-seed Yug Prabhu dominated Ashank Dalvi with a 3-0 victory and advanced to the semis by defeating Ishaan Colaco 3-1. Kavish Dalvi also showcased his talent, winning against Kaushik Nair and Keder Nair to set up a final clash with Yug.

FC Madras rope in Priolkar as U-17 coach

CHARLES D'SOUZA THE GOAN | MARGAO

FC Madras appointed former India Junior coach Kanan Priolkar coach of the U-17 youth team on a one-year deal.

Expressing excitement on his new role as FC Madras assistant coach Priolkar commented: "I'm so happy to be part of the FC Madras family. It is a big honour to work with FC Madras."

Priolkar who was a coach at AIFF for four years now fought his way back from some major setbacks in his footballing career.

"My vision is to have longterm goals, especially on development at the grassroot level. It's more important for me to build a strong setup for youth development explained. and grassroot. Every year we should bring more talent and bring more players from our youth development program to the main team. That will be our big vision in the up-



did not really have physios to

help us speed-up the recovery

process back in those days,"

said Priolkar. "I had joined

the camp for the first couple of

days, but then I soon realised

coming years. We will have a thing that prevented him from joining the India U-21 camp, proper scouting and structure program to bring more local earlier in his career; this was talents from Tamil Nadu. I to be the only occasion when he was called up to the Nahave seen the structure and they set up a professional aptional Team. proach and was impressed "My knee had recovered afwith their facilities" Priolkar ter the surgery, but I was yet to get back to full fitness. And we

While under normal circumstances he would have gone on to play a few more years, the forward was forced into early retirement due to a recurring knee injury, some-

that I was a long way off, so I told the coaches that I needed more time for the knee to heal."

The 47-year old was part of then Sesa Sports Club in his early days and developed a formidable partnership up front, alongside former India international Alvito D'Cunha. However, the stay at Sesa was shortlived, as the club shut down in 1999 and became a dedicated to the football academy.

However, it was when he moved to Dempo SC for a couple of seasons, that he started his first partnership with Bibiano Fernandes, who is currently the head coach of the India U-15 side. Having played for Sporting Clube de Goa, in his last five years of topflight football, Priolkar went on to ply his trade in the local leagues.

After he hanging up his boots, Kanan coached the junior teams at Vasco SC, Brazil Football Academy, Cavelossim and Dempo.





Pooran powers Windies to record total, crush Afghans by 104 runs

CARIBBEAN SIDE SCORE HIGHEST TOTAL IN A MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP MATCH

SCOREBOX

West Indies 218 for 5 (Pooran 98, Charles 43, Naib 2-14) beat Afghanistan 114 (lbrahim 38, McCoy 3-14) by 104 runs **PLAYER OF THE MATCH** Nicholas Pooran 98 (53)

GROS

PTI

Nicholas Pooran displayed his incredible six-hitting prowess as West Indies geared up for the Super 8 with a dominating 104-run 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 53ball 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.



Rahmanullah Gurbaz of Afghanistan catches out Nicholas Pooran of West Indies which was later given not out during the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup West Indies & USA 2024 match at Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium, in Gros Islet, Saint Lucia.

as many as 8 maximums and opener Brandon King in the recover from the onslaught

Proteas look set to smash against spirited USA in Super Eight opener

Match starts at 8 PM IST

NORTH

PTI

South Africa will have no room for error as their worldclass batters will be keen to flex their muscles against a spirited USA in their opening Super Eight match of the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

The Proteas have remained unbeaten in the tournament so far with their bowlers doing the heavy lifting in all four games.

Playing three games on the challenging New York tracks, and one in Kingstown, South Africa have not crossed the 120-run mark even once.

PREVIEW

Although their batting performance is not a reflection of the team which possesses some big hitters like Quinton de Kock, Henriech Klassen, Tristan Stubbs and David Miller.

But still the top order of De Kock, Reeze Hendricks and captain Aiden Markram might feel the pressure to perform. South Africa survived by a run against Nepal in their previous game and with the likes of defending champions England and hosts West Indies also in Group 2, the Proteas can ill afford to let up against USA. They would like to start the Super Eight on a winning note. Ahead of the World Cup, South Africa's biggest concern was the woeful form of Anrich Nortje, but the star pacer has turned it around with some scintillating display in the



Reeza Hendricks of South Africa looks on during a net session.

TEAMS

>SOUTH AFRICA: Aiden Markram (c), Ottniel Baartman, Gerald Coetzee, Quinton de Kock, Bjorn Fortuin, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen, Keshav Maharaj, David Miller, Anrich Nortje, Kagiso Rabada, Ryan Rickelton, Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan Stubbs

MATCH RUN

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6 fours during his stay. Opener Johnson Charles

(43)Shai Hope (25) and Rovman Powell (26) also contributed with the bat as WI posted the highest total of this

edition of T20 World Cup. Gulbadin Naib (2/14) was the top bowler for Afghanistan, claiming two wickets in

his 2 overs. With the bat, opener Ibrahim Zadran (38), Azmatullah Omarzai (23) and Karim Janat (14) tried their bit but it proved too huge a total in the end. Earlier, West Indies lost

second over but hosts scored heavily in the first five overs and the last five overs.

