

Indian ship capt, crew bag maritime award for 'bravery'

PTI, LONDON: Captain Avhilash Rawat and his crew of an oil tanker have been named among the winners of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) 2024 Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea for their "extraordinary courage" shown in a Red Sea rescue mission.

Rawat and his crew were declared winners by the IMO for the "determination and endurance" demonstrated while coordinating firefighting and damage control efforts to combat a fire that broke out after an anti-ship missile reportedly fired by Iranian-backed Houthi rebels struck their vessel 'Marlin Luanda' earlier this year.

Captain Brijesh Nambiar and the crew of the Indian Navy ship INS Visakhapatnam have been conferred a Letter of Commendation.

Truck driver booked for murder, but autopsy report shows 'murder' happened before 'corpse' was run over by truck

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MAINA-CURTORIM: The Maina-Curtorim police on Thursday arrested one Vasudev Hanumant Madar (59) resident of Khanapur, Karnataka, in mysterious death case of Kanhaiya Kumar Mondal at Loutolim in suspicious circumstances.

However, the Ponda police, who belatedly confirmed that the deceased was in their custody, have failed to provide CCTV footage of that period leading up to the mysterious journey that Vasudev Hanumant Madar was made to undergo in the Ponda police vehicle and dumped on the road in the Maina-Curtorim jurisdiction.

It's been 15 days since the death had occurred at Lou-

THE VERY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OF THE PONDA POLICE

1. Dropped the deceased to Loutolim (Maina-Curtorim PS) crossing its own Police Station jurisdiction
2. First statement of suspended policemen claimed they dropped him at Borim junction (Under Ponda PS) whereas the statement was 'rectified' later and the location changes to Loutolim (after CCTV footage clearly showed the presence of the Ponda police PCR van at Loutolim)
3. The station diary at Ponda has no mention of this vehicle movement and dropping off of Vasudev Hanumant Madar, the deceased at Loutolim
4. CCTV footage is not available from June 20 till July 11 of Ponda Police Station
5. There is no mention of CCTV breakdown in the station diary as required by the department

tolim where the labourer, Mondal was dropped by the PCR van of the Ponda Police Station to Loutolim by crossing the jurisdiction of station. Crucially, the autopsy report clearly indicates the death has happened before

the deceased came under the running truck. According to the autopsy, there are multiple stab injuries on the neck, abdomen and slit on the left hand. The autopsy further specifies that the neck stabbing has cut

QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED BY MAINA-CURTOTIM POLICE STATION

1. Why is the crucial evidence of CCTV of Ponda Police not recovered? Are they protecting their counterparts in uniform?
2. Why is the driver booked under murder case, if it was an accident?
3. Why is it not clear that what object had cut the windpipe and nerves at neck of the deceased?

the windpipe and damaged brain nerves on the neck.

The registration of a murder case against the truck driver is also surprising, given this remark of the SP South. Speaking to **O Herald** on Thursday, Sunita Sawant (SP South) informed that the driver Madar has confessed that something had come under the vehicle, but he didn't stop as it was a night-time. "We have already registered the death as murder, and today we

have arrested one Vasudev Hanumant Madar and taken on police remand. Further investigation is in progress under my supervision," SP Sawant said.

While most cases of this nature, including the recent BMW hit-and-run case where a 52-year-old lady was dragged under the car and killed, are registered as culpable homicide cases not amounting to murder.

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MURDER FOR POOR TRUCK DRIVER, BUT NO MURDER FOR RICH BMW HIT-AND-RUN (ALLEGED) KILLER

Multiple cases but no murder charge against hit-and-run accused driving a BMW, Mihir Shah of Mumbai

who ran over a killed a woman.

BNS (new criminal law) Sections 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), 281 (rash driving), 125B (causing grievous

hurt), 238 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence, or giving false information to screen offender), and 324-4 (committing mischief and thereby causing loss or damage to the amount of Rs 20,000 and more but less than Rs 1 lakh), and Sections 184 (driving dangerously), 134A (not taking the injured to hospital), 134B (not informing the police) and 187 (punishment for offences related to accident) of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Murder charge against truck driver in Goa who accidentally ran over what he felt was an object on the road.

Charges against him: Section 302 of IPC (Murder)



HC orders real-time noise monitoring systems, directs pollution control board to install noise monitoring equipment

Revoke permission of places that don't have necessary licence to operate; petitioner in sound pollution case has to accompany pollution control board during surprise raids, says High Court

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PORVORIM: Justices M S Karnik and Valmiki Menezes of the Bombay High Court made it clear that real-time noise monitoring systems should be in place in Goa, in order to eradicate the blatant and obvious violations of all directions issued to establishments and institutions to curb the deafening sound pollution emanating from blaring music across North Goa.



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— Justice Valmiki Menezes

The bench further directed that permission of places that have no necessary licence to operate should be revoked.

"Let us start tabulating how many establishments in Anjuna have licence to operate. Let us go place by place and once we have the data, we will be in a better position," said Justice Valmiki Menezes, who was sitting along with Justice Karnik.

"Check which places are running

Direction passed after petitioner relied on O Herald's reports on noise pollution in Court

Asks Pollution Control Board to take petitioner Alvares on its raids after the latter produced O Herald report of June 30, to counter GSPCB's claim that no sound pollution violations were detected

PORVORIM: The High Court has also taken cognisance of doubts over the Goa State Pollution Control Board's (GSPCB) claims that noise pollution has not been detected during their raids. It has directed that GSPCB enlist the services of petitioner Desmond Alvares when conducting surprise raids, during the hearing of contempt petition 12/2023 and three others clubbed together on Thursday. "GSPCB has conducted surprise raids and the report mentions that there is no noise pollution taking place," submitted the advocate for GSPCB at the start of the case.

As the GSPCB counsel finished telling the Judges of the Goa Bench of the Bombay High Court that surprise checks proved that there was no noise pollution in Anjuna and Vagator, petitioner Alvares provided the Justices with copies of O Herald

with licences in Anjuna as a test case," elaborated Justice Karnik.

"It has been detailed in previous orders that real-time noise monitoring systems must be mandatorily installed where music is being played and the GSPCB must see that the equipment is operational in all places," suggested Justice Menezes.

"As per the notification of the GSPCB, the applicant is directed to

Justice Karnik after perusing the O Herald report: "There has to be a system in place. This cannot go on"

dated June 30, 2024, headlined: 'Anjuna cops treat HC instructions on noise pollution like outside noise'. "I have proof that noise pollution is rampant and that there are going to be parties even tonight after 10 pm," stated petitioner Alvares, whilst presenting copies of O Herald and videos documented by him as proof. "There has to be a system in place. This cannot go on," said Justice Karnik as he perused the matter presented to him. "Are you ready to join the inspection team?" Justice Karnik asked Alvares, before informing GSPCB that the latter be included in the surprise raiding team.

install the online Noise level Monitoring System and a display board along the periphery of the compound," was a Right To Information (RTI) response presented during the hearing.

"Once the sound is monitored on real-time basis, there will be no chances of escaping the law," added Justice Menezes.

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THE POWER OF RED

SAGUN GAWADE



The lighting on the Atal Setu, Panjim, on Thursday, filled the skies with brilliance, which resembled the aurora. Aurora, commonly known as the northern lights (aurora borealis) or southern lights (aurora australis), is a natural light display in Earth's sky, predominantly seen in high-latitude regions (around the Arctic and Antarctic). Auroras display dynamic patterns of brilliant lights that appear as curtains, rays, spirals, or dynamic flickers covering the sky

Taximen 'assault' GoaMiles driver outside Pernem MLA's residence

Cabbies say the clash took place over the near 50% rates charged by GoaMiles; allege a govt servant was operating as GoaMiles driver; want him suspended immediately

Team Herald

PERNEM: Tension rent the air as private taxi operators allegedly beat up a GoaMiles driver outside Pernem MLA Pravin Arlekar's house on Thursday.

South Goa cabbies meet Viriati, complain of business loss due to GoaMiles taxis

According to taxi operators, a conflict between the local taxi operators and GoaMiles drivers arose over the near 50 per cent rates charged by GoaMiles. The

GOAMILS ATTACKED FOR CHARGING LESS AND HAVING A COUNTER

- ▶▶ The taxi operators alleged that GoaMiles drivers charge between Rs 600 and Rs 700
- ▶▶ Said that there is a notified taxi stand such as Blue Cab at Mopa and the app-based taxis cannot function
- ▶▶ Claim GoaMiles has the blessings of politicians

taxi operators claimed that GoaMiles was given a counter at Mopa Airport when they should be functioning through their app.

The fight ended at the doorstep of Pernem MLA, who compromised the matter.

He said the rates should be uniform with both the taxi operators and the legislator admitting that local

Pednekar are also employed by GoaMiles.

Alleging that a government servant was operating as a GoaMiles driver, a tourist taxi operator demanded that he should be immediately suspended or terminated by his department.

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Min dedicates to nation Mopa link road project

Team Herald

PERNEM: Enhancing modern road connectivity in the State, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Thursday dedicated to the nation a six-lane access-controlled road with elevated viaducts from Manohar International Airport to Dhargalim on national highway-166S.

He also announced that Rs 25,000 to 30,000 crore will be spent on developmental works in Goa in the next five years. He asked Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to talk to the people and solve the Rs 500 crore new Borim Bridge project related problems.

The ceremony was presided over by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant in the presence of Union Minister of State Shripad Naik, Rajya Sabha MP Sadanand Shet Tanavade, Ministers, MLAs and senior officials.

The seven-km Mopa link project, costing Rs 1,183 crore, promises to significantly improve connectivity to Manohar International Airport, facilitating faster and hassle-free travel. This development is expected to enhance tourism activities and provide a boost to multi-modal connectivity, thereby reducing logistics costs.

Additionally, it aims to ensure smoother and safer traffic movement, leading to savings in fuel consumption and travel time. Ultimately, the project is poised to stimulate overall socio-economic growth in the region, creating a positive impact on the local economy and the quality of life for residents. Pg 3 >>

It's a nightmare for passengers standing at bus stops in muddy puddles

Commuters hope for swift action to upgrade and maintain bus stops; call for regular maintenance of public transportation facilities in Goa

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MARGAO: The poor maintenance of bus stops, particularly during the rainy season, has compelled commuters, who rely on public transportation, to either stand in muddy puddles or risk getting drenched and dirty when the bus arrives. "It's a nightmare every monsoon," says Maria Fernandes, a daily commuter from Quepem. "We're forced to either stand in muddy puddles or risk getting drenched and dirty when the bus arrives," she said. The complaints primarily focus on the areas where

buses halt for passenger boarding, which often become muddy and waterlogged due to rain.

Sharing his experience, Ravi Naik, a college student from Margao, said, "Sometimes, invariably even if you try to avoid it, there is some dirty water splashed on our sandals and bottom portion of our pants. It can be embarrassing for us."

Adding to their woes, the bus stops are not properly maintained, offering insufficient protection from the elements. This becomes especially problematic during prolonged rain periods, leaving passengers exposed to the weather while waiting for a bus.



Rainwater stagnates in a roadside gutter at a bus stop in Panjim

"One wonders when the bus stop was last cleaned or if there are homeless people taking shelter here at night. At times it stinks badly due to plastic waste strewn around," laments Sunita Kamat, an office-go-

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er from Sanvordem.

These issues not only create inconvenience for daily commuters, but also

pose potential health and safety risks. The situation highlights the need for improved infrastructure and

regular maintenance of public transportation facilities in Goa, especially in preparation for and during the monsoon season. As the rains continue, the calls for action from frustrated commuters grow louder, urging local authorities to address these long-standing problems and improve the overall public transport experience in the region.

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Citizens question high costs, lack of transparency as details of Margao Master Plan remain shrouded in secrecy

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MARGAO: Citizens of Margao are frustrated over the government's refusal to provide a public presentation on the Master Plan for Margao, despite multiple requests and a petition to the Goa State Urban Development Agency (GSUDA). Concerns have been raised about the lack of public input in the Master Plan 2041, which locals believe should have incorporated

their views. Considering the South Zone section of the Master Plan proposes development in an area near the railway station currently used for farming, locals say transparency on these matters from the authorities is crucial. Farmer groups from other parts of Margao, such as Fatorda, are also seeking clarity on whether their fields will be affected by the planned development.

Margao citizens livid as govt locks them out of Masterplan presentation, but invites builder lobby

Two presentations of Margao Master plan held behind closed doors on Wednesday; one for councillors of Margao Municipality and the other for builders; press and public excluded from both

While there is a consensus on the need for a Master plan for Margao, the lack of transparency in the process is raising suspicion and scepticism among the citizens. Jack Macanudo, Councilor said. The Master plan is treated as a compass for urban progress and the document will define a clear regulatory for future development of Margao town. Prepared by consultants engaged by the Goa State Urban Development Agency (GSUDA), the Master plan comes after a similar comprehensive development plan (CDP) prepared by the city body in 2009-10, which was revised to GSUDA following public suggestions and objections. Unfortunately, the Rs 48 lakh CDP team that prepared these masterplans, leaving residents upset over the waste of public funds.

Shadow Council for Margao (SCM) convenor Savio Coutinho who has obtained further details under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, remarked that the

Master Plan seemed to prioritize concretisation over public engagement, raising concerns about the disappearance of green spaces and the cessation of agricultural activities in Margao. Pointing to a history of similar instances, Coutinho recalled the Comprehensive Development Plan of 2010, which was met with public objections upon its unveiling, leading to its return to GSUDA for revisions. However, despite this,

the plan never resurfaced, leaving the public treasury lighter by Rs 40 lakh. Coutinho lamented that another Rs 65 lakh was spent by GSUDA on the consultant that prepared the master plan, and questioned the priority of such high expenditure. Citizens are still sore over the fact that a private presentation was held only for a select few, including the builder lobby, while the common man and even

professionals like architects and engineers, besides those who were invited, were left out. Coutinho added that the Master plan could potentially alter zones in the Margao Outline Development Plan (ODP), under the guise of 'economic nodes' that are part of the master plan. Interestingly, the Margao ODP is also facing criticism for not responding to objections raised by many citizens and farmers too.

NATURE RECLAIMS ITS TURF



Waves crash against a wall which has been illegally constructed along the shoreline on Morjim beach in violation of CRZ norms

Loutolim farmers urge Gadkari to safeguard khazans from new bridge

Team Herald

MARGAO: A delegation of farmers from Loutolim met with Union Highway Minister Nitin Gadkari to express their strong objections to the proposed alignment for the new high-level Borim bridge and bypass road project. The farmers said they are against any alignment that would encroach upon their khazan lands, which they are striving to preserve. For the past nine months, the farmers and residents of Loutolim have been protesting against the Borim bridge plan, with the protection of their khazans as the central issue. Local fishermen, who also depend on these lands, have joined the opposition, along with farmers from Borim village on the other side of the bridge.

The Union Minister has scheduled an inspection of the proposed site on Friday, involving PWD engineers, project consultant

Following Thursday evening's meeting, Gadkari urged Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to engage in dialogue with the affected people to resolve issues surrounding the Rs 500 crore bridge project. The Union Minister also announced that another inspection would be conducted on Friday, involving PWD engineers and the project consultant to see what can be done. Albert Pinheiro, Chairman of the Loutolim Tenants As-

sociation, said that the meeting was also attended by CM Sawant and Environment Minister Aleixo Sequeira (who is the local MLA). "The Union Minister informed us that the width of the bridge would be reduced; however, our farmer members requested that we do not want the bridge to cross over our khazan because even if any part of the khazan is acquired and a service road is made, our khazans will be finished forever. The Union Minister then informed us that tomorrow, the engineers and the consultants would visit the site again to explain how they would proceed," said Pinheiro. Pinheiro added that while the exact time for Friday's inspection had not been set, the PWD would contact them in the morning with scheduling details.

Benaulim, Cavelossim taximen ask GoMiles drivers not to park near hotels, share numbers with customers

Team Herald

MARGAO: After the clashes between GoMiles taxi drivers and local cabbies at Pernem, two meetings were held in Benaulim constituency, to ensure that there is no repeat of such violence in the Salcete coastal belt. meeting also aimed to diffuse the tension between the two groups to avoid any escalations or physical brawls that would mar the image of the popular beach stretch. While one meeting was with the taxi drivers of Cavelossim and neighbouring areas, the other meeting was in Benaulim village chaired by local MLA Venzy Viegas. The meetings were attended by local taxi owners, police and a representative of GoMiles. Speaking to the media after the Cavelossim meeting, Sarpanch Dixon Vaz and social activist Warren Alemao thanked the police for allowing the dialogue to happen so that the taxi drivers could convey

their grievances. Vaz added that four points were made and GoMiles has asked for two weeks' time to act on them. The first was that GoMiles is not allowed to park near the hotels or send their personal numbers to guests that they drop off to the hotels from the airport. The issue of parking in the village in wait for the guests was also discouraged with the focus being put on local taxi drivers not losing their livelihood. At the Benaulim meeting, the Colva police urged the local taxi drivers not to take matters into their own hands but to complain to the police, who would take action. MLA Viegas demanded that the police act suo moto without taxi drivers having to complain, particularly against alleged illegal parking. The GoMiles representative defended their activities but assured them to take the views expressed at the meetings into consideration.