> Pooran turned on the heat in the fourth over, collecting 36-runs off Azmatullah Omarzai's bowling - 6, 5NB, 5WD, 0, 4LB, 4, 6, 6. It was the joint most expensive over in T20Is.

The wicketkeeper batter and opener Charles (43) took the hosts to 92/1 at the six-over mark, the biggest Powerplay total in men's T20 World Cup history.

Afghanistan really didn't

wants to make a difference

and we take our skill sessions

achieve in every skill session

that you do," Rohit said on

the mood inside the dressing

room after an undefeated run

hostile batting conditions

during the US leg due to the

drop-in pitches used by the

Caribbean leg brings with it

Rohit said the ongoing

"We have seen a lot of

to do to get the result in our

favour. Everyone is looking

The Indian team endured

in the group league stage.

organisers.

most of it.

"There is something to

quite seriously," he said.

as after pacer Naveen-Ul-Haq dismissed the Charles, Pooran continued his hitting spree with Hopes and Powell playing second fiddle.

In the 18th over, Pooran launched into Rashid, smacking him for three maximums and a four for a 24run over.

During his innings Pooran surpassed Chris Gayle (124 sixes) as West Indies' most decorated T20I six-hitter. The left-hander was eventually run-out in the last over.

Chasing the huge total, Af-

during his stay

ghanistan never looked comfortable as they lost in-form Rahmanullah Gurbaz (o) in the first over.

Zadran kept the scoreboard ticking but he couldn't really take on the Windies attack as Gudakesh Motie (2/28) and McCoy struck thrice in two overs to put Afghanistan under pressure.

Wickets kept tumbling due to scoreboard pressure as most batters perished while trying for big hits.

Kane Williamson uncertain

about his future in T20Is

>USA: Monank Patel (c), Aaron Jones, Andries Gous, Corey Anderson, Ali Khan, Harmeet Singh, Jessy Singh, Milind Kumar, Nisarg Patel, Nitish Kumar, Noshtush Kenjige, Saurabh Nethralvakar, Shadley Van Schalkwyk, Steven Taylor, Shayan Jahangir. Reserve Players: Gajanand Singh, Juanoy Drysdale, Yasir Mohammad.

group stage and is currently the joint second leading wicket-taker with nine scalps.

Nortje and fellow pacer Ottneil Baartman, have formed a formidable pair, while Marco Jansen and Kagiso Rabada will also be eager to trouble the inexperienced USA batters.

Co-host USA, who are an eclectic mix of eight Indians, two Pakistanis, a West Indian one New Zealander, a South African and a Dutch, are in the midst of a dream run having qualified for the Super Eights in their debut appearance.

They have played an aggressive brand of cricket.

Little hectic but we're ready: **Rohit on Super Eight stage**

PTI

BRIDGETOWN

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-year-old added.

The Indian team had an extended practice session



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on Monday with senior players like Virat Kohli and Rohit spending more-than-usual time in the nets. "There is real keenness in

forward and are quite excited the group to go and do someas well at the same time," Rothing special. That's a good hit said.

way to start the second stage. PTI It clearly shows that everyone

TAROUBA

New Zealand will require some time to regroup after their shock early exit from the T20 World Cup, said skipper Kane Williamson, who was non-committal regarding his return for the 2026 edition of the marquee event.

An all-format player who is considered one of the greats of modern day cricket, Williamson has been the BlackCaps batting mainstay for over a decade.

New Zealand reached three finals with Williamson in the a sense of familiarity and his side -- the 2015 and 2019 ODI team would look to make the World Cups, the 2021 T20 World Cup and the inaugural World Test Championship figames here, we have played a nal, which they won. Williamlot of games here. So everyone son led the BlackCaps in three understands what one needs of those four tournaments.

"When asked if he'd return for the 2026 edition, Williamson said: "Oh, I don't know." New Zealand's campaign ended with a facile seven-wicket



win over minnows Papua New

Guinea. They finished outside of the semifinals for the first time in 10 years. Pace spearhead Trent Boult has already confirmed that the ongoing T20 World Cup was his last.

tween now and then, so it's regrouping as a side. And yeah, we've sort of got red ball cricket over the next year basically.

"So yeah, it's back into some international other formats and yeah, see where

An all-format player who is considered one of the greats of modern day cricket, Williamson has been the BlackCaps batting mainstay for over a decade.

things land," he added.