South Goa cabbies meet Viriato, complain of business loss due to GoMiles taxis

Team Herald

MARGAO: On Thursday, South Goa taxi owners voiced their demand to cease the alleged harassment they attribute to the GoMiles App-based taxis, claiming interference with their operations. A delegation led by Valencio Savio Goes, representing South Goa Tourism Stakeholders, met with South Goa Member of Parliament Captain Viriato Fernandes, urging him to intervene in the matter. The MP assured the taxi owners that he would raise the issue with the relevant authorities on their behalf. "As the starred hotels in the coastal belt demanded high-end taxis, we have invested in luxury vehicles like Toyota Innova, BMW, Mercedes, etc., to cater to the well-heeled tourists staying in these hotels. Consequently, we bear higher instalments on our tourist vehicles," stated the memorandum submitted to MP Fernandes. Taxi owners claim that they operate their taxis in a queue system at every taxi stand and have established unions at respected hotel stands. "Our aim was to secure sustainable livelihoods

'GOAMILS MOSTLY EMPLOYS GOAN DRIVERS, CUSTOMERS ARE HAPPY WITH PRICING'

PANJIM: Utkarsh Dabhadhe, CEO of GoMiles, set the record straight on the company's hiring practices and pricing strategy, and hinted that the company may file a complaint against those who attacked its drivers in Pernem on Thursday.



for our families through this self-employed taxi business, but nowadays, we have observed major interference from GoMiles App-based taxis, which are taking away our business and leaving us waiting at our hotel stands without any customers," stated the taxi owners. Goes mentioned that they have received information indicating that the cur-

"There is a wrong notion that is spread in the market that GoMiles employs non-Goans. A negligible number of drivers are non-Goans. The demand for increasing prices is absurd. The passengers are happy and any increase in prices will upset the balance. The law-and-order situation is absolutely unacceptable. Technology is something that people want to adopt and we are standing strong in the Goa market. We are in talks with our team and after consultation, we will file a complaint soon," Dabhadhe told O Herald.

rent airport in South Goa at Dabolim may become non-functional starting from the current season onwards. "We fear that the closure of Dabolim airport will result in fewer tourists, which would directly impact the business of taxi owners in the South district," he remarked with concern. Taxi owners also informed the MP that they

feel they are being deliberately defamed. "The Transport Minister is unfit to run the department as he has failed to resolve our issues over the past several years," they said. In response to the grievances raised, Fernandes assured the taxi owners that he would promptly take up the matter with the authorities. "Tourism is the biggest industry in Goa, and we are committed to resolving this issue. The matter has already been raised with the authorities in Delhi. Local taxi drivers are integral stakeholders of the tourism sector. The government introduced the app without adequately considering its consequences," he stated. He emphasised that the government has not sufficiently considered how to ensure coexistence among all stakeholders. "Everything seems to have been done with the vote bank in mind. The government must find a solution that takes all aspects into account. We need a long-term solution that prioritises Goa's interests over political considerations. Sustainability for everyone involved must be ensured," said the MP.

Shorttakes

1 Toddler electrocution: Employers booked for providing incomplete living quarters to labourers

MARGAO: Colva police have registered a case against Ishanna Bimanna Dyrngal, alias Ishwar, 41, a resident of Cuncolim, and Reliance Traders represented by Inesio Almeida Coutinho. They are accused of allotting incomplete premises to labourers working for them at Mogabai-Benaulim, for residential purposes. The premises reportedly had dangerous exposed electric wiring, hanging loosely, posing a risk to the occupants' lives. On July 4, an 18-month-old baby girl, the daughter of one of the labourers, touched a live wire and was electrocuted while playing in the compound in Benaulim. Despite efforts to revive her, she succumbed to her injuries. Colva police have registered the offence under Sections 106, 125 r/w 3(5) of BNS. Further investigation into the matter is underway under the supervision of LPSI Varshda Naik Dessai.

2 Ponda cops book truck driver for stealing consignment of copper plates

PONDA: The Ponda Police have registered an offence against a truck driver for the misappropriation of copper plates valued at approximately Rs 20 lakh, which were entrusted to him for transportation to a company in Usgao. The complaint was filed by Suresh Kumar Sharma from Jaycoo Nagar, Ponda. The incident occurred between July 5 and July 9, between Chiplun and Lanja. According to the complaint, the accused truck driver, identified as Ashok from Beed, Maharashtra, was entrusted with 26 tons of copper plates by the agent Anand. The consignment was meant to be delivered to the Finolex company in Usgao. However, the driver allegedly misappropriated 2.5 tons of copper sheets from the truck bearing registration number MH09FL7547. The offence has been registered under Zero FIR No 0-1/2024 under Section 316(3) of BNS Act.

3 Woman held for allegedly helping child rapist granted conditional bail

PANJIM: Anita Dhoobi alias Anita Sisodia, who was arrested on charges of abetment in a rape case, has been granted bail by the Goa Children's Court in Panjim. Goa Children's Court President Sayonora Telles-Laad ordered the release of the applicant on bail upon execution of a personal bond of Rs 20,000 with one solvent surety of the same amount. After her release, Sisodia has been directed to report to the police station as required for investigation. Additionally, she is prohibited from leaving the State or the country without prior permission from the Court. She has also been instructed not to contact, influence, induce, threaten witnesses, or tamper with evidence in any manner. Anita Sisodia was arrested by Mapusa police along with the main accused under Sections 363 and 376 of IPC, Section 8(2) of the Goa Children's Act, and Sections 4, 3, and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. In her bail application, Adv Vinayak Porob argued that his client had no connection or link with the arrested person. He asserted that she was falsely implicated in the crime, alleging that the arrest was based on her providing a lift to the complainant's sister on her two-wheeler. Sisodia had been in custody since her arrest on May 22 this year.

4 Firemen kept busy clearing fallen trees, waterlogged roads around Salcete



MARGAO: Heavy rain in Salcete caused widespread water logging and uprooted several trees over the past few days. Fields in Davorlim, Sao Jose de Areal, and Chandor Ramnagri were flooded, with one farmer reporting damage to his seeds. Water logging also occurred in Comba, Margao, near Vitthal Mandir, said Sation Fire Officer Gil Souza, but firefighters cleared the area in two hours, providing relief to locals. Several trees fell on roads, blocking traffic, including a jungle tree near Sitara Bajaj, a cashew tree near White House Sukhobhat, a jackfruit tree in Poriebhhat Verna, and a banyan tree near Govt Primary school in Pulwaddo-Benaulim. Fire teams cleared the roads in various operations lasting up to four hours. Another tree fell on a compound wall, electric lines, and the road near an automobile showroom in Arlem-Fatorda, causing damages estimated at Rs 40,000. Firefighters cleared the area in two hours.

5 Power shutdown for tree-trimming in Chicalim today

VASCO: A power shutdown has been announced between 8 am and 11 am on July 13, on the 11 KV Airport Feeder to take up trimming of dangerous trees. Affected areas are Anand Residency DTC, Jain Mandir DTC, Anand Arcade DTC, the area near Joggers park, Chicalim, Industrial area, the locality near SMRC, Chafaren, NCS & GSL colony, Chicalim.

NGT dismisses case against Colva beach resort, says structures comply with CRZ rules

Team Herald

MARGAO: After a prolonged legal dispute lasting ten years, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) Western Zone bench in Pune has dismissed an appeal against the construction of a resort in Colva. The bench, consisting of judicial member Justice Dinesh Kumar Singh and expert member Dr Vijay Kulkarni, reviewed the case initiated by the Colva Civic and Consumer Forum (CCF) in 2014. The Forum had challenged the approvals granted to proprietors of the resort, for the repair, renovation, and reconstruction of the resort, arguing that it was within the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ). However, in its order, the NGT concluded that the construction complied with the CRZ regulations concerning existing authorised structures. The judgment referred

extensively to a prior order by the Bombay High Court at Goa, which had validated the approvals. The appellant's counsel argued that reconstruction within the No-Development Zone (NDZ) should only be allowed for previously existing authorised structures. They asserted that the show-cause notices issued to the respondents and their predecessors suggested that the pre-1991 structures were unauthorised. Thus, any subsequent permissions for reconstruction or repairs, even within the same plinth area and floor space index (FSI), should be considered invalid. However, the NGT bench dismissed this argument as flawed, stating that the issuance of notices alone did not imply that any definitive action had been taken against the predecessors or respondents to declare the earlier structures unauthorised or illegal.



IS THE FILTHY CONDITION OF PANJIM FISH MARKET DRIVING CUSTOMERS AWAY?

“There is dirty water here. There is no way one can walk here. Just now, I would have fallen down. I slipped on the tiles. Mostly, I don't come into the market. I buy the fish which is sold on the road outside the Panjim fish market. Now, I have shifted to Goa Velha. The market is not clean. There should be systematic planning, the drainage should be sloping. The CCP cleans but since the fisherfolks put water on the fish, it keeps on dripping in the pathway, making it slippery”
Anita Rodrigues, former DySP

“We have to bear the toilet smell. The dogs come and sit here. That place stinks. We are just passing our days. Nobody is coming here because of the stench. We are not getting customers. People just don't want to enter this part of the market. The whole place is stinking and there is lot of leakage through the tin roof. Rain water falls on us and the customers. For the last 6 months there is water falling on the roof from a tank. Two people fell down Wednesday morning”
Ulga, fisherwoman

“Anyone will die here. The stench is killing. At 3pm the stench is unbearable when they come to collect the fish and chicken waste. They take daily but sometimes the garbage and chicken and waste remains overnight and stinks. It is not possible to bear the smell. The CCP truck stops in front of our shop. There is lot of leakage. They tell us they are breaking and building a new market, but that has not happened. Fifteen years, I'm suffering this. Others sitting outside have to suffer even more”
Costao Marques, shop owner

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No compromise on Mhadei; Congress to fight for rights: MP

Team Herald

MARGAO: South Goa MP Capt Viriato Fernandes has cleared the air on Mhadei river, stating that the Congress party will be not compromise on Mhadei, since it is for future generations too.

Reacting to the Congress government in Karnataka trying to divert the Mhadei water at Kankumbi, Capt Fernandes said, "It doesn't matter if there is a Congress government (in Karnataka). The Congress leadership told us to fight for our rights. The Chief Minister should not be under pressure on Mhadei," he added.

"Our stand is very clear. I am speaking as a Goenkar. We should not compromise on Mhadei river. Mhadei is

not for you and me. Mhadei is for the future generations. We have to protect this river. If we call it our mother, at no cost should we compromise," Capt Fernandes said.

On the issue of Congress government in power in Karnataka, Fernandes said, "Agreed there is a Congress government in Karnataka, doesn't matter. We have to protect our interest. Even our Congress leadership had told, you have to fight for our rights. So that itself was good enough signal that no compromise on Mhadei."

"I want to tell the chief minister, there may be pressure on you, because they have 28 (MPs) seats in Karnataka, we have just two seats. But the one who puts his hand on (to destroy)

“Our stand is very clear. I am speaking as a Goenkar. We should not compromise on Mhadei river. Mhadei is not for you and me. Mhadei is for the future generations. We have to protect this river. If we call it our mother, at no cost should we compromise – Capt Viriato Fernandes, South Goa MP

Goa, will perish," Capt Fernandes cautioned.

Meanwhile, South Goa MP has said the last child in the village should get the benefit of development. He called for focus on educa-

tion, water, environment and medical facilities and said he would work with the State government on these issues.

Capt Fernandes pointed out the three issues raised by O Herald, the lack of road for Carla students, the case of 85-year-old Bhagirathi unable to get her pension and the lack of facilities at primary health centres (PHCs) and community health centres (CHCs), where they have to rush to South Goa District Hospital, Margao for medical care.

"There was a report (on O Herald/Herald TV) in one remote village of Carla in Sanguem, which people did not know existed. There is an 85-year-old woman (Bhagirathi) staying with

her (blind) husband. The Rs 1,500 monthly pension which they get, she is not able to collect it because there is no road and there is no one to take her to the bank," Capt Fernandes said.

"So I spoke to them. Can we use this money for building a road? It will benefit the whole village," he added.

In the second incident, the MP mentioned another story done by O Herald/Herald TV, "I also came across this village where the parents are not sending the children to school because no bus comes to the village. This is where roads and school buses are required. We are destroying the entire life of a child. We are boasting of national highway, bridges. Our people should benefit."

IMD issues orange alert for July 12, 13, yellow alert for Sunday, Monday

Team Herald

PANJIM: The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Goa, on Thursday issued orange alert for July 12 and 13, 2024, and yellow alert for July 13 and 14, 2024.

In a bulletin, the IMD said, "Heavy to very heavy rainfall with strong surface winds is very likely at isolated places over North Goa and South Goa districts of the state on July 12 and 13, 2024."

It said on July 13 and 14, 2024, heavy rainfall with strong surface winds is very likely at isolated places over North Goa and South Goa districts of the state.

Meanwhile, Mapusa received 1.2 inches of rainfall, Pernem 2.1, Panaji 1.8, Old Goa 1.6, Sanquelim 1.4, Valpoi 1.7, Canacona 2.8, Dabolim 0.9, Margao 1, Mor-



mugao 0.47 and Sanguem 0.5 inches recorded at 8.30 am of July 11, 2024.

According to the IMD, from June 1, 2024 to July 10, 2024, the state has received 28 per cent more rainfall than the normal one. The rainfall received by the state during the period is 63.2 inches as against the normal rainfall of 49.3 inches.

PARK OR POND?

SAGUN GAWADE



The Bhagwan Mahavir Bal Vihar, popularly known as Children's Park, Campal-Panjim, was flooded following a heavy downpour

Sawant hopeful Pope Francis will attend SFX Exposition

Discusses Exposition preparations with Archbishop Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrao and Auxillary Bishop Simiao Purificacao Fernandes

Team Herald

PANJIM: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Thursday said that he was hopeful that Pope Francis will attend the decennial St Francis Xavier (SFX) Exposition at Old Goa starting from November 21 this year.

After discussion about preparations for the ensuing 45-day SFX Exposition at Old Goa, with Archbishop Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrao and Auxillary Bishop Simiao Purificacao Fernandes at the Bishop's House, Altinho, Sawant informed that he has requested the Prime Minister to invite Pope to



attend the sacred relics of SFX and formal invitation will be sent through the Union government.

"There is confirmation but I am very much hopeful that Pope visit Goa to attend the event. I have written to the Prime Minister and invitation should go from the Union government," Sawant said.

Sawant said that issues related to national and international VIP guest list, infrastructure upgrade, overall arrangements etc were discussed during the meeting. He informed that being the international event, the Goa government has asked for Rs 300 crore from the Centre for the Exposition which is held once in 10 years.

The CM said that during the discussion, the Church heads made some suggestions to authorities such as to make changes in the surrounding and reduce congestion caused due to fair.

Minister dedicates to nation six-lane access controlled road project at Mopa

The seven-km link project promises to significantly improve connectivity to Mopa Airport, facilitating faster & hassle-free travel; expected to enhance tourism activities, boost multi-modal connectivity and reduce logistics costs

Team Herald

PERNEM: Enhancing modern road connectivity in the State, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Thursday dedicated to the nation a six-lane access-controlled road with elevated viaducts from Manohar International Airport to Dhargalim on national highway-166S.

He also announced that Rs 25,000 to 30,000 crore will be spent on developmental works in Goa in the next five years. He asked Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to talk to the people and solve the Rs 500 crore new Borim Bridge project related problems.

The ceremony was presided over by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant in the presence of Union Minister of State Shripad Naik, Rajya Sabha MP Sadanand Shet

Tanavade, Ministers, MLAs and senior officials.

The seven-km Mopa link project, costing Rs 1,183 crore, promises to significantly improve connectivity to Manohar International Airport, facilitating faster and hassle-free travel. This development is expected to enhance tourism activities and provide a boost to multi-modal connectivity, thereby reducing logistics costs.

Additionally, it aims to ensure smoother and safer traffic movement, leading to savings in fuel consumption and travel time. Ultimately, the project is poised to stimulate overall socio-economic growth in the region, creating a positive impact on the local economy and the quality of life for residents.

On the occasion, Gadkari also announced the construction of a 45-km-long



bypass from Margao via Navelim, Cuncolim, Canacona to the Karnataka border at a cost of Rs 3,500 crore in Goa. Also 62-kilometre Eastern bypass will be constructed along the outskirts of Goa by spending Rs 6,000 crore to give respite to Goans from heavy traffic and pollution caused due to interstate traffic passing through the mid-

dle of the state, he informed. Additionally, the MoRTH will undertake the four-laning of the Panjim-Belagavi section on NH-748. This project spans 52-km and will cost Rs 4,000 crore, Gadkari added.

While sanctioning a vehicular underpasses (VPU) at Naibag, Dhargalim and Pedem junction, the Union Min-

ister advised the Goa government to prepare a Master Plan and strengthen the public transport system. He also opined that the State should switch to electric vehicles, bio and other alternate fuels to curb pollution.

Referring to the ongoing controversy over construction of new Borim Bridge, the Union Minister asked the Goa government to expedite the land acquisition and forest and environment clearance obtaining process so that the lined up projects can be executed at the earliest. "We don't have money problem. The projects when implemented will change the socio-economic scenario of Goa," Gadkari said.

Thanking the Union government for the support in building State-of-the-art infrastructure in Goa, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant

said that the six-lane access controlled link road project will reduce time to reach the Manohar International Airport and give big boost to tourism and economy.

"Goa is witnessing massive infrastructural transformation under the 'double engine sarkar', with multiple completed projects and many undergoing. I am sure with the cooperation and coordination of the Government of Goa and the Union government, the development under Gati Shakti shall continue," Sawant said.

During his two-day visit, Gadkari will review the progress of national highway projects in the State at Hotel Cidade de Goa, Dona Paula from 10 am, and address the BJP Goa State executive committee meeting in the Taleigao Community hall at 11 am on Friday.

Mormugao Council not to allow Saptah fair beyond seven days

Team Herald

VASCO: The Mormugao Municipal Council on Thursday decided to install maximum bio-toilets and not to allow Saptah fair beyond seven days.

The special council meeting with various government departments discussed preparedness for the upcoming 125th Saptah festival. It was decided that the Saptah fair be held strictly for seven days only and not to allow displaying of banners in the town.

Chairperson Girish Borker said that they have requested a public sector undertaking to provide over 20 bio-toilets to take care of the vendors coming for the Saptah festival.

Councillor Shami Salkar said that they will ban the use of single plastic during the fair.

Mormugao DySP Salim Shaikh said that 20 CCTVs and watch towers will be erected and a strict watch will be kept on miscreants. Also elaborate arrangements will be made for the convenience of devotees, he added.

Vasco Traffic Cell PI Shailesh Narvekar said that the police will direct the Mormugao Port Authority (MPA) not to have movement of heavy vehicles through the Vasco town during the Saptah fair.

Damodar temple committee member Santosh Khorjuvekar has requested devotees not to rush to the temple during the main function.

Goa's food and beverage market experiencing significant growth: NRAI

Team Herald

PANJIM: Driven by high disposable income of residents, Goa's food and beverage market is experiencing significant growth, says Prahlad Sukhtankar, Goa Chapter Head of National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI).

Speaking at the launch of India Food Services Report 2024 (NRAI IFSR 2024), he said, "According to the NRAI India Food Services Report 2024, about 39 per cent of the city's population prefers to spend their time outdoors and enjoy weekend getaways. The market in Goa has witnessed substantial innovations and themes in cafes and restaurants despite faced a decline during the pandemic, it has since rebounded, with Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growing at a rate of 9.4%."