On New Zealand's short campaign at the T20 Word Cup, the 34-year-old said "I think no matter what happens, you're always want to do more.

"But it's been really unique, a unique experience for all the guys. The conditions have been challenging I think for batters all around, but it's just about trying to find a way." New Zealand were the last team to kickstart their campaign. They were out of contention for the Super Eights within the space of four days, courtesy backto-back losses to Afghanistan and West Indies.

ICC warns associate nations against corrupt approaches

BRIDGETOWN

PTI

The spectre of corruption in cricket continues to challenge the game's administrators but one potential approach from a former Kenya international to a Uganda player in the ongoing T₂o World Cup was dealt swiftly by the sleuths of ICC's anti-corruption unit.

PTI has learned that the incident took place during the league stage matches in Guyana where a former Kenya pacer tried to contact a Ugandan team member multiple times from different numbers.

Following ICC's strict anti-corruption protocol, the player reported the approach to the ACU officials on site.

The development prompted the officials to raise a red flag against the former Kenya player by informing all the associate teams about him.

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It is has been learned that

an incident took place

this person targeted a player team. Associate nations, as compared to the big teams, are soft targets for corruption but in this case the player who was approached did the needful by informing the ICC at the earliest," a source told PTI.

Failure to report a corrupt approach is an offence under the ICC's anti-corruption code. The other offences include match-fixing, betting on the game, misuse of inside information and failing to co-operate with an investigation.

"There's a bit of time be-

Neeraj Chopra claims gold at Paavo Games PTI

TURKU

India's Olympic and world champion javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra snared his maiden gold medal at the Paavo Nurmi Games here on Tuesday, returning to action in style after being laid low for a month due to a niggle.

Chopra, who claimed the silver here in 2022, produced the winning effort of 85.97m in his third attempt to lead the field for a major part of the competition, which also featured 19-vear-old German prodigy Max Dehning who is the youngest member of the 90m club.

Toni Keranen claimed the silver medal with a best throw of 84.19m, while his compatriot and last edition's gold-medallist Oliver Helander took the third spot with 83.96m.

Gautam Gambhir interviews for India head coach position

MET WITH BCCI'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY

NEW DELHI

PTI

Former India opener Gautam Gambhir was on Tuesday interviewed by the BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) for the national team's head coach position.

The interview took place over a zoom call with both Gambhir and 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. Gambhir is believed to be the only candidate who is in contention and the announcement of his name is a mere for-

mality which could happen in the next 48 hours.

The specifics of his interaction with CAC chairman Ashok Malhotra and his colleagues Jatin Paranipe and Sulakshana Naik were not immediately known. Both Paranjpe and Naik are based

in Mumbai.

The discussion, it is believed, was focussed on the roadmap he has in mind for the next three years, which will feature three ICC tournaments across formats.

There is an Apex Council meeting on Tuesday evening and it is understood that secretary Jay Shah will apprise the members about the coach selection process before the final announcement is made.

The CAC is also interviewing a few interested candidates for the North Zone selector's position.

The 42-year-old Gambhi recently guided Kolkata Knight Riders to the IPL trophy as the team's mentor.

Indian women look to seal series against South Africa in second ODI

Match starts at 1:30 PM **IST. Live on Jio Cinema**

PTI

BENGALURU

India will expect their top-order batters to produce a tidier effort against South Africa in the second women's ODI here on Wednesday in their quest for an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

PREVIEW

India have a 1-0 lead in their hand, courtesy a 143-run win in the first game but the win, as comprehensive as it was, also left some questions unanswered.

The home side rode on Smriti Mandhana's hundred and a fine spell by spinners to



Indian skipper Harmanpreet Kaur and coach Amol Muzumdar watch on during a practice session.

outclass South Africa, but it was not enough to paper over some wide cracks in the batting department. The most glaring of them is the continued underwhelming ODI outings of opener Shafali Verma. Her last one-day fifty came in 2022, an unbeaten 71, against Sri Lanka at Pallekele.

In the last six matches, the opener's individual scoresheet reads: 1, 8, 0, 4, 1, 7. The 20-year-old will require a substantial score sooner than later to cling on to her spot.

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur will also like to have a big score under her belt after notching up 14, 9, 5, 3 and 10 in her last five outings.

Top-order batter Jemimah Rodrigues, who returned from a back injury that forced her to sit out of the T20I series against Bangladesh, too failed to impress.

Rodrigues would like to recapture her 2023 form where she made a couple of 8os and came close to scoring her maiden ODI hundred.

All of them, in fact, can take a cue from vice-captain Mandhana, whose sixth ODI hundred stood out for its studiousness.

Of course, the graceful left-hander has been in good touch in ODIs, as her last 20 innings dating back to February 2022 have fetched seven fifties and two centuries and was dismissed below 10 only thrice.