He said according to the NRAI report, food services sector in Goa is set to grow by 8.1 per cent

CAGR during 2024-2028.

Akshay Quenim, Goa, Co-Chapter Head, NRAI, said, "According to the NRAI IFSR 2024, the market size of Goa's Organised Food Services Industry is estimated to be valued at Rs 1,940 crore and comes in at #12 amongst the top 21 cities in the organised food service sector. There are a total of 15,147 restaurants in the (Organised + Unorganised) Food Services sector in Goa with Casual Dining Restaurants leading the way because of customers preferring to dine-out to celebrate special occasions with their loved ones."

Sukhtankar said the food services industry has demonstrated remarkable resilience and recovery following the pandemic's impact, now experiencing several key trends and added that consumers are increasingly investing in higher-quality and fine dining experiences, significantly influencing the industry.

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Pernem MLA attacks airport operator on flooding of villages below Mopa plateau

Says Manohar International Airport authorities should take rain water in the aircrafts elsewhere

Team Herald

PERNEM: Pernem MLA Pravin Arlekar on Thursday attacked the Mopa airport operator - GMR Goa International Airport Limited - holding them responsible for flooding the villages with rain water since there was no proper drainage and sarcastically remarked that they should take the water elsewhere in their aircrafts. "GMR has taken advantage of Pednekar. There is so much water gushing into the village below the Mopa plateau. They are

letting out the water into the villages. When they undertook the project, they should have realised that the villages would get flooded and the people would suffer," Arlekar told the mediapersons. "There are four outlets. But there is no planned drainage. They are releasing the water into the villages instead they should take it by the planes which arrive there," Arlekar said. Earlier, the local taxi operators met Arlekar regarding the Goa Miles app service and demanded that Goa Miles should ad-

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here to notified rates. They also met Mandrem MLA Jit Arolkar, who too assured them that he would support them and not Goa Miles taxi service. Later, the local taxi operators forced the Mopa

police to remove 'no entry boards' put by the GMR Goa International Airport Limited. The GMR, who operate the Mopa international airport had put up a signboard stating that four-wheelers are not allowed, except for emergency vehicles. This was in view of the new link road which was inaugurated on Thursday. The taxi-men said the present road was short cut not only to the airport but their houses too are located on that road. They immediately called the police, who ordered that the sign boards be removed.

Activist arrested over verbal spat with Fisheries Minister and his staff

Team Herald

MAPUSA: The Colvale police on Thursday arrested Delhi native and activist Gaurav Bakshi in connection with verbal spat with Fisheries Minister Nilkath Halarnkar and his staff at Revora on Wednesday.

Bakshi was brought to the Mopusa police station as the locals marched to the Colvale police station on Thursday morning demanding that he be brought to Colvale police station. The row between Bakshi and Halarnkar broke over the petty matter of giving way to each other's vehicles near Revora village panchayat. Following the incident, a large number of locals gathered at the Colvale police station for two consecutive days demanding Bakshi's arrest. Bakshi, known for his roles in a few web series and films, runs a legal tech start-up in Goa. He has also been part of the anti-corruption movement led by social activist Anna Hazare.

New amendment in Goa Tenancy Agriculture Act enables govt to acquire fallow land for projects

Wadi-Talaulim Panchayat becomes first to leverage new provision by acquiring 7,000 sq mts of agricultural tenancy land

Team Herald

PONDA: Due to stringent provisions in the past, acquiring agricultural tenancy land for government projects has long been a challenge. However, a recent amendment under Section 18K of the Goa Tenancy Agricultural Act, passed in the last Assembly session, now permits the government to acquire fallow tenancy land for public projects, including infrastructure development for schools, panchayat offices, and other government buildings.

The Wadi-Talaulim Panchayat is the first to utilise this new amendment. The Panchayat has acquired 7,000 square metres of agricultural tenancy land to construct a new ground-plus-two-floor panchayat office.

Power Minister Ramkrishna 'Sudini' Dhavalikar, speaking at an event for the distribution of plant saplings to farmers at the Wadi Talaulim panchayat, explained the necessity of the amendment. He mentioned that two locals, Putu Naik

and Ramanath Sawant have handed over their fallow paddy tenancy land for the panchayat ghar.

Dhavalikar highlighted that the government faced considerable challenges in acquiring tenancy land for development projects due to the stringent provisions of the old law. The new amendment allows the government to propose projects on fallow tenancy land that has been unused for 25 years, facilitating the availability of land for essential infrastructure while benefiting both tenants and landlords. "This can make available land for school institutions' infrastructure in every village," he said, adding that it took him one year of efforts to realise the change.

The amendment aims to address land shortages for governmental projects in villages by converting some fallow paddy land into non-agricultural (NA) land for public use. Despite the government's assurances, some farmers and office bearers of the Agricultural Tenancy Association have expressed their unawareness of the new 18K provision.

PREVENTIVE PRUNING

SAGUN GAWADE



The authorities finally trimmed the branches of an old banyan tree within the Inox courtyard in Campal-Panjim that were leaning over dangerously, posing a threat to visitors

Labourers crushed to death: Mardol police book owners of two companies for wall collapse at Kundaim IDC

Team Herald

PONDA: The Mardol Police have filed charges against two companies following the collapse of a wall at the Kundaim Industrial Estate, which led to the deaths of three workers last Sunday. The charges include one company that built an unauthorised retaining wall and another that constructed illegal temporary huts below the wall, where the workers were residing at the time of the collapse.

The Mardol Police registered the offence under Section 125, 106(1) read with 3(5) of the BNS, based on a complaint filed by Sushant H. Sangodkar, PSI of Mardol Police Station. The complaint details that the accused, Meene Thomas, a resident of Ponda, and Cherian Thomas, residing in Tamil Nadu, owners of Southern Engineering Project located at Plot No 29 and 30 of IDC Kundaim, constructed a compound wall be-

yond the approved height and failed to maintain it adequately.

Additionally, the accused V. C. Chandramouli, also known as Chandran, proprietor of Jayanthi Constructions, and his son Nikhil Nair, both residing in Ponda, constructed unauthorised and illegal temporary structures in the set-back areas. They accommodated labourers Dilip Kumar Yadav, 3, and Mukesh Kumar Singh, 34, from Bihar, and Trinath Naik, 50, from Odisha, in these illegally constructed temporary shelters.

The collapse of the compound wall onto the illegal shelters resulted in the deaths of these three workers. The police have charged the responsible parties with endangering the lives of the labourers, leading to their deaths.

Further investigation is ongoing under the supervision of PI Yogesh S. Sawant of the Mardol Police Station.

Motorists complain of rattling ride across potholed Borim bridge

Team Herald

PONDA: Commuters traveling on the Borim Bridge are facing hardships due to the numerous potholes on the bridge's surface. While repair works are ongoing beneath the bridge, the surface itself has been neglected, leading to the development of potholes that cause jolts as heavy vehicles pass through them. This situation has raised safety concerns among locals, who are increasingly worried about the integrity of the bridge.

The Borim bridge, which was inaugurated in 1986, has been heavily used, particularly in recent years



SANTOSH NAIK

as heavy traffic from the old Zuari-Cortalim bridge was diverted through it for over a decade, while the new bridge was being built. Given this prolonged and intensive use, locals are demanding urgent repairs to the surface road of the bridge to prevent further damage and ensure the safety of commuters.

"Workers are busy constructing scaffolding beneath the bridge, to strengthen it. The longevity of these repairs is questionable, and I don't know how long the current state of disrepair can be allowed to persist," said Vishal Naik, a commuter.

The bridge is a crucial route for heavy traffic traveling from Belgaum to Margao and from Karwar on the National Highway.

Dogged by strays, Worldwide Veterinary Service plans to tie up with DSPCA for viable solution

In a fix following the stray dog bite cases on the rise on beaches and other locations, WVS aims to address welfare of canines while ensuring community safety and compassion towards animals

Team Herald

MARGAO: Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS) has recognized the increasing incidents involving stray dogs and has reached out to the District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (DSPCA) to collaborate on finding a viable solution to this pressing issue.

The initiative aims to address the welfare of stray dogs while ensuring community safety and compassion towards animals.

In a letter dated July 9 addressed to the South Goa District Collector, the District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (DSPCA) has emphasized that the successful imple-

mentation of their action plan can effectively achieve their stated goals.

The letter highlights the importance of collaboration and coordinated efforts between stakeholders to ensure the welfare of animals in the region. DSPCA's proposed action plan likely includes strategies for managing stray dog population humanely.

It is crucial to highlight that in recent days, incidents of stray dog biting people have been increasing at beaches in South Goa, as well as in other locations, creating an unsafe environment for residents and tourists visiting these areas. This trend underscores the urgent need for effective measures to manage and mitigate the risks associated

with stray dog populations.

Reports indicate that significant numbers of stray dogs are frequently observed at beaches, and the absence of a proactive program to address this issue has resulted in considerable inconvenience to the general public.

The presence of stray dogs not only poses safety risks due to potential incidents of

bites but also detracts from the overall experience of beachgoers and tourists.

It has been mentioned that during a recent meeting, discussions were held regarding the implementation of a dog sterilization program starting from July 11. Initially, the plan involves sending 15 dogs per week to Assagao for sterilization.

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TRUCK DRIVER BOOKED FOR MURDER, BUT AUTOPSY REPORT SHOWS 'MURDER' HAPPENED BEFORE 'CORPSE' WAS RUN OVER BY TRUCK

It's baffling how a case of a truck driver speeding on an empty road at night accidentally hitting a body lying on the road, is facing murder charges.

Speaking further, Sawant informed that the technical team is in process to recover the CCTV footage of the Ponda Police Station to verify the claims from the autopsy report. This begs the question: Why is it taking 15 days? And sources have confirmed that the Ponda Police has said that the footage isn't available or corrupted for the exact period when the footage is needed.

According to sources in the Goa Police, the CCTV footage at the Ponda Police Station after June 20 is not available.

SP Sawant, answering to the question of O Heraldo, has informed that even if CCTV of any police station is not working, then it was the duty of the in-charge of the Police Station to put it on record of the station diary as mandatory for the department according to a written circular.

As per preliminary investigation, there is no mention of the said event in the station diary of the Ponda Police Station, raising serious questions on the lapses of the staff. Goa Police has already suspended three policemen in regards with the negligence on the duty.

"There is no such mention on the station diary of the Ponda Police Station that the CCTV was not working," SP Sawant said.

The Maina-Curtorim Police, the Ponda police as well as the office of the SP South need to provide clear answers to the questions raised in this report and probe the very suspicious and mysterious role of the Ponda Police who have been evading replies. They need to be brought under the ambit of investigation.

TAXIMEN 'ASSAULT' GOAMILS DRIVER OUTSIDE PERNEM MLA'S RESIDENCE

"He is representing GoaMiles in uniform. We will complain to the department and see what action the government takes," he said.

"The locals have purchased taxis by availing loans. GoaMiles is operating at half the rate. So the MLA was angry. We are also his workers. So naturally he will feel bad," said another tourist taxi operator.

When questioned by mediapersons that even GoaMiles drivers were local Goans and Pernem residents, they said, "They are locals, but they charge between Rs 600 and Rs 700. They have spoiled the business. They are Pednekar, we support Pednekar. Our demand is to have equal rates. The operators from Calangute are shouting that Pednekar are spoiling the business."

They said, "When there is a notified taxi stand such as Blue Cab at Mopa, app-based taxis cannot function. You can ask the RTO. GoaMiles has the blessings of politicians, what can we do?"

When questioned by mediapersons about the scuffle, Pernem MLA Pravin Arlekar said, "The local taxi operators should be given justice. They have purchased vehicles by availing loans to support their families. There should have been an agreement with GMR initially, that only local drivers and taxis would be used. Therefore they are suffering today. GoaMiles cannot take a counter here (at Mopa). They have to function on the app. They are given a counter at Mopa, and their rates are the lowest. Therefore the tourist taxi operators are suffering. So I have demanded that all the rates should be equal."

HC ORDERS REAL-TIME NOISE MONITORING SYSTEMS, DIRECTS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD TO INSTALL NOISE MONITORING EQUIPMENT

Petitioner Desmond Alvares presented another RTI, where it stated, "As per information and application submitted, it may be noted that the installation of instruments/equipment was not observed to be done for the said event at the time of inspection."

"It may be noted that the unit does not have an online noise monitoring system and digital display boards have not been installed on the periphery wall," concluded the RTI exhibit presented to the Bench.

"I am really surprised. There has to be real-time noise

pollution monitoring systems in place," observed Justice Menezes, after hearing the claims and counterclaims of the petitioners and respondents.

"I was not surprised with the GSPCB submission that there is no noise after 10 pm, because they are part of the problem along with the police. Though the judges have asked them (GSPCB) to include me in the surprise raid team, the outcome will be minimal because, as in the past, the law breakers are tipped by the police of an eminent raid," stated Alvares.

"Please collate details of establishments that have licences to operate in Anjuna and those that are operating without. Once we have these details, we can start getting details of other places," Justice Menezes instructed Advocate General Devidas Pangam.

"We knew that the High Court was our only hope because everyone from top to the bottom in the government is involved in this racket of drugs and prostitution that starts with loud music. If they stop loud music, everything else stops," stated an exalted Antonio Moraes from Vagator after the hearing.

The next hearing is scheduled for July 22.

IT'S A NIGHTMARE FOR PASSENGERS STANDING AT BUS STOPS IN MUDDY PUDDLES

The sentiment echoes across Goa as commuters hope for swift action to upgrade and maintain bus stops before the next monsoon season arrives.

They said that these issues were raised during the public meetings with ministers that were held in each taluka, a couple of months ago, where some suggestions were for an audit to take place at least of bus stops that have a lot of people waiting and particularly during peak hours, so that the authorities can also see the other problems they face, like difficulty in crossing the roads, how much time a bus takes to reach the bus stop, etc.

Incidentally, they added that it is not easy travelling in buses in the rain, with people carrying their wet umbrellas and raincoats. They even pointed out how in a KTC bus, water was leaking from the ceiling of the bus and some passengers had to use umbrellas inside the bus to protect themselves.

TTAG panel says Tourism Bill will kill industry; discuss problems with Yuri

Team Herald

PANJIM: A delegation of Travel and Tourism Association of Goa (TTAG) met Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemo on Thursday and shared with him their problems and concerns about the proposed Tourism Bill.

Travel and Tourism Association of Goa (TTAG) represented by former President Savio Messias, Tito Goes and Aakash Madgavkar met the Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemo at his Chamber in Assembly Complex at Porvorim and submitted a memorandum highlighting various issues faced by the tourism sector.

In the Memorandum,

TTAG has stated that the proposed bill of the Tourism Department provides for a very haphazard framework which will do nothing to improve the tourism work in Goa, but will rather kill the industry. The bill speaks more about penalties, punishments, fines and fees which will lead to increase in costs to the tourism sector and government controls in every area of Tourism, the TTAG has said.

It has pointed out that there are various deviations in the proposed bill from the tourism policy 2020 with respect to representation for the local tourism stakeholders.

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Karnataka is a step ahead

The Food Safety Department of Karnataka has launched a state-wide crackdown on several street food vendors selling Gobi Manchurian and Panipuri. Gobi Manchurian is also banned in Goa. Recently, a unanimous resolution was passed banning the sale of Gobi Manchurian at roadside stalls at the Bodgeswar temple fair in Mapusa, and action was taken against the stalls selling it despite the ban. It is necessary to take such action consistently. The reason why Karnataka is taking this statewide action is that in the last five months, the Food Safety Department has found illegal use of cancer causing colours in food by the food business operators. For this, the Food Safety Department has collected as many as 4,000 food samples from different stalls for inspection. There have been many complaints of people suffering from vomiting, diarrhoea and other health problems after eating some of the food available at these stalls. Hence, since March, gobi manchurian, cotton candy and chicken kebab have been tested and three orders have been issued banning the use of artificial hazardous colours. According to Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, violators can face up to seven years in jail and a fine of up to Rs 10 lakh.

The vendors were found using artificial colouring agents tetrazine, sunset yellow, rhodamine B and brilliant blue. According to officials of the Food Safety Department, these agents can cause cancer or cause diabetes, kidney failure and other complications. Rhodamine B, used to give red colour, is commonly used as an artificial dye for textiles. Exposure to it may cause eye damage and respiratory tract irritation. Rhodamine B is usually found at small roadside vendors in small towns. Small sellers may not know that this colour can be harmful, as the effects are not immediately visible. So, they may ask for red at the store without knowing what the effects are. It is used illicitly in preparations such as gobi manchurian, potato wedges, butter chicken, pomegranate juice, mini ice-cream or cotton candies. Tests conducted by the Karnataka government found artificial colour in 107 out of 171 gobi manchurian samples and 15 out of 25 cotton candy samples. Based on these findings, an order was issued banning the use of these artificial colours, including rhodamine B, in gobi manchurian and cotton candy.

Gobi manchurian is fried cauliflower (gobi) florets tossed in a manchurian red chilli masala sauce. Gobi manchurian is made in a very unhygienic manner along roadside stalls. It poses a health hazard. The reason why gobi manchurian is banned in Goa is that to keep the cauliflower crisp, the sellers add a substandard sauce made from synthetic dyes, ajinomoto and reetha powder used in shampoos and detergents, which are very harmful to health. Most of the vendors selling gobi manchurian at the stalls are not natives of Goa. According to some, gobi manchurian is a vegetarian version of chicken manchurian, a dish believed to have been invented by Nelson Wang in the 1970s. Until then, most Chinese restaurants in India were run by third-generation Chinese from Calcutta, who had never been to the East. He served a very mild type of food which was never found in India. Chicken manchurian, a dish made with soy sauce and spices, was made in the 1970s to cater to Indians who wanted a spicy Chinese taste. Paneer manchurian was experimented in Delhi. But in the South, gobi manchurian was the preferred option, as South Indians don't like paneer as much as Punjabis do. Thus, gobi manchurian probably came on the menu sometime in the 1980s. It is especially popular in the South.

Gobi manchurian is an Indian creation, just like what Indians eat as Chinese food. But roadside stall holders started selling it at cheap prices to attract poor customers. And to afford it, they started using cheap and dangerous synthetic dyes. It was high time the Health Minister of Karnataka took serious note of this. Because the dyes used in such foods are slow-burning toxins that invite diseases like cancer. Therefore, a punishment of up to seven years of imprisonment and a fine of Rs 10 lakh is imposed. It is hoped that similar action will be taken in Goa also.

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ing Authorities (SLAs) do not submit data on NSQs (Not of Standard Quality) and many who do, do so in inappropriate formats. In another report, 52 drugs tested (13 in State Labs and 39 in Central) were NSQ.

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More recently, India-made

Generic or branded? A safety versus cost debate

Your only child has a fever and cough; your doctor diagnoses a chest infection and prescribes an antibiotic. You present the prescription at the local Jan Aushadhi store where medicines are available for sale by generic names as opposed to brand names. Generic names mention the chemical ingredient of the drug and are sold at prices which may be 30% to 80% cheaper than the branded medicine prescribed. What would you do? That would depend on the financial constraints; if significant you would welcome the "windfall" opportunity of saving some money. On the other hand, if you keep abreast with news, you would have read the recent reports of the WHO, who warned of fake Ozempic, a drug for Type 2 diabetes and weight loss, in 14 countries around the world; and fake Botox wreaking havoc.

The scenario in India is not much more reassuring. 120 samples of drugs manufactured in Himachal Pradesh failed the test parameters last year. As per the MOHFW, India now has 8 Central drug testing laboratories and 22 State ones including Goa. Shackled by inadequate funding, these cannot cope with the millions of drugs available.

Further, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) reported that the majority of State Licenc-

eyedrops caused "superbug" infections leading to blindness and one death in the US. India-made cough syrup has also been under the spotlight from the WHO over the deaths of 90 children in Gambia and Uzbekistan from kidney failure. The syrups contained toxic industrial grade glycol rather than the safe but costlier pharmaceutical-grade glycerine. Against the background of these and many more examples suggesting poor quality control, it is easy to appreciate the conflict in opinions between the Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) which opposes prescription substitution in Jan Aushadhi Kendra's and the All-India Drug Action Network (AIDAN) which keeps pushing for it. A high-level committee of all concerned parties is proposed to find a solution to the safety versus cost issue.

It is important to understand the background to this issue. Brand-name drugs are typically more expensive because of the much higher initial costs to research, test, market and sell a new drug. As a result, drug makers receive exclusive rights (patent) for 20 years after a drug is introduced. Once the patent expires, other companies can produce cheaper generic versions of the drug, copying what already exists without the cost of research and development.

Presently, a new manufacturer does not require a DCGI license/ approval for manufacturing a drug which has been in the market for over four years; a State Drug Authority approval is adequate. The IPA maintains that "this gives room for many sub-standard products in the market." It therefore urges the Centre not to pursue the Drug Technical Advisor Board (DTAB) recommendation. AIDAN maintains that this should be left up to an expert panel to decide whether a branded drug in a prescription may be substituted by a generic one.

In order to get a stamp of approval from the FDA, a generic medication must be "bioequivalent" to its brand-name counterpart. This means that chemically the two must be pretty much the same, although manufacturers are allowed 20% variation in the active ingredient from the original formula.

However, while companies are required to get the

chemical recipe of the generic drug close to the original, they aren't required to show that the two versions are therapeutically equivalent, meaning that they don't have to do tests to make sure that patients respond to these drugs the same way they do the brand-name version. For example, the manufacturer of a generic blood pressure medication wouldn't need to prove that its drug also lowers blood pressure. The regulators argue that because the chemical composition of the medication is the same, it is safe to assume that it will have the same effect.

The MCI (now NMC) the regulatory body for medical professionals attempted to make it mandatory for doctors to prescribe in generic formats. The IMA demanded that quality control must be established first.

The IMA also asked, if doctors are not allowed to prescribe branded drugs, then why are such drugs licensed at all, given that modern medicine drugs can be dispensed only on prescription of doctors of this system. It's a bit like licensing the manufacture of a car but restricting its sale.

The opening paragraph was more than just an academic discussion. What if the parent opted to buy the generic product and the child's condition deteriorated? Would this be ascribed to substandard drugs, or the doctor's misdiagnosis and erroneous treatment? The general tendency would be to lay the failure of treatment at the doorstep of the doctor and either stab him, shoot him, or at best sue him to face a mandatory 2yr jail term (Sec.106 BNS Act). All the foregoing discussions would be immaterial. This is the reason for the resistance to prescribing by generic names. The allegation of a pharmaceutical/doctor nexus would shift to a pharmaceutical/Jan Aushadhi nexus.

The solution must compulsorily lie in establishing high standards of quality control so as to promote confidence in generics, and avoid "cough syrup" type incidents. It is reassuring that 36% of the 400 units inspected by CDSCO recently were closed for failing to meet standards. Better late than never.

(The author is a past IMA Goa State president and founder member of VHAG)

School children should be transported safely

Not all schools have the provision of bus service to transport the students to and from the respective schools every day. Working parents who may not have the time to ferry their children depend on the services of private transport operators.

The service of vehicles like vans, private cars, rickshaws and even motorcycle taxis are being used for transportation of school children. The question that arises is whether private transport operators follow all safety norms while transporting the students.

The rickshaw owners could be carrying more than the prescribed number of students in order to earn more on the trip. Green Goa Foundation (GGF) has reportedly demanded stringent action against the owners of private vehicles transporting children to school without adhering to safety norms.

The transportation of school children is governed by Goa Motor Vehicles (Regulations for School Buses) Rules, 2015. The vehicles need to have a valid permit. Several private vehicles are seen transporting school children in vehicles older than 15 years, which is against the law.

The rules also mandate the vehicle to be fitted with a speed governor. Students are forced to sit in cramped spaces. At times even parents are seen transporting more than two children on their two-wheeler thereby putting their lives in danger. Incidentally, schools have no role

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to play as far as the private vehicles ferrying children are concerned. Vehicles transporting students need to be checked for drunken driving especially in the afternoon when schools close down.

Adelmo Fernandes, Vasco

Unplanned development bound to fall flat

Glittering shopping malls, high-end multiplexes, sky-kissing towers, "envious rate of economic growth," gigantic statues or Bullet trains are not the passport to "development".

Unless basic infrastructure is awarded the topmost priority, all rhetoric of "progress" is bound to fall flat and get inundated under water following a few hours of shower.

Else, Delhi, Mumbai (and other overhyped cities) will continue to get paralysed annually and these drastic failures will be required to get swept under the carpet of "resilience"!

The sponsors of "Smart Cities" should learn to be a bit ashamed of witnessing the pathetic infrastructure of all the "glamorous" metropolises of India which returns into an ocean of sorts following a few hours of shower. Less said about the rural areas of India the better where even a dispensary often cannot be found within a radius of 10 km!

It is nothing but scandalous that instead of eradicating the

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woes of the rural folks or improving the infrastructure of the traditional cities (even here also the greatest sufferers are the lowest strata of the society whose shanties get flooded); all focus, energy, resource and time are being allotted to the "Smart Cities" which would be the home of only the creamiest layer of the society.

This class-based mindset of pampering the nouveau riche and sponsoring all-things glamorous are being witnessed in case of urban planning also which is not only extremely unfortunate; but inhuman and unequal as well.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkatta

Senior politicians must make way for young blood

Even though politicians say that age is just a number and that they can continue to serve as long as they want, it is not fair on their part to cling on to power. They should give way for younger people.

There is always a chance of emotions taking over your intellect. Actions cannot keep pace with thoughts. The government should fix 76 to 80 years as retirement age in politics. It is absolutely not right for any politician to enjoy so many comforts at the taxpayer's expense even into their 80s and 90s. I doubt whether this will ever happen in Indian politics.

I wish all the first time MPs

a great innings in the 18th Lok Sabha. Our young nation comprising of maximum young voters looks upto them and politics requires young blood.

I hope and pray that there will come a time when we will have at least 50 percent of our MPs below the age of 60.

While we insist on injecting young blood on other professions, our system fails to set any benchmarks in politics. Why is that so?

Diomedes Pereira, Corlim

Gambhir should aim at man management

The selection of Gautam Gambhir as Indian men's cricket's head coach has elicited mixed reactions. Had India failed to win the T20 World Cup, Gambhir would have been welcomed with open arms by the much opinionated Indian cricket fans because nothing succeeds like success and failure is an orphan.

There were shrill cries from some quarters that Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli hung their boots from T20 because that was one pre-condition set by Gambhir to accept the BCCI offer. Be that as it may, the outspoken Gambhir has an uphill task of keeping the side together because an Indian coach's job is nothing more than astute man-management, a job well done by Dravid.

The former Indian opener should do well not to rub senior

people'sedit

THE PHENOMENON OF VICARIOUS PLEASURE

CHANDER GUPTA

On 29th of June, India beat South Africa in the nail-biting final to emerge victorious in the T20 World Cup 2024. Immediately, celebrations erupted in the neighbourhood with bursting of crackers. The jubilant mood of the cricket fans reminded me of an episode linked to the T20 World Cup 2022.

On the eve of Diwali, we ventured out locally to meet and greet close friends at their houses. It was afternoon of 23rd October 2022. After the rendezvous was over with the family, we had dropped in on first, I called the next friend to sound him about our arrival at their place in 15 minutes. I enquired if they themselves weren't planning to go out. He said that they were home only, and we could come. The tone however didn't exude warmth. Nonetheless, we drove to their place in almost 15 minutes' time as we had imagined.

Despite our reaching in time on an announced visit, my pressing the doorbell did not elicit immediate response. We stood at the door for one long minute before my friend opened the door and exclaimed, "Oh you reached", as if we had arrived much earlier. After being ushered in, I looked for clues that would unravel mystery behind the tepid reception.

Gauging my discomfiture, my friend immediately divulged that they had been engrossed in watching nail-biting T-20 World Cup match between India and Pakistan. We had pressed the doorbell at the critical juncture when last ball was being bowled over which hanged the fate of the match. He was ecstatic that India had won the match as our batsman scored the required winning runs from the final ball. As my friend recounted with excitement the thrill of the match, I could visualise that he was in the midst of watching the cliffhanger when I had called him 15 minutes earlier. The misgivings in my mind were fully cleared.

Watching the glee writ large on his face because India had beaten Pakistan, I marvelled at the 'vicarious' pleasure which my friend and millions like him get when India beats Pakistan, or any other country, in a game of cricket. The vicarious pleasure, derived from successes of sportspersons you feel patriotic kinship with, is always free from monetary expense or physical effort.

The very next day on the occasion of Diwali, a historic event brought more cheer to Indians. Rishi Sunak, a practising Hindu of Indian origin, was anointed the Prime Minister of Great Britain. Indians were gloating over the irony that stemmed from the reversal of roles. Britain, which once ruled over India for 200 years, was now to be ruled by a Hindu gentleman of Indian descent. Indians just received a double dose of vicarious pleasure during Diwali festivities.

Indians had also taken pride in the elevation of Kamla Harris as Vice President of the USA. Likewise, we proudly boast about the Indian origin of Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella and Google CEO Sundar Pichai. The success of non-resident individuals of Indian profile is filling the hearts of millions of Indians with vicarious pleasure. This phenomenon of feeling elation with the achievements of another individual, howsoever distant, because he shares your roots or religion is a subject matter of study by social scientists.

members of the team like Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli the wrong way. During the tenures of both Ravi Shastri and Dravid, infighting and groupism in the team was literally unheard of, and the result is there to see.

Any sign of dissent or disharmony in the team needs to be nipped in the bud. Senior members have to be supported and juniors will have to be encouraged come what may. Gambhir has to ensure a happy and secure dressing room; nothing more, nothing less.

Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

Kudos to Vales for saving nature

This has reference to the report 'Flower Power: retired Seraulim man transforms garbage-strewn stretch' (O Herald, July 10).

Kudos to this retired man, Savio Vales, for single-handedly turning a garbage-strewn roadside spot into picturesque spot by planting flowering plants. Great initiative! Great achievement! He has not just brought beauty to the surroundings he has helped the cause of Nature; he has added greenery to this locality in Seraulim.

This is a small initiative from Savio but it adds to the larger picture. As I've always been saying if we do our little bit in growing plants in our own locality, we would see the larger picture ahead. Let's hope that this small initiative of Savio will help others to do their bit in saving Nature. We are witnessing how Nature is hitting back.

Melville X D'Souza, Mumbai

SpiceJet staffer arrested for slapping CISF man at airport

Airline accuses him of sexual harassment

PTI, JAIPUR: A SpiceJet staff member was arrested Thursday after she allegedly slapped a Central Industrial Security Force officer during an argument over security screening...

While the police have registered a case of assault against Anuradha Rani on the basis of a complaint by Assistant Sub Inspector Giriraj Prasad...

JAIPUR AIRPORT INCIDENT

Officials said the woman was sent to judicial custody by a local court. The SpiceJet statement claimed that their

employee was subject to inappropriate language and the CISF officer even asked her to "come and meet him at his home".

Police initially said Rani worked as a food supervisor; however, the airline described her as a female security staff member.

appropriate action will be taken," DCP Kavendra Singh said. According to the CISF complaint, an argument took place when Rani was entering the airport along with other staff through the vehicle gate around 4:40 am.

Man preparing for competitive exams beaten to death in Delhi

PTI, NEW DELHI: A man preparing for competitive exams was beaten to death by an acquaintance in the Dwarka area here following a dispute, police said on Thursday.

CHANGE OF NAME I. Mrs. ARCHANA SIDDHESH NAIK, R/O FLAT No. FF-3, VRINDHAVAN Bldg, A-1, WARKHANDEM, PONDA-NORTH GOA, GOA 403401, has changed All Documents name from ARCHANA DNYANESHWAR ACHARI to Mrs. ARCHANA SIDDHESH NAIK...

CHANGE OF NAME I. FILOMENA VAZ, H.No 240, Dodiya, Xelvona, Curchorem, Quepem, Goa would like to correct my name from FILOMENA VAZ BARBOSA to FILOMENA VAZ. Hereinafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known by my new name FILOMENA VAZ.

CHANGE IN NAME I. MANOJ GUPTA, R/O H.No.1611/3, Orda, near Candolim Post Office, Candolim, Pin 403515 have changed my name from MANOJ KUMAR to MANOJ GUPTA. Hereafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known by my new name MANOJ GUPTA.

CHANGE IN NAME I. "MABEL HORTA", R/O. H. No. 87, Belford, Deussua, Chinchim, South Goa, 403715, say that the names "MABEL HORTA" and "MABEL SANTA HORTA" are of one and the same person (i.e Me) and would like to change my name on my Indian passport bearing No. L 7566332, from "MABEL SANTA HORTA" to "MABEL HORTA". Hereinafter in all my dealings and documents, I will be known by the name "MABEL HORTA".

GOA SHIPYARD LIMITED (A Government of India Undertaking-Ministry of Defence) Notice to Shareholders regarding Transfer of Equity Shares to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) Authority.

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to all that my client desires to purchase the SCHEDULED PROPERTY from MRS. HYDEE ANGELA ROSA PINTO alias Sheela Pankaj Khanna, who is the absolute owner in possession of the said property having purchased the same by Deed of Sale, Acquittance and Discharge dated 28/06/1996...

No. DF/NG/EA/6/2022/228 Office of the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, (District Commission), North Goa, Goa Housing Board Commercial-Cum-Residential Complex, Flat No.F-1, Porvorim, Bardez-Goa. Dated:- 09/07/2024. Ex. Appl. No. 6 of 2022 In Complaint No. 51/2020. Mr. Jose Luis Coelho Velloso. ...Complainant

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is given on behalf of my client Sheela Shrikant Fondekar, R/O H.No. 4811, Durgawada, Near Vetal Tempal, Navelli, Sankhalim Goa. Presently Rio Vantur, Multhasandra road, Vantur Bangalore, Karnataka has misplaced the original Deed of Sale from her custody.

SCHEDULED PROPERTY All that property known as "DACTY TAMBORIM", situated within the limits of the village Panchayat of Cavossim of Taluka Salcete, District of South Goa in the State of Goa, having a total area of 850 sq. meters having within a dilapidated house bearing House No. 10 and a drinking water well, and formed of three portions of area: (i) the portion of area measuring 325 sq. mts bearing Survey No. 140/11 of the village Panchayat of Cavossim which is bounded as under: East: By Survey No. 140/9, 12, 15 and 24; West: By Survey No. 140/10, 13, 14 and 140/2; North: By Survey No. 140/8 and 140/14; South: By Survey No. 140/24 and Survey No. 140/15; (ii) the portion of area measuring 375 sq. mts bearing Survey No. 140/15 of the village Panchayat of Cavossim which is bounded as under: East: By Survey No. 140/10, 13, 14 and 140/2; West: By Survey No. 139/6, 140/11, 24; North: By Survey No. 140/11, 12, 24; South: By Survey No. 140/2 and Survey No. 140/16; (iii) the portion of area measuring 150 sq. mts bearing Survey No. 140/24 of the village Panchayat of Cavossim which is bounded as under: East: By Survey No. 140/15; West: By Survey No. 140/15; North: By Survey No. 140/11 and Survey No. 140/15; South: By Survey No. 140/15.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Accused Mr. Evencio Quadros, Managing Director, Quadros Motor, 793, Mugrampol, Verna, Salcete Goa 403601 has committed the offence of non-compliance of Judgment dated 28/3/2022 punishable U/s. 72 of the Indian Penal Code, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Accused left his house in the year 2000 and his present whereabouts are not known, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Accused has absconded.

Adv. Disha Bugde Office No. 1, First Floor, Manik Tower, Bicholim Goa Ph. no. 9284623628

GOVERNMENT OF GOA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WORKS DIVISION XII (PHE-SWSP) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SANGUEM - GOA Tender Notice No: 48-1/PWD-WD XII-ASW/2024-25/01 Dt: 11/07/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client is desirous to purchase from (1) MR. AGNELO LUIS CARDOSO ALIAS AGNELLO LUIS CARDOSO, son of Aleixo Vicente Victor Cardoso, aged 64 years, married, retired, Indian National, resident of Strand House, Flat No. 20, Second Floor, Strand Road, Opp. Strand Cinema, Colaba, Mumbai 400005 (2) MRS. DOREEN BRIDGET GONSALVES ALIAS BRIDGET CARDOSO ALIAS BRIDGET CARDOSO, daughter of Aleixo Gonsalves wife of Mr. Agnelo Luis Cardoso, aged 60 years, married, housewife, Indian National, resident of Strand House, Flat No. 20, Second Floor, Strand Road, Opp. Strand Cinema, Colaba, Mumbai 400005, immovable property known as "Pequeno" or "Pequeno Pedem" surveyed under Survey bearing No. 77 Sub Division 8-A, measuring an area of 386 square meters situated at Village of Anjuna, within the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat of Anjuna, Taluka and Sub-District of Bardez, North District of State of Goa and more specifically described in the schedule hereunder below.

The Madgaum Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd. Head Office : 'Varsha', Aquem - Alto., Margao - GOA 403 601. Tel. : (0832) 2735221 / 2735222, Fax : (0832) 2704844. Email: mucb@rediffmail.com

UNDER LIQUIDATION SALE NOTICE The Madgaum Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd. (U/L), invites bids from Individuals / Firms / Companies / Institutions interested in purchasing the following properties on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS".

Table with 3 columns: Sr. No., Location, Description of the properties. Row 1: Panaji, Bank premises consisting of shop nos. SH-5, SH-6, SH-7, SH-8, SH-9, SH-10 & SH-11, forming a single unit on the first floor in a multi storied commercial building complex 'NAVELKAR TRADE CENTRE' located near Azad Maidan in Albuquerque road. Row 2: Margao, Bank premises consisting of Shop No. 5 (formed on joining three Shop Nos. 6, 7 & 8 into one unit as per the original plan) is located on the ground floor of building B commercial building complex named as 'Reliance Plaza'. Row 3: Benaulim, Bank premises consisting of Shop No. 8 is situated in building C named as 'Correia Classic' in the building scheme named as 'San Joao Holiday Homes'.

Terms & Conditions: (i) The intending bidders should send their bids separately for each property in closed / sealed cover superscribed with 'offer from _____' for purchase of the Bank Premises located at _____, alongwith earnest money deposit @ 2% of their bid amount by way of Demand Draft drawn in favour of The Madgaum Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., Margao Goa so as to reach the undersigned on or before 19/07/2024 by 4.00 p.m. at the Registered Office of the Bank at 'Varsha', Aquem - Alto., Margao - Goa. The earnest money deposit shall not carry any interest. The sealed covers will be opened by the Managing Director in the presence of available / intending bidders on 20/07/2024 at 11.00 a.m. (ii) The successful bidder shall be required to deposit 25% of the bid amount (inclusive of EMD) within 7 days by Demand Draft drawn as above or within such extended time as permitted by the Managing Director and the balance bid amount i.e. 75% within 30 days or within such extended time from the date of confirmation of the sale by the Managing Director. In the event of any default in payment of any of these amounts, or if the sale is not completed by reason of any default on the part of the purchaser, the Bank shall be entitled to forfeit all the monies till then paid by the purchaser and put up the property in question for resale/disposal in its absolute discretion, and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claim to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold. (iii) The bids received after the stipulated time and date or unaccompanied by the Demand draft of 2% of the bid amount shall not be entertained. (iv) The bidders may remain present at the time of opening of offers, if they so wish, which shall be done at 11.00 a.m. on 20/07/2024 at the Bank Head Office in Margao. Other Terms and Conditions: (i) The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AT PRESENT" "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", "WHATSOEVER THERE IS BASIS", and "NO RECOURSE BASIS". (ii) After opening the bids the intending bidders may be given an opportunity at the discretion of the Managing Director to have an interest bidding among themselves to enhance the offer price. (iii) The successful bidder shall pay for all stamp duty, registration of Sale Deed and Conveyance documents as well as for the processing charges and Advocates fee. (iv) The Managing Director reserves the right to accept or to reject the bids submitted by the parties without assigning any reasons. (v) For any clarification regarding terms, conditions and procedure and for fixing of the site inspection of premises the undersigned (Mob No. 9850853828) may be contacted on any working day.

GOVERNMENT OF GOA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WORKS DIVISION II ROADS NOTICE INVITING TENDER (E-Tendering mode only) TENDER NOTICE NO:-NO PWD/Div II/R/F-1/ASW/2024-25/04 dt: 11/07/2024

That any persons, banks, institutions, entity or anybody having any right, claims, title or interest in or over the said property by way of purchase, gift, succession, will, inheritance, mortgage, lease or any other legally enforceable right of whatsoever nature should file their claims or objections at my office with the documentary evidence in support thereof within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be deemed that there are no claims from any one to the proposed Deed of Sale and my client thereafter shall be free to execute the Deed of Sale without any reference and any claims or objections received after the said period of 15 days shall be considered as waived.

MARGAO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL Margao - Goa Fax: (0832) 2730444 Tel. No. (0832) 2735840, 2714448 Email: co.mmcargao@gmail.com Website: goalbservice.gov.in No. 101/EOI/2023-24-ADMN/186 Dated: 11/07/2024 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST The Chief Officer, Margao Municipal Council on behalf of Margao Municipal Council invites Sealed Quotes from the eligible Individual/firms of Chartered Accountants upto 3.00 p.m. on 29/07/2024 towards the work of "Preparation and Certification of Accounts of Receipt and Payment, Income and Expenditure, Balance sheet along with Schedules and Cash Flow Statement of Margao Municipal Council for the Financial year 2023-24, 2024-25 and as per the requirement of the Council. The Scope of work is available in the office. The Quotes shall be opened at 3.30 p.m. on 29/07/2024. Right to accept or reject without assigning any reason thereof is reserved by the Chief Officer, Margao Municipal Council.

Canara Bank REGIONAL OFFICE GOA, First Floor, Mathias Plaza, 18th June Road, Panaji-403001, Ph: 0832-2220324 7774060757 Email: nparogoa@canarabank.com, Email id : rrmrgoa@canarabank.com PUBLIC SALE NOTICE Notice to the public is hereby given to the effect sale by public auction of the vehicle under hypothecation and actual possession of Canara bank on "as is where is" "as is what is" and "no complaint" basis. Date & Time of auction - 20/07/2024, at 11:30 AM Place of Auction: Canara Bank, Regional Office, 1st Floor, Mathias Plaza, 18 June Road, Panaji, Goa Last date and time to submit EMD amount and documents: 19/07/2024 at 5:00 pm

COMUNIDADE DE MAPUSA Near St. Jerome's Church, Mapusa, Bardez-Goa. Telephone No. 2262615 Email: comunidadeofmapusa@gmail.com Ref. No. COM/Notice/2024/4438 Date: 5/7/2024 NOTICE Notice of the Extraordinary General Body Meeting The above mentioned Comunidade is hereby convened for an Extraordinary General Body Meeting of Comunidade de Mapusa on 28th July, 2024 at 10.30 am at its usual meeting place of Comunidade de Mapusa in order to discuss and decide on the following agenda: AGENDA 1. To discuss and decide on the utilization/development of the vacant, untenanted and barren Comunidade land. 2. To discuss & approve the budget for the proposal of a Commercial Complex, in the land admeasuring 400 sq. metres in the land surveyed under PTS No. 157 Chaita No.3 belonging to the Comunidade de Mapusa. 3. To discuss & approve the budget for Futsal Artificial Court at PTS No. 36 Chaita No. 11 & 12 belonging to the Comunidade de Mapusa. 4. Any other matter with the permission of the President. All Jonoeiros are requested to be present at the above-mentioned place and time, Mapusa, 03rd July, 2024. Seen Sd/- Salvador Pinto Miss. Rudresha R Sawant President Comunidade de Mapusa Clerk/Escrivao Comunidade de Mapusa

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the Public in general that My Clients desire to purchase free from all encumbrances and subject to clear and marketable title from the Vendor, namely - MR. PEDRO XAVIER FERNANDES ALIAS PETER FERNANDES, son of Mr. Valente Fernandes, aged about 54 years, businessman, Indian National, holder of Aadhar Card No.3900-3713-5412, holder of PAN Card No.AADPF5429M, resident of House No.778, Mugropoli, Verna, Salcete, Goa, three plots of land more particularly described in the schedule herein under written. SCHEDULE 1)ALL THAT PLOT A admeasuring 285.00 sq. mts. situated at Village Verna of Taluka Salcete forming part of the property known as "SODOMI" situated at Verna, surveyed under Survey No.189/5(part) of Village Verna and is bounded on the East by remaining portion of the same property, On the West by a public road, on the North by 6m road and on the South by property bearing SY No.189/5-A. 2)ALL THAT PLOT B admeasuring 275.00 sq. mts. situated at Village Verna of Taluka Salcete forming part of the property known as "SODOMI" situated at Verna, surveyed under Survey No.189/5(part) of Village Verna, and is bounded on the East by remaining portion of the same property, On the West by remaining portion of the same property, on the North by 6m road and on the South by property bearing SY No.189/5-A. 3)ALL THAT PLOT C admeasuring 278.00 sq. mts. situated at Village Verna of Taluka Salcete forming part of the property known as "SODOMI" situated at Verna, surveyed under Survey No.189/5(part) of Village Verna and is bounded on the East by property bearing SY No.189/5-C, On the West by remaining portion of the same property, on the North by 6m road and on the South by property bearing SY No.189/5-A. The said 3 Plots i.e., Plot A, B and C as aforesaid in turn form part and parcel of the bigger property known as "SODOMI" situated at Village Verna, within the area and jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat of Verna, Taluka and Sub-District of Salcete, District of South Goa, State of Goa, not found described in the Land Registration Office of Salcete, enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office under Matriz No.771, surveyed under Survey No.189/5 of Village Verna. Any person(s) / Firm / Company / Bank / Financial Institutions having any claim, right, title, interest, share, in or to the aforesaid properties by way of co-ownership, inheritance, succession, sale/purchase, gift, lien, exchange, tenancy, mundkarship or any other lawful claim, the same should be made known in writing to Contact-9833712556, Email- meetleny@gmail.com, duly supported by documentary evidence at House No.117/4/23, Kiribat, Nuvem, Salcete Goa, 403604, within a period of 8 (eight) days from the publication of this notice, failing which my Clients shall proceed with the execution of Deed of Conveyance in respect of the aforesaid properties i.e. 3 Plots as aforesaid, as if there are no claims of whatsoever nature and/or claim, if any, is waived. J. Bryan Barbosa Noronha (Advocate) Borda, Margao, Goa.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all concerned that, we, on behalf of our client, are investigating the right, title and interest of (1) Mrs. Neeraj Ghei and (2) Mr. Kavi Ghei (jointly referred to as 'Owners') being the owners of the property admeasuring 1350 square meters, bearing independent Survey No. 120 Sub-Division 4A, forming part of the property known as 'BAMANTOY' or 'BAMANTOI' or 'BAMOTI' bearing Matriz number 840 and lying, being and situate at Arossim, Parish of Sao Tome within the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat of Consaulim - Arossim - Cuelim, Taluka and Sub District of Mormugao, South Goa District in the State of Goa enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office of Mormugao, Vasco-da-Gama and more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written (hereinafter referred to as the 'Property'). Any person/entities having or claiming to have any share, right, title, interest, claim, objection and/or demand whether by way of sale, transfer, assignment, exchange, allotment, charge, encumbrance, tenancy, sub-tenancy, lease, sub-lease, license, mortgage (equitable or otherwise), inheritance, occupation, possession, share, gift, devise, lien, charge, outgoing, development rights, maintenance, easement, trust, covenant or condition, easement, release, relinquishment or any other method through any agreement, contract, deed, document, writing, conveyance deed, devise, bequest, succession, family arrangement settlement, litigation, decree or order or award of any court of law or tribunal or revenue or statutory authority or arbitration or otherwise howsoever of any nature whatsoever, in, out of or upon the Property or any part thereof are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing along with documentary evidence to the undersigned within 14 (fourteen) days from the date hereof, failing which, claim/s, if any, of such person, shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned and not binding in any manner whatsoever. THE SCHEDULE HEREINABOVE REFERRED TO: All that part of the property known as 'BAMANTOY' or 'BAMANTOI' or 'BAMOTI', bearing independent Survey No. 120 Sub-Division 4A of village Arossim, admeasuring 1350 square meters bearing Matriz number 840 as a whole, and (forming part of a larger land admeasuring 1650 square meters sit out of which land admeasuring 300 square meters was acquired and handed over to the Public Works Department, Government of Goa) lying, being and situate at Arossim, Parish of Sao Tome within the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat of Consaulim - Arossim - Cuelim, Taluka and Sub District of Mormugao, South Goa District in the State of Goa, not described in the land registration office of Salcete, Margao and enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office of Mormugao, Vasco-da-Gama and bounded as follows: On the East by: Property or plot with residential house of Mrs. Maria Anne Dias, Survey No. 120/5 and reserved access way about three meters wide. On the West by: Property bearing Survey No. 120/4(Part) which has been acquired for road. On the North by: By property or plot with residential house of Mrs. Anjali Mehta, Survey No. 120/1(Part) and reserved access way about three meters wide; and On the South by: By an existing road constructed by the Village Panchayat. Dated this 12th day of July, 2024 Sd/- Ms. Nohid Nooreyzzdan and Sd/- Mr. Ninad Kamat, Advocate AZB & Partners A-14, 6th Floor, 'Silvio Heights', Opp. St. Inez Govt. Quarters, St. Inez-Tonca Road, Panaji - Goa.

S Korea to deploy laser weapons for intercepting N Korean drones

AP, SEOUL: South Korea said Thursday it will begin deploying laser weapons systems designed to intercept North Korean drones, which have caused security concerns in the South in recent years.

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An agency statement said the "Block-I" system is capable of launching precision attacks on small incoming drones and multi-copters. It said the system, developed by local company Hanwha Aerospace, costs just 2,000 won (about \$1.50) per shot.

"We face North Korea on our doorstep and its drones pose present threats to us, so that's why we've been aiming to build and deploy

laser weapons soon to cope with them," an agency official said, requesting anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to media on the issue.

He said that other countries like the United States and Israel are ahead of South Korea in laser weap-

ons technology, but their primary focus has been on higher-powered laser guns that can shoot down incoming ballistic missiles. South Korea also hopes to develop such anti-missile laser weapons, which its defense procurement agency called "a game changer" in future

combat environments.

The "Block-I" system is meant to hit circuit boards and other equipment in enemy drones to make them malfunction and crash on the ground. Tests of the weapons system in 2022-2023 were successful and proved its credibility, the official said.

Some experts questioned the technology.

Lee Ilwoo, an expert with the Korea Defense Network in South Korea, doubts how effectively South Korea can use its laser weapons since its anti-air radar systems aren't advanced enough to detect North Korean drones well. He said the range of a laser weapon is relatively short, so high-power microwave weapons would be better when enemy drones are flown in large numbers simultaneously.

Jung Chang Wook, head of the Korea Defense Study Forum think tank in Seoul,

said South Korea is likely about five years away from acquiring a functioning laser weapon that can shoot down the drones used by North Korea.

North Korea has periodically flown drones across its heavily fortified border with South Korea for several years, in what observers have called tests of South Korean readiness. In December 2022, South Korea accused the North of sending drones across the border for the first time in five years. South Korea fired warning shots and launched fighter jets and helicopters but failed to shoot down any of the drones.

In a key political meeting in December 2023, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un vowed to introduce various types of unmanned combat equipment such as attack drones for 2024.

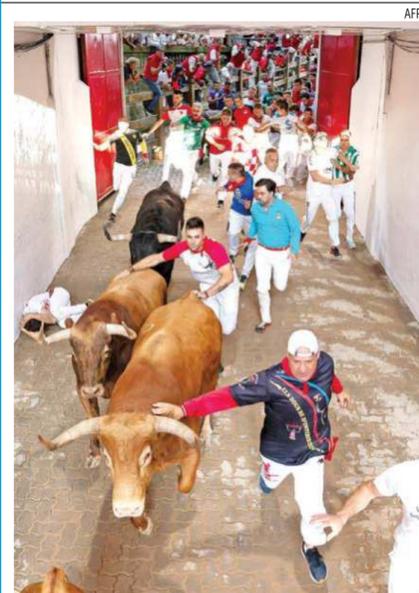
13 TN fishermen arrested by SL Navy for alleged illegal fishing

PTI, COLOMBO: The Sri Lankan Navy on Thursday arrested 13 Indian fishermen and seized their trawlers for allegedly poaching in its territorial waters, taking the number of Indian nationals apprehended this year by the island nation in such incidents to 252, an official statement said.

The fishermen were arrested, and their three trawlers were seized north of the Delft Island, Jaffna, the Sri Lanka Navy said in a press release.

Those apprehended were brought to the Kanke-santhurai Harbour and will be handed to the Mailadi Fisheries Inspector for further legal proceedings. Earlier this month, Sri Lanka voiced its concern to India over the death of a naval sailor who was killed in an operation to seize an Indian trawler allegedly engaged in illegal fishing in the island nation's territorial waters.

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Participants arrive at the bullring as they run with Domingo Hernandez fighting bulls during the fifth bull run of the San Fermin festival in Pamplona, northern Spain, on Thursday. Each day at 8am crowds of people race with six bulls and six steers along a winding 848.6-metre course through narrow streets, to the city's bullring, where eventually the animals will be killed in an evening bullfight or 'corrida'. This festival, dating back to medieval times, also features religious processions, folk dancing, concerts and round-the-clock drinking

Imran's actions similar to terrorists, says court on May 9 violence case

PTI, LAHORE: An anti-terrorism court in Pakistan on Thursday said the actions of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan were similar to that of a "terrorist" in a case linked to the May 9 violence and ruled that he had delegated the task of attacking military installations, government properties, and police officials to party leaders to exert pressure for his release.

The 71-year-old PTI founder and hundreds of his party colleagues are being tried under multiple cases, including one under the Official Secrets Act in connection with the May 9, 2023, violent protests by his supporters that damaged key mili-

tary installations across Pakistan. The unprecedented protests erupted across Pakistan on May 9 last year after Khan was arrested in an alleged corruption case.

Khan's party workers allegedly vandalised a dozen military installations, including the Jinnah House (Lahore Corps Commander House), Mianwali Airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad. The Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi too was attacked by the mob for the first time.

Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party termed the anti-terrorism court's ruling an "absurd order" and declared that it would launch a protest.

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The mascot of the festivities, King Leon, greets the attendees from the town hall to mark the Children's Day during the 92th 'Fetes de Bayonne' (Bayonne feria festival) in Bayonne, southwestern France, on Thursday

Turkey's Erdogan warns against NATO-Russia conflict

ISTANBUL: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Thursday that any possibility of a direct confrontation between Russia and NATO was "worrying", the official Anadolu news agency reported. Erdogan's comments came as NATO leaders huddled in Washington and Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Russia was planning "response measures" to contain the "very serious threat" from the alliance. "The possibility of a direct conflict between NATO and Russia is undoubtedly worrying," said Erdogan, who is in Washington for the NATO summit. "Any steps that could lead to this outcome should be consciously avoided." Erdogan spoke a day after NATO allies announced they had started transferring F-16 jets to Ukraine and stepped up promises to Kyiv on eventual membership of the alliance.

United States consumer inflation eases more than expected

WASHINGTON: US inflation cooled more than expected in June, government data showed Thursday, a positive development for President Joe Biden as he fights to win confidence on his economic record in his reelection bid. The consumer price index (CPI) rose 3.0 percent last month from a year ago, said the Labor Department, as a drop in gas prices more than offset housing costs. A measure stripping out volatile food and energy prices also saw the smallest annual rise since 2021. "Today's report shows that we are making significant progress fighting inflation," Biden said in a statement. While costs of cars and appliances are falling, he conceded that prices remain too high and pledged to "do everything I can for the working people that built our economy."

Serbian activists protest against disputed lithium project

BELGRADE, (SERBIA): Several hundred people rallied Thursday in front of Serbia's top court amid activists' claims that it would review the government's decision to halt a disputed Australian mining giant Rio Tinto project. Environmental activists say it is another attempt by the authorities to revive Rio Tinto's lithium exploitation plan in Serbia, despite previously stopping the project. "Ecology is above all political directions and opinions, we need to raise awareness and protect it," protester Filip Filipovic, a 20-year-old student, told AFP. The constitutional court, contacted by AFP, did not comment on whether the issue was on its agenda or not.

Sweden arrests two over explosive device in luggage

STOCKHOLM: Swedish police arrested two suspects believed to be carrying an explosive device at Stockholm's main train station, prosecutors said Thursday. Officers cordoned off part of Stockholm Central Station on Wednesday and called in the bomb squad, who "seized the object and launched a detailed investigation", prosecutors said. A man and a woman in their thirties were arrested on suspicion of "violating legislation on inflammable and explosive products", said prosecutor Carolina Frohm. She added that they had been accused of an "aggravated offence and the planned destruction of property".

Germany to ban Chinese telecom giants from 5G network

BERLIN: Germany said Thursday it will phase out the use of components from Chinese telecom giants Huawei and ZTE in its 5G networks in the coming years due to national security concerns. Parts from the firms will no longer be used in "core" 5G mobile networks by the end of 2026 at the latest, the interior ministry said. In 5G access and transmission infrastructure, the systems of the telecom firms must be replaced by the end of 2029. "We are protecting the central nervous systems of Germany as a business location - and we are protecting the communication of citizens, companies and the state," said Interior Minister Nancy Faeser.

Ten miners injured, two missing in Polish coal mine tremor

WARSAW: A tremor in a Polish coal mine on Thursday left at least ten miners injured and two others missing, the mine operator told Polish media. "We remain without contact with two miners. All the others are in contact with the rescue services," the spokesperson for the Polish mining group PGG Aleksandra Wysocka-Siembiga told private news channel TVN24. She said the tremor occurred at a depth of 1,200 metres (3,900 feet) in the Rydultow mine in southern Poland. There were 68 miners underground at the time. Wysocka-Siembiga said there were 10 teams of rescuers at the scene.

Deuba-Oli discuss new govt formation ahead of floor test for Nepal PM Prachanda

PTI, KATHMANDU: Ahead of a floor test for the embattled Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Friday, leaders of the Nepali Congress and CPN-UML have agreed to form a new coalition government after ousting the former guerrilla leader.



Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal

K P Sharma Oli-led CPN-UML, the largest party in the ruling coalition, withdrew support for the Prachanda-led government last week after inking a power-sharing deal with the largest party - Nepali Congress - to replace the former Maoist leader, who is expected to lose the confidence vote.

The Nepali Congress, the largest party in the 275-member House of Rep-

resentatives, has 89 seats at present, while CPN-UML has 78 seats. Their combined strength of 167 is sufficient for a majority of 138 seats in the lower house. Prachanda's party has 32 seats.

Oli, the CPN-UML chairperson, met Nepali Congress president Sher Baha-

dur Deuba on Wednesday. The meeting between the two leaders was aimed at formulating a future strategy on how to move forward after the Nepali Congress and the Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) agreed to form a new coalition government.

Fire 'under control' at France's Rouen cathedral

AFP, ROUEN: A fire that broke out Thursday in the spire of the cathedral in northern French city Rouen is "under control", local fire services said, just hours after the city's mayor shared a photo of a column of smoke rising from the Gothic landmark.

A section of plastic sheeting covering renovation work 120 metres (400 feet) up the cathedral's spire caught fire, though officials have not said how the blaze started.

The departmental fire service raised the alarm around midday (1000 GMT) and 40 vehicles and 70 firefighters responded to the scene.

Trump will win if election is free, fair, legal: Sikh American

PTI, WASHINGTON: Observing that the June 27 presidential debate did have some impact on the popularity of Donald Trump, the head of "Sikh Americans for Trump" has said the former president's victory will depend on whether the election is free, fair and legal.

"I think our community is very much in support. I have seen a lot of support in favour of President Trump. We are raising funds for President Trump. We are going to the convention soon," Maryland-based community leader Jasdip Singh Jassie, head of "Sikh Americans for Trump", told PTI ahead of the Republican National Convention (RNC) in Milwaukee next week.

Republican delegates from across the country, during the four-day RNC convention in Milwaukee, would formally nominate Trump as their presidential candidate for the November 5 general election. Incumbent President Joe Biden is the presumptive nominee of the Democratic party.

"We will be mobilising our team nationwide this time, even on the West Coast, in New York, Texas, in support of President Trump," said Jassie, who has been appointed on the finance committee for President Trump, the Trump 47.

"If that happens, then yes, President Trump will win, because that is what the American public wants. But if there is a swamp involved, or deep state involved, or vested interest involved, then we do not know what the result is going to be," Jassie said.

"We really need to understand the extent of the circulation in dairy cattle."

WHO emergencies director Michael Ryan said it was typically easier to eradicate disease from domesticated animals, because it is known where the animals are, and bio-security measures can be applied.

infected animals, and for greater research on bird flu. Spread in US cattle

Avian influenza A(H5N1) first emerged in 1996. The 2.3.4.4b clade of the virus, first detected in 2020, is behind an exponential growth in the number of outbreaks in birds, alongside an increase in the number of infected mammals.

The strain has led to the deaths of tens of millions of poultry, with wild birds and land and marine mammals also infected.

WHO urges more surveillance in bird flu fight

AFP, GENEVA: The World Health Organization warned Thursday that its ability to manage the risk to humans posed by the H5N1 bird flu virus was being compromised by patchy surveillance.

The WHO said the United States last week reported a fourth human case of H5N1 avian influenza following exposure to infected dairy cows, while Cambodia had reported two cases in children who had contact with sick or dead chickens.

"For the moment, no human to human transmission has been reported, which is why WHO continues to assess the risk to the general public as low," the UN health agency's chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

"However, our ability to assess and manage that risk



Concerns around bird flu are rising, but health authorities say the risk to humans remains low

is compromised by limited surveillance for influenza viruses in animals globally," he told a press conference.

"Understanding how these viruses are spreading and changing in animals is essential for identifying any changes that might increase the risk of outbreaks in humans, or the potential for a

pandemic."

The WHO called on all countries to step up influenza surveillance and reporting in animals and humans, and for countries to share samples and genetic sequences.

It also urged greater protection for farm workers who may be exposed to

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Unearthing origins: A passion for archaeology, prehistory and human evolution

Dr Namrata Biswas Haldankar, a distinguished archaeologist with a PhD in Prehistory Archaeology and an Erasmus Mundus Master's degree, brings over a decade of expertise through her workshops in Goa where she takes the young closer to the passion for archaeology

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Archaeology, prehistory, and human evolution collectively form a fascinating tapestry of our past. Archaeology delves into the material remains of ancient civilizations, uncovering artifacts and structures that provide insights into human behavior and societies long gone. Prehistory encompasses the time before written records, revealing the development of early human cultures through tools, art, and burial practices. Human evolution explores our biological ancestry, tracing the evolutionary journey from early hominins to modern humans, offering clues about our origins, adaptations, and interactions with the environment. Together, these fields illuminate the rich and complex story of humanity's journey through time.

Dr Namrata Biswas from Chimal is a dedicated and accomplished archaeologist with a wealth of experience spanning over 10 years. Armed with a PhD in Prehistory Archaeology from Deccan College, Pune, and a distinguished academic background including an International Erasmus Mundus Master's degree from the University of Ferrara, Italy, Dr Biswas has actively contributed to the field through extensive research, excavation, and scholarly activities. Her expertise extends across various domains of archaeology, from excavation supervision at prehistoric sites in India to participating in international excavations in Spain, Italy and France. Dr Biswas has also been actively involved in research projects, notably as a trench supervisor with Archaeological Survey of India at Vadnagar, Gujarat and as a research assistant for the



documentation program in collaboration with the British Museum, London. "I don't know who inspired me but I know I always wanted to do what I am doing now," she says.

A passionate advocate for sharing knowledge, she has conducted numerous workshops on stone tool knapping and analysis, imparting her expertise to aspiring archaeologists and enthusiasts. Her scholarly pursuits are reflected in her notable publications and presentations at esteemed conferences, showcasing her commitment to advancing the understanding of prehistoric cultures. Dr Biswas's relentless pursuit of academic excellence, coupled with her hands-on experience and leadership in archaeological endeavors, underscores her invaluable contributions to the field of archaeology. "During my spare time, I love to travel and explore new cultures and places," she says.

Namrata's interest in archaeology developed during her BA studies at St Xavier's College in Mumbai. She recalls having a subject called Ancient Indian Culture, which sparked her fascination with the field. "I also owe this interest to my professors, whose engaging teaching style and organized field trips deeply attracted me to the subject," says Namrata. Her family has been very supportive of her interest in history and archaeology. "They encouraged me to pursue my passion and have always been there to motivate me," she admits.

On July 13, she will illuminate audiences with her talk, exploring evolution and prehistory. Following

this, on July 21, her workshop on 'Artifacts and artistry' will provide hands-on insights into ancient craftsmanship. Her extensive publications and presentations highlight her dedication to advancing the understanding of people about prehistoric cultures. This makes her sessions a must-attend for enthusiasts and scholars alike eager to uncover mysteries of the past.

"My presentation on July 13 is titled 'Stone Tool Knapping and Rock Art' and covers the evolution of early humans, their tools, lifestyle, and survival strategies", mentions Namrata further elaborating that she will be discussing significant archaeological findings that have contributed to the understanding of early human history and will also shed light on the prehistory of Goa.

Some of her favorite archaeologically rich sites in India include the Bhimbetka Rock Shelters, Madhya Pradesh, the Ajanta and Ellora, Maharashtra, the historic sites at Hampi, Karnataka among others.

"Sustainable development should balance progress with heritage preservation. We cannot halt development, but we must also protect our cultural heritage," she says further giving an example of Europe. During her higher education in Europe, she noticed that despite being highly developed, Europe still retains its Renaissance-period structures. It feels like walking through history. "They still need to repair underground pipes or drainage systems, but before doing so, they involve archaeologists to document, preserve as much



as possible, and then carefully proceed with their work. This approach ensures that development and heritage preservation go hand in hand," she says.

Lack of awareness and education about the importance of heritage sites, coupled with inadequate regulations and enforcement, are some of the primary reasons for people not paying due respect to archaeological sites. Additionally, it is crucial to make people aware that many visitors come to India not to see its modern developments like roads, buildings, and infrastructure, but to experience its rich culture and heritage. Preserving these sites is essential for maintaining India's unique identity and attracting tourists.

"While there is a growing interest among youth in India regarding heritage, much more awareness and educational initiatives are needed. Programs and activities that involve young people in heritage conservation can foster a deeper appreciation and respect for their history. For instance, my stone tool workshop, which is open to all age groups, provides hands-on experiences that enhance understanding and automatically instill respect for our cultural heritage. When individuals engage directly with historical artifacts and techniques, they develop a more profound connection to the past and its preservation," says Namrata.

One of the biggest challenges faced in the field of documentation, she says, is technology. "It's not that the authorities lack the funds to purchase it; rather, they are often reluctant to invest in it," she says. Additionally, there are times when people are discouraged from going abroad to learn. If we don't go, how will we know what other parts of the world

are doing? Staying updated with global advancements is crucial, which unfortunately is an area where Indian archaeology often falls short.

"Not all archaeological departments are performing poorly, but not all are excelling either," she mentions. Staff often face constraints such as limited funding, inadequate training, and bureaucratic hurdles, which can impact the quality of their work. It is crucial for researchers to collaborate; a single project cannot be handled by one person alone. Archaeologists, geologists, paleontologists, and other specialists should be appointed as needed to achieve the best results for each project.

When Namrata works on any project, she usually works with a team of fellow archaeologists, historians, and sometimes students, who assist with the documentation process. "Teamwork is essential for comprehensive and accurate data collection," she says with confidence. As far as expenses are concerned, they are all born by herself. "Budgeting and planning are crucial for managing resources effectively," she says.

Namrata has been conducting a stone tool knapping workshop at Mumbai University during Heritage Day for the last five years. "There are some kids who have attended every year just to participate in stone tool knapping with me. They often ask, 'Do you remember me? I came last year.' To be truthful, it's difficult to remember each one, as we interact with thousands of students in a single day. However, their enthusiasm and eagerness to return year after year are heartwarming and memorable," says Namrata.

People are generally curious and sometimes astonished when they see Namrata and her team working. "Many locals express pride in their heritage and offer support, while others may be indifferent or unaware of the significance of our work and many think we are searching for gold," she says.

"I would encourage young people to take interest in their local heritage. Participate in heritage walks, volunteer for archaeological work, and educate others about the importance of preserving our cultural history. Conservation starts with awareness and respect for our past. If you can't do any of these, at least help by keeping heritage sites clean, not littering, and avoiding any actions that could damage these precious places," says Namrata.



Learning more about Goa's plant life

In Goa's rich flora and fauna, there is a lot more documentation required to understand nature. Suryakant Gaonkar has documented 150 species of plant life in his new book 'Gomantakatil Pushpavaihbav', with photos of trees, shrubs, wild flowers, creepers and also wild orchids

Arti Das

As the monsoon season gains momentum, the one activity we all like to indulge in is trekking to forested areas of Goa, or prior to that in summer season to explore the wooded areas to harvest wild berries. Such activities give us immense pleasure and also an excuse to be with nature.

But, then, how many of us especially urban dwellers can identify the trees, shrubs, and vines found there which makes these forests? It is indeed a herculean task as in a forest all trees look similar. However, now this job is done litter easier with this new book in Marathi by Suryakant Gaonkar titled, 'Gomantakatil Pushpavaihbav'. It is a photo book that has listed 150 species found in our forests. It mainly consists of trees, shrubs, wild flowers, creepers and also wild orchids.

Suryakant who hails from the village

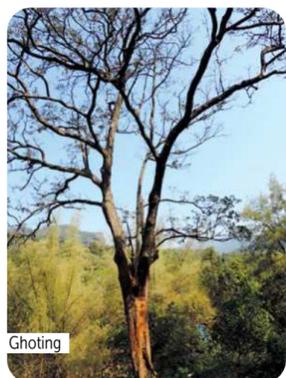
of Bhuipal in Sattari taluka, spent his childhood trekking through forests around his village. As he loved exploring the wild side of Goa, it was quite natural that he started photo-documenting the flora found there. He has till now documented 1200 species of wild flowers.

The turning point came in his life when he joined Vivekanand Environment Awareness Brigade (VEAB) in 2007 and meeting environmentalist, Rajendra Kerkar. It was him who inspired him learn more about flora of Goa and introduced him to botanist at Goa University Dr Sharad Kambl and Dr Rutuja Kolte.

This book is the outcome of his research which he started formally from 2015. The information shared in this book is based on the column he wrote for Marathi daily, couple of years ago. The book gives details about each tree, its morphology, its usage, etc.

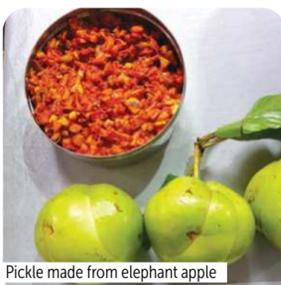


Shidam tree



Ghoting

When asked whether he has seen changes in ecology in all these years, he promptly points out the diminishing flora of plateaus, especially of Mopa



Pickle made from elephant apple

plateau that was home to some rare and endemic species. He points out forest trees like 'Nano' or ben teak (Lagerstroemia microcarpa), 'ghagro' or Indian Zebra wood (Connarus monocarpus), 'Kangla' or black oil plant (Celastrus paniculatus) are diminishing day by day. Some of these like fruits of Indian Zebra wood are used to decorate matoli.

He laments that now people do not have much knowledge about forest species and thus indulge in wrong practices. He says, "During Ganesh Chaturthi for matoli decoration there is no need to hang the whole bunch of fruits. All items used for matoli should be used as a sample. Nowadays our markets are flooded with this forest produce for matoli.

SOME TREES FEATURED IN THE BOOK:

'Nano' or ben teak (Lagerstroemia microcarpa)

'Ghagro' or Indian Zebra wood (Connarus monocarpus)

'Kangla' or black oil plant (Celastrus paniculatus)

'Arjun' tree (Terminalia Arjuna)

'Karmal' (Dillenia indica)

'Reetha' tree (Sapindus trifoliatus)

'Matti'/'madat' (Terminalia elliptica)

'Ghoting' (Terminalia bellirica)

'Shidam' (Tetrameles nudiflora)

Most of the times all are not sold and thus it results in wastage. So, one must be mindful while harvesting them for matoli."

He mentions that in olden days only few village elders knew



Madat tree

about certain plants and trees. He says, "They used to never share details like where it is found and only they knew when and where to harvest, especially the medicinal plants. This was I believe a way to stop exploitation of that particular species."

Suryakant suggests that it may not be easy to remember all trees. But it is essential to know few forest species like 'Arjun' tree (Terminalia Arjuna), which has medicinal qualities or 'Karmal' (Dillenia indica), its fruit is known as elephant apple and it is used to make pickle and also used as an insecticide to protect paddy cultivation. 'Reetha' tree (Sapindus trifoliatus), which is known as soap nut tree as its seeds can be used a detergent, dishwasher, etc. Other some important trees are 'matti'/'madat' (Terminalia elliptica), which is also one of the state trees, 'ghoting' (Terminalia bellirica), 'shidam' (Tetrameles nudiflora), known for its buttress trunk, etc.

He is now planning to bring out three new books as he has documented around 400 species of trees and plants.

Dempo College organises professional development programme on GST



The Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) in association with the Department of Economics of DCT's Srinivasa Sinai Dempo College of Commerce and Economics organised a Professional Development Programme (PDP) titled 'Celebrating 7 Years of GST-Evolution and Way Forward' in the college auditorium. Several academicians, professionals and students attended this programme.

The chief guest for the event was Dr Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister, Government of Goa. Also in attendance were dignitaries including special invitee, Bipin Kumar Upadhyay, Commissioner, Central GST; Shirinivas V Dempo, president, Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chairman Dempo Charities Trusts; CA Rohan Bhandare, chairman GCCCI Taxation Committee and Sanjay Amonkar, Director General GCCCI.

The Principal, Prof Dr Manoj Kamat introduced the dignitaries on the dais. The Commissioner, Central GST, Goa Headquarters, Bipin Kumar Upadhyay in his address stated that holding of successive GST Council meetings, robust system of GSTN along with synchronized working of other sub-systems has led to crystallization of this prestigious tax reform.

The highlight of this event was the panel discussion on the topic 'Inclusive and Sustainable Growth for Goa @ 24x7'. The panelists for the session were Prof Dr Manoj Kamat (economist), Armaan Bankley (industry), Desh Prabhudessai (real estate) and Saurabh Khanna (tourism). The discussion was moderated by CA Yatish Pai Vernekar. The event was marked by the release of the third edition of the college newsletter 'SS Dempo Quality Samvad'. In keeping with the ethos of this PDP, the Economics Department organised an Essay writing competition for students and a quiz on GST.

Van Mahotsav celebrated at Government Primary School, Panaji Central



Van Mahotsav was celebrated at Government Primary School, Panaji Central, in association with Bank of Baroda. Chief Manager of Bank of Baroda, Vijay Valde was present for the function. Vijay explained the importance of Van Mahotsav to the students and said that all should plant trees and save them. He appreciated the students and teachers of the school for the various activities organised by the school. He promised all kinds of support for the school. Headmaster of the school, Ajit Kholkar welcomed the dignitaries. Teachers Prerna Padte welcomed the guests with bouquets and Roopa Morajkar gave vote of thanks. On this occasion, students planted various flowers in the area and took an oath to preserve it.

Mumbai-based historian Murali Ranganathan selected for V M Salgaocar Scholars-in-Residence Programme

V M Salgaocar Foundation recently announced the selection of Murali Ranganathan, a Mumbai-based historian, writer and translator, for its inaugural Scholars-in-Residence Programme 2024 - 2025. V M Salgaocar Foundation focuses on philanthropic activities to further the cause of education, learning and establishing scholarships, fellowships, residencies, lectures, research grants and awards in education, humanities, literature and environment.

The residency is designed for writers working on an ongoing book project focused on Goa covering areas such as history, culture, politics, environment, economy or any related topic. The programme received more than 30 applications from writers and scholars from across India, and the scholar was selected by a Selection Committee. The scholar will be provided with a 30-day residency in Goa with accommodation and an honorarium.

Ranganathan is currently researching and writing a book on 'The Discovery of Print in Goa', the history and historiography of over five centuries. He researches nineteenth century South Asia and his areas of interest include the history of the book, print history and culture, travels and travel accounts, history of photography, newspapers and periodicals, public performance and entertainment, and the Bombay Country Trade.

He has written extensively on the print history of Mumbai in the twentieth century,



the spread of print across South Asia in the twentieth century and on themes related to book history and travelogues. He has translated extensively from Marathi, Gujarati, Hindi and Urdu into English and these translations have appeared independently as books and articles or as part of his research. Ranganathan places an emphasis on non-English resources from this time and space in the languages/scripts of Marathi, Gujarati, Urdu, Hindi, Persian and Portuguese.

He has published two book-length translations; an 1863 urban biography of Mumbai from Marathi (Govind Narayan's Mumbai: An Urban Biography from 1863, Anthem Press, 2009) and a First World War memoir from Gujarati (The First World War Adventures of Nariman Karkaria: A Memoir, Harper Collins, 2023). Both translations have received wide acclaim.

GIM's Prof P Balasubramanyam wins global 2024 PRME Faculty Teaching Award

Senior faculty member, Professor P Balasubramanyam, Programme Chair and Associate Professor at Goa Institute of Management (GIM), was recently honoured with the prestigious PRME (Principles for Responsible Management Education) Faculty Teaching Award in the Operations & Analytics discipline at the PRME Global Forum, a United Nations-supported initiative.

In a win for India and Goa, Prof P Balasubramanyam is the only Indian faculty member this year to win this globally recognised award that seeks to honour the innovative and impactful pedagogical contributions that advance the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and align with the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME).

"It is an incredible honour to receive the 2024 PRME Faculty Teaching Award. This achievement reflects the collaborative efforts of my colleagues,



students and the entire GIM community. Together, we are committed to advancing responsible management education and making a positive impact on society," said Prof P Balasubramanyam, expressing his gratitude for the recognition.

Prof P Balasubramanyam has over 20 years of experience in the IT and manufacturing domains and has completed four years in the academic

space. He successfully led several projects through the application of machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) techniques. His primary research focus is on the area of applying AI in daily life for humanity's betterment.

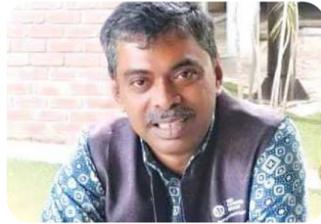
"I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Prof P. Balasubramanyam for this well-deserved recognition. His unwavering dedication to using innovative teaching methods following PRME's 'Impactful Five (i5)' pedagogy has set a high standard for our faculty. Prof P Balasubramanyam is an inspiration to us all, and his contributions have significantly enriched our academic community," stated Dr Ajit Parulekar, Director, GIM.

The PRME Pedagogical Awards are bestowed based on the recipients' innovation in building on creative and interactive pedagogies, advancing the SDGs, promoting student skill development, and relevancy across contexts to promote global learning.

BITS Goa professor appointed as associate editor of Finance Research (Elsevier)

Prof Snehanthu Saha is appointed as an Associate Editor (AE) of Finance Research (Elsevier), a peer-reviewed Journal. Prof Saha will be acting as the Area Editor - Machine Learning for Finance and Risk Modeling. His appointment as the AE is immediate and is up to June 2027.

Finance Research is a premier Journal published by Elsevier and boasts of leading econometricians, computational finance and risk analysis researchers across the globe. The journal serves in five subject areas that include risk analysis in finance and economics, computational finance and machine learning, corporate social responsibility and governance, the world economy and capital markets, energy economics and financial markets and firms and data development analysis. The journal's editor-in-chief is Hamid Beladi, Professor of Economics and Janey S Briscoe Endowed Chair in Business, Carlos Alvarez College of Business, University of Texas at San Antonio. Some of Prof Saha's highly cited peer-reviewed publications are at the intersection of advanced machine learning, statistical learning and finance. His work is regarded highly in the stock market prediction. The position of associate editor comes as a recognition of that. Prof Snehanthu Saha is a professor in the Department of Computer Science at BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus and heads the AI research Center of BITS Pilani across all campuses.



Van Mahotsav celebrated at Little Flower of Jesus High School, Calangute



Van Mahotsav was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Little Flower of Jesus High School, Calangute, which is an annual tree-planting festival aimed at raising awareness about the importance of trees and forest conservation. This year, students came together to plant various saplings around the campus, transforming the grounds into a green haven. The event included educational sessions on the environmental benefits of trees, interactive activities, and a pledge by everyone to

contribute to a greener planet. A notable presentation by John D'Souza, a home organic grower, promoted organic gardening by using natural methods like compost and bio-pesticides to avoid health hazards and maintain ecological balance. He highlighted essential plant growth requirements and the importance of NPK nutrients from natural sources. The day ended on a sweet note with the unearthing of organic sweet potatoes that were grown earlier on the campus grounds.

Margao Kitchen Gardeners' Market

The July edition of the monthly Margao Kitchen Gardeners' Market will be organised with organic gardening supplies for Margao gardeners. Potting soil, vermicompost, cocopeat, seasonal vegetable seeds and seedlings, fruit-tree grafts pots and planters, handy tools, organic pest management solutions and much more will be available.



Venue: Arjuntree One (Behind BSNL Bldg), Margao
Date: July 12-14 | Time: 10.30am - 6.30 pm

São João Celebration at Fatima Convent HS



Colourful flowers adorned students of Fatima Convent High School, Marago as the school celebrated São João. Kopel making and Wild flower arrangement were the competitions that were held for students of classes 5-10. It was conducted by the Eco-club under the guidance of Teacher Stacey Cardozo. The participants crafted vibrant crowns, known as 'kopel', made of fruits and flowers, representing pride and prosperity brought by the monsoon as well arranged the wildflowers into marvelous arrangements. The students actively took part in the competitions and made it a grand success depicting the

traditional culture of kopels, marking the feast of St John the Baptist. The participants visited each class thereby to the tunes of music that wafted from the school intercom. The efforts put forth by the eager participants were thoroughly appreciated by all.

The winner of the Kopel Making Competition in the junior category was Franaly Quadros. The senior category title was bagged by Althea Mascarenhas.

The winners of the Wild flower arrangement competition in the junior category were Aysel Dias and Maegan Da Costa. The senior category winners were Liyena Pinto and Analee Cardozo.

Essay competition for school, higher secondary and college students

Smt Ahilyabai Ramani Pratishthan is a trust of Dr PS Ramani, neuro spinal surgeon and writer. The trust will organise this year's annual All Goa Essay Competition 2024 for school, higher secondary and college students. This year, the competition will be held in three categories. The topic for the school level will be 'The Importance of Kindness in building Strong Communities', the topic for the higher secondary will be on 'Artificial Intelligence in Everyday Life: Risks and Benefits' and the topic for the college level will be 'Social Media Detox: Crucial for Physical and Mental Health'.

A maximum of three essays from each institution will be accepted. It must be accompanied by a letter from the head of the institution, an ID card copy of the student along with a photo and mobile number of students. The essays should be maximum of 500 words in English and can be typed or hand written. The prizes for school level is Rs 2500, 1500 and 1000, for higher secondary level it will be Rs 3000, 2000 and 1500, while for college level, it will be Rs 5000, 3000 and 2000. Depending on the judge's opinion some consolation prizes in each category will be given.

Venue: Essays have to be submitted to the Kamakshi Education Society's Higher Secondary School Curti - Ponda, 403 401
Date: Last date of submission of the essay is August 10
Time: By 2 pm

Herald Gaming Console

Dilbert

WALLY, I'M PUTTING YOU IN CHARGE OF TESTING OUR NEW DRUG IN A LARGE-SCALE, RANDOMIZED, CONTROLLED STUDY.
SURE, WHAT RESULT DO YOU WANT ME TO GIVE YOU?
YOU'RE ALMOST TOO PERFECT FOR THIS JOB.
THANK YOU.

Garfield

THIS ISN'T AS EASY AS IT LOOKS
IT'S EASIER

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WE HAVE SEDAN, COMPACT AND EXTENDED RANGE MODELS
USED HORSES

crossword 4582

ACROSS
1- Low-___ diet; 5- Slammin' Sammy; 9- Cat's nail; 13- Plains native; 14- One in second, say; 15- Per; 16- Deep sleep; 17- Indian state; 18- Start to type?; 19- Musical dramas; 21- Mr. Onassis, to friends; 22- French summers; 23- URL starter; 25- Tennis units; 27- Unusual; 31- Parlor piece; 35- Take down ___; 36- Modernists; 38- Hotelier Helmsley; 39- Composer Rorem; 40- Zsa Zsa or Eva; 42- Ave. crossers; 43- Tractor pioneer John; 46- World's longest river; 47- 160 square rods; 48- Help; 50- Currently; 52- Hey, you!; 54- Mex. miss; 55- Help in a heist; 58- A mouse!; 60- Mischievous; 64- BMW rival; 65- Fortuneteller's deck; 67- Dorothy's dog; 68- Mil. school; 69- Strike; 70- List-ending abbr.; 71- ___ Like It Hot; 72- Exon, once; 73- Fury; 74- ___

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

solution 4581

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Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala (R) greets Israeli Parliament Speaker Amir Ohana at the government headquarters in Prague, on Thursday



Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (right), with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the Capitol, in Washington, on Thursday



Cars drive through a flooded street after a heavy downpour in Lagos, Nigeria, on Thursday



An Afghan boy carries cannisters on a wheelbarrow to fetch drinking water in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, on Thursday

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Actor Janhvi Kapoor arrives for a 'pooja' at Antilla, ahead of Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani's son Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant's wedding, in Mumbai

Cong, INDIA bloc will raise Manipur issue in Parl: Rahul

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Congress and the INDIA bloc will raise the need for peace in Manipur with full force in Parliament to put pressure on the government to end this tragedy, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said on Thursday, days after his visit to the violence-hit state.

He also reiterated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should visit Manipur and appeal for peace.

Gandhi made the remarks in a post in Hindi on X as he shared a video of his interactions with the people of Manipur during his day-long visit to the restive state on Monday.

"I have visited Manipur three times since violence broke out there, but unfortunately there is no im-



During his stay in Manipur, Rahul visited three relief camps in different districts of the recently BJP-ruled State

provement in the situation -- even today the state is divided into two parts. Houses are burning, innocent lives are in danger and thousands of families are forced to live in relief camps," the former Congress chief said.

The prime minister should

personally visit Manipur, listen to the problems of the people of the state and appeal for peace, Gandhi said.

"The Congress party and INDIA bloc will raise the need for peace in Manipur with full force in Parliament to put pressure

on the government to end this tragedy," the Congress leader said.

During his stay in Manipur, Gandhi had visited three relief camps in different districts of the BJP-ruled state and interacted with people belonging to both the warring ethnic groups - Meiteis and Kukis - who were displaced by the violence.

Gandhi had also visited Manipur weeks after ethnic violence broke out in the northeastern state on May 3 last year. He also began his 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' from the state in January 2024.

In the video, Gandhi is seen interacting with people at various relief camps. The people narrate to him their plight and fears and urge him to fight for them and

raise their voice.

The Congress leader is seen in the video telling the people that his party and its MPs had raised the problems the people of Manipur were facing in the Parliament session that has just gone by and promised to raise the issues again in the upcoming session.

"We can put pressure (on the government) and we will put pressure on them," he says to the people.

"I can help you, I can raise the issue and put pressure but I can't reassure you when you will be able to go back to your homes because the government has the answer to this. You will see in the next session, I will raise your voice," Gandhi tells the people at a relief camp in Manipur.

Assam flood situation grim, nearly 14 lakh still affected

PTI, GUWAHATI: The flood situation in Assam remained grim on Thursday with the number of inundated districts increasing to 26 and major rivers flowing above the danger mark in multiple locations even though the population reeling under the deluge decreased below 14 lakh, an official bulletin said.

Altogether 13,99,949 people were still suffering from the flood, as compared to 14,38,900 in 25 districts on Wednesday, it said.

Cachar, Barpeta, Kamrup, Nagaon, Dhubri, Darrang, Biswanath, Golaghat, Goalpara, Hailakandi, Sivsagar, Dibrugarh, Morigaon, Tinsukia and Nalbari were among the 26 inundated districts, the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) bulletin said.

2 workers killed as heavy boiler falls on them in Thane factory

THANE: Two workers at a factory in Maharashtra's Thane district were killed when a heavy boiler being lifted with the help of a crane fell on them, police said on Thursday. The incident took place on Wednesday evening at the dyeing unit located in Saravli MIDC (Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation) in Bhiwandi town, an official from Kogaon police station said. The boiler was being lifted with the help of a crane when it slipped and fell on the workers standing below it, he said. The two workers, Balaram Chowdhari (55) and Pandurang Patil (65), were crushed to death, the official said. The bodies were later sent to a government hospital for postmortem, he said. A case of accidental death has been registered as of now and a probe is on into the incident, the police added.

3 killed, 1 injured as car hits parked container truck in Nashik district

NASHIK: Three persons were killed and one seriously injured after the car they were travelling in crashed into a parked container truck in Maharashtra's Nashik district in the early hours of Thursday, an official said. The victims were on their way to attend a funeral when they met with the accident at Wake Shivar near Malegaon on the Mumbai-Agra national highway around 4.30 am, he said. According to police, a sports utility vehicle with four occupants rammed into a container truck parked on the roadside near Hotel New Baba. Meenakshi Arun Hiray (53), her sister Anisha Vikas Sawant (40) and her husband Vikas Chintaman Sawant (45) died at the scene.

DMRC books over 1,900 male passengers for entering women's coaches

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has booked more than 1,900 male passengers for entering train coaches reserved for women, according to official data. The penalty for a male passenger who enters a women-only coach is Rs 250, DMRC officials said. Data showed that between January and June this year, the DMRC has booked 1,906 male passengers for entering women's coaches. In May, the maximum number of challans were issued at 443. In April, 419 challans were issued, 408 in February, 270 in March, 245 in January and 121 in June, data showed. The first coach of a Delhi Metro train is reserved for women. Signages are also provided at platforms to indicate where the reserved coach normally stops, the DMRC said.

17 doctors dismissed over absence from work without information

LUCKNOW: Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak on Thursday dismissed 17 doctors for remaining absent from duty without information. In a post on X, Pathak, who also holds the medical and health portfolio, said treating and curing the sick is a service to God and there cannot be any negligence or indiscipline in it. "It is a great fortune to get the responsibility of serving the people and providing health services. Serving patients is like serving God. There is no place for any kind of negligence or indiscipline in this. He however did not share the names of the doctors who have been dismissed. When asked, a senior health official confirmed that the orders from the deputy CM have been received and that due process is being followed.

Police arrest opium drug racket's kingpin from Shimla

SHIMLA: The Shimla Police on Thursday here arrested the alleged kingpin of opium drug racket, a native of Nepal, they said. On July 3, a police team had arrested two Nepalese nationals with 1.5 kg opium. During investigations, the police got information about the alleged kingpin and arrested him from Narkanda, police officials said. The accused has been identified as Ravi Giri (41). Shimla SP Sanjeev Gandhi said the accused has been arrested and booked under Section 29 (abetment and criminal conspiracy to commit an offense) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. "The total amount of financial transactions of the accused is around Rs 3.40 crore since 2022. Further investigations are underway and all illegal movable and immovable properties will be identified and seized", he said.

'Big step': Dhankhar lauds SC order on maintenance for Muslim women

PTI, NEW DELHI: Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday hailed the landmark Supreme Court judgment on maintenance for Muslim women describing it as a "big step" and asserting that assistance has to be equitable irrespective of religion.

The top court had on Wednesday ruled that a Muslim woman can seek maintenance from her husband under Section 125 of the CrPC and said the "religion neutral" provision is applicable to all married women irrespective of their religion.

In an apparent reference to the verdict, Dhankhar said "Only yesterday you must have seen a great Supreme Court judgment. It is being debated in public platform."



"The assistance has to be equitable, uniform for all, irrespective of their religion. That's a big step," he said addressing representatives of an industry body. The bench observed that if Muslim women are married and divorced under Muslim law, then Section 125 of the CrPC as well as the provisions of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986 are applicable.

The option lies with the Muslim divorced women to seek remedy under either of the two laws or both laws.

Delhi police arrest over 100 travel agents for illegal immigration racket by June 2024

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police has nabbed more than 100 fraudulent travel agents for allegedly sending passengers abroad from across the country, using various ways of cheating till June this year, officials said on Thursday.

This was more than 200 per cent increase as compared to the same period last year, the officials added.

These travel agents were nabbed from Punjab, Gujarat, Haryana, Maharashtra and West Bengal.

According to a statement by the IGI Airport, 51 fraudulent agents were nabbed during the same period in 2023.

"We have arrested total 108 such agents and the arrests have been made nationwide. The police have shifted their focus towards holding agents accountable rather than solely targeting the passengers, who may unknowingly fall victim to illegal immigration schemes, often seeking better opportunities abroad," Deputy Commissioner of Police (IGI Airport) Usha

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Rangnani said. The officer further claimed that around 75 Look Out Circulars (LOCs) have been issued for agents who have fled abroad or remain untraceable, ensuring their apprehension on arrival or departure from India.

Revealing the modus operandi of such agents, the officer said agents provide counterfeit visas that closely resemble the genuine ones to passengers. Despite their attempts to replicate the original visas, passengers are frequently apprehended at immigration check posts or airline counters, the officer said.

Even if they manage to bypass the Indian authorities, they are often intercepted at the destination country's immigration check.

OF TOIL AND SOIL



A farmer ploughs a paddy field at a village, in Morigaon, Assam, on Thursday

Students bitten by rats at girls hostel in Telangana

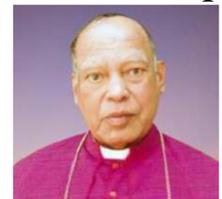
PTI, HYDERABAD: Nine students were bitten by rats at a hostel of a government residential school for girls in Medak district.

The students of class 9 were bitten by rats on Tuesday and Wednesday night when they were asleep in a room of the hostel, an official said on Thursday.

They were provided treatment at a primary health centre in Ramayampet mandal and discharged. The official said they were taking necessary measures to curb the rat menace.

Meanwhile, some parents of the students went to the institute after learning about the incident and complained about alleged lack of cleanliness at the hostel.

Archbishop Alphonsus Mathias passes away



BANGALORE: Most Rev. Alphonsus Mathias (96) Archbishop Emeritus of Bangalore Archdiocese passed away on Wednesday, at St. John's Medical College, Bangalore. For last few months he was under treatment for old age-related ailments. Funeral details are awaited.

He was the Bishop of Chikmagalur (1964-1986) and Archbishop of Bangalore (1986-1998). He was the President of the CBCI for two terms in 1989 and 1993. He attended the Second Vatican Council as Council Father.

Abp. Alphonse was born on June, 22 1928, as

the fourth child of Diego Mathias, and Philomena D'Souza at Pangala in South Canara district of Karnataka. He joined St Joseph Seminary, Jeppu, Mangalore in June 1945 with an intention to become a diocesan priest.

Observing his brilliancy superiors had sent him within two and half years of his Mangaluru seminary life to Pontifical Seminary in Candy, Sri Lanka for further studies where he studied Philosophy and Theology. He was ordained priest on 24 August 1954 at Candy.

He offered his first Solemn Mass at Pangala Church after his return to the native at the end of the year. The first appointment of Fr Alphonsus was at St Joseph's Parish, Bajpe as an assistant parish priest. After about a year of service there, he was sent to Rome in 1955 for higher studies in Canon Law and International Civil Law.

voice of business

Silvostyle unveils its first exclusive brand store in Panjim

PANJIM: Silvostyle, a sterling silver fine jewellery brand, catering to digital natives has inaugurated its first store in Panjim. The brand is committed to delivering accessories which bring out a statement of elegance, confidence and individuality. The brand is strategically located in Seven stores across Maharashtra and its expansion in Goa marks a milestone in catering to its target audience.



The store is spread across 400 sqft, offering a wide range of collections of Derya, Devi, Daysha, GoDark, and LiteMe across categories from statement necklaces, bracelets and rings for every occasion. Each collection highlights the brand's commitment to versatility and

innovation, resonating with Millennials. The store has a warm ambience with an open layout of gleaming displays showcasing designs that blend traditional and modern elements.

Hemant Chavaan, Vice President, Marketing, E-commerce and CSR, Silvostyle commented, "We are delighted to introduce Silvostyle in Panjim, with our first exclusive brand store which provides a wide range of multifunctional sterling silver jewellery.

With the changing needs of customers and the cultural shift in buying behaviour, we decided to introduce the brand in a market with a vibrant city crowd."

Goa is the most celebrated state in the country which is also known as the 'emerald on the west coast'. It is one of the most famous tourist destinations attracting global travellers. Goa offers an extensive range of activities and architectural toursthat blend the Indian and Portuguese heritage.

To celebrate the launch, the store has rolled out an exclusive offer, 'Upto 40% Off' on all sterling silver jewellery. The offer is valid from July 9 to August 15, giving customers a great monsoon offer to indulge in a fusion of traditional and modern jewellery pieces.

About Silvostyle
Silvostyle is a Sterling Silver jewellery retail chain with Seven standalone silver jewellery stores in Maharashtra and One Franchise store in Goa.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
ROBALDINA FATIMA FERNANDES
(POROSCODEM - PERNEM)
Born: 7/02/1972 - Died: 13/07/2023
"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies"
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **ROBALDINA (FATIMA)**, on **Saturday, 13th July 2024 (Tomorrow)** at 8:15 am at Poroscodem Cemetery, Poroscodem - Pernem, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful husband **Sebastiao**, daughters **Elsi & Nancy**, son-in-law **Allister** and fly. **Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.**

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In loving memory of
MILAGRES MARTINS
BAMADO-CHINCHINIM
In God's arm you will rest forever. In our hearts you will stay forever.
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **Milagres** on **13th July 2024 at 8:00 a.m.** at Our Lady of Hope Church Chinchinim followed by prayers & blessing at the grave.
Offered by his sorrowful wife **Aida**.
Son/Daughter-in-law: **Edmund/Mallika & Vijay/Graffilla**.
Grandchildren: **Edsel, Evan, Jiselle & Granville**.
Relatives, Friends & Neighbours kindly remember him in your prayers

Month's Mind of LUIS ERNANI LOBO
3rd Death Anniversary of ALINA LOBO
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the souls of our dear **Ernani & Alina** on **Saturday, 13th July 2024**, at 7:45 am at **St. John the Baptist Church, Benaulim**, followed by prayers at their graves. Offered by their sorrowful family.
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Rebello Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992

MONTH'S MIND
In Everloving Memory of
PEDRO CRUZ DIAS
(Bapsoro-Velim)
Born: 07.09.1947 - Died: 21.06.2024
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **Father Pedro Cruz Dias** on **Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 8.30am** at **St. Rock's Church, Tolecan, Velim**, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife, **Palmira Noronha**, children and grandchildren.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Cherished Memory of
JOAQUIM (JOHN) SANTANA CASTANHA
Born: 15/3/1954
Died: 13/7/2021
Pedda Uttorodxi, Varca
Your love will always light our way,
Your memory will always remain a treasure in our hearts!
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **Joaquim (John)** on **Saturday, 13th July 2024 (Tomorrow)** at 7:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Gloria Church, Varca, followed by prayers at the grave.
Offered by his Sorrowful Wife: **Severina**,
Children: **Roshan / Andrew Alexander (Ely), Jessima / Neville & Grandson and family.**
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Everloving Memory of
Filomena Gracias
Wife of late Simao Assis Gracias
Chandor / Canacona
Born: 22.03.1930 - Died: 14.05.2021
Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, You are loved beyond words and missed beyond a measure.
Deeply missed and fondly remembered by her Sons **Thomas / Ningela (Kuwait), Benhur / Neetu (USA)** and Grandchildren **Engracia, Eligius, Ethan and Megan**.
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **Mother** on **Saturday, 13th July 2024 at 8.00 am** at **St. Theresa of Jesus Church, Canacona**, followed by prayers at the grave.
Relatives, neighbours & friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation.

LORD I AM COMING HOME
MARIA ROSADA (ALZIRA) FERNANDES
- Mazilvaddo - Benaulim -
Beloved wife of late Nazario Rodrigues.
Loving mother / mother-in-law of **Piolina / Melvin Dcosta, Maria / late Anthony Da Costa, Melba / Nelson Rodrigues**.
Affectionate grandmother of **Valanka, Asher, Maithan and Nolen**.
Funeral rites will be held at 9:30 a.m. on **Saturday, 13th July 2024** at **Holy Trinity Church, Benaulim**, for Eucharistic celebration, followed by burial.
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Fernandes Funeral Services Varca 9850059282

LORD I'M COMING HOME
MERLIN MARTHA OLINDA PINTO
(GRANDE MOROD, MAPUSA)
"I have completed the race, I have kept the faith. Now all that awaits me is the crown of righteousness." - 2 Tim. 7-8
Beloved Wife of Salvador.
Loving Mother of **Marcelia/Clausen Fernandes (Sjolim), Lucia**.
Daughter/Daughter-in-law of **Late Joseph T./ Late Archangela F. D'Souza, Late Luciano/Late Ritinha M. Pinto**.
Sister/Sister-in-law of **Maria/Late Neville D'Souza (UK), Late Mercy/Peter Fernandes (Parra), Myra/Parag Shetkar (Chimbel)**.
Sister-in-law of **Late Anastasia/Late Flaviano D'Souza (Guirim), Loretta/Late Poli D'Souza (Ex Dubai/UK/Nagoa)**.
Aunt of **Lindsey, Paul, Joseph, Malcolm/Muswin, Ian/Rochelle, Anjali/Sunil, Sonia/Rohan, Anthony, Hycintha/Francisco, Ivo/ Michelle, Lionel/ Winnie, Precilla, Panphila**.
Passed away peacefully after a brief illness on **11-07-2024**.
Funeral Cortege will leave her residence at **Grande Morod, Mapusa** on **Saturday, 13th July, 2024 at 3:45pm** for an Eucharistic Celebration at **St. Jerome Church Mapusa** followed by burial.
Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
No flowers and bouquets please
NO CONDOLENCE VISITS PLEASE

CONDOLANCE
Those we love don't go away
They walk besides us everyday
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.
MARIA ROSADA FERNANDES (ALZIRA)
- BENAULIM -
Loving Brother / Sister-in-law: **Agnelo / Merciana Fernandes, Costao / Rosy Fernandes, John Manuel / Lavina Fernandes, Rafael / Shalini Fernandes**,
Sister / Brother-in-law: **Santana / Jacinto Gonsalves** and loving **Nieces and Nephews**
MAY GOD GRANT HER ETERNAL REST.
Funeral Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao 9823022194

One Year in God's Kingdom
Maria Angela Ida Menezes (Angela Paes)
Gonsoim Maina Curtorim
There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **Angela Paes** on **13th July 2024, Saturday, at 6:45 am** at **St. Rita Church, Maina-Curtorim**, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave.
Offered by her sorrowful husband: **Olavo Paes**;
Children: **Kiev/Sheena & Riva/Stanford**;
Grandchildren: **Sara & Salome**.
Relatives, Friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.
BOOKIES 9822129657

Condolence
The Managing Committee of Comunidade of Mapusa and Staff of Comunidade of Mapusa
Deeply mourn the sad demise of
Mrs. Merlin Pinto
W/o President Salvador Pinto
May her soul rest in peace, as we extend our condolences to the bereaved family.

MONTH'S MIND
Dr. Pedro António Fernandes Bravo da Costa
"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal."
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **Pedrito** on **Saturday, 13th July 2024, at 8:15 am**, at **St. Andrew's Church, Vasco** followed by prayers at the grave offered by his family.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:
We, the family would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Rev. Fathers, Nuns, Doctors, Nurses & staff of hospitals, family, friends & neighbours for all assistance, prayers, messages, floral tributes & comfort rendered in our difficult time. Thank you all. We regret our inability to thank each one of you individually.
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as a personal intimation.
GOAN RITES 9822156397

Disease of unemployment taken form of epidemic in India: Rahul

PTI, NEW DELHI: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha **Rahul Gandhi** on Thursday claimed that the "disease of unemployment" has taken the form of an epidemic in India, and alleged that the BJP-ruled states have become the "epicentre of this disease".
His remarks came over the incident of a stampede-like situation witnessed after some 800 people turned up for walk-in interviews held by a firm for 40 vacancies in Ankleshwar in Gujarat's Bharuch district. Videos of a massive queue, marked by pushing and shoving as aspirants tried to get a toe-hold on a ramp leading to the entrance of a hotel where the interview was being held, went viral on social media.
The railing of the ramp finally collapsed, leading to several aspirants falling off, though no one was injured.
In a post in Hindi on X, Gandhi said, "The 'disease of unemployment' has taken the form of an epidemic in India and BJP-ruled states have become the 'epicentre' of this disease."
"The future of India's standing in queues for a common job is the reality of Narendra Modi's 'Amrit Kaal'," the former Congress chief said.
Sharing the video, Congress president **Mallikarjun Kharge** also hit out at the BJP.
"This video is proof of the 'cheating model' that BJP has played on the people of Gujarat for the last 22 years. This video is also solid proof of the way the Modi government has snatched jobs from the youth and ruined their future for the last 10 years," Kharge said in a post in Hindi on X.
"The BJP's promise of providing two crore jobs annually - Paper leak, recruitment corruption, education mafia, keeping government jobs vacant for years, knowingly not filling SC/ST/OBC/EWS posts, recruitment on contract by bringing schemes like Agniveer, and leaving crores of youth to wander from door to door" - has fallen prey to all these!" Kharge said.
Congress general secretary **Jairam Ramesh** lashed out at the BJP over the video.
In a post in Hindi on X, Ramesh said, "This video is enough to expose the so-called Modi model which is being promoted across the country."
"This crowd of youth for jobs at a private hotel is clear proof that only the rich have benefited in Gujarat. The BJP has been in power in Gujarat for 30 years, yet unemployment in the state is at a terrible level," he said.

Yemen Houthi rebels fired Iranian missile at Norwegian-flagged ship, says US military

AP, DUBAI: Yemen's Houthi rebels likely fired an Iranian-made anti-ship cruise missile at a Norwegian-flagged tanker in the Red Sea in December, an assault that now provides a public evidence-based link between the ongoing rebel campaign against shipping and Tehran, the US military says.
A report by the US Defense Intelligence Agency released Wednesday linked the attack on the *Strinda*, which set the vessel ablaze, to Tehran, the Houthi's main backer in Yemen's nearly-decadelong war. The findings correspond with those of a Norway-based insurers group that also examined debris found on the *Strinda*.
It comes as the Houthis continue their month-long campaign of attacks over the Israel-Hamas war, targeting ships in the Red Sea corridor, disrupting the \$1 trillion flow of goods passing through it annually while also sparking the most intense combat the US Navy has seen since World War II.

Third Death Anniversary
In Loving Memory of
WALTER BENTO FERNANDES
"The tears in my eyes I can wipe away, The ache in my heart will always stay."
There will be Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **WALTER BENTO** on **Saturday, 13th July, 2024 at 7:30 a.m.** at **Nossa Senhora da Ajuda Church, Ribandar** followed by prayers & blessing at the grave, offered by his beloved wife **Maria Catarina**, loving daughter **Walessa & family.**
Relatives, neighbours and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Teenager stabs friend to death in Gurugram
PTI, GURUGRAM: A teenager stabbed his friend to death in Gurugram as he was apparently upset over his girlfriend talking to him over the last few days, police on Thursday said.
The accused teenager first called his friend from his home on the pretext of drinking beer and then stabbed him with a knife and ran away, they said. The police apprehended the accused within a few hours and recovered the knife used in the murder from his possession.
The incident took place in Sector 40 last night, police said.

MONTH'S MIND
Joao Bosco Da Cruz Menezes
If we could have one lifetime wish, a dream that would come true, We'd pray to God with all our heart, to bring back YOU anew.
You left behind our broken hearts and fond memories too, But we never wanted memories, we only wanted YOU.
In life we loved you dearly; in death we love you still, In our hearts you hold a special place, which no one else can fill.
Tears fall freely from our eyes, like a river filled with grief. Our only comfort now is that, from pain you've found relief.
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our most beloved **Bosco**, at 4pm on **Saturday, July 13, 2024** at **St Agnes Church, St. Inez**, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by his loving wife **Apolina**, children **Bessie/Nesty and Blaize/Charmine** and grandchildren **Werner and Zane**.
Relatives, neighbours and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

MONTH'S MIND
In loving memory of
ANTHONY GOMES
Ex. Elect/MCM Garrison Engineer (NW) Vasco (Gogol, Margao)
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **Anthony** on **13.07.24** at 7:00 a.m. at **St. Joaquin Chapel, Borda** followed by prayers & blessing at the grave.
Offered by his sorrowful wife **Christalina Quadros**
Children **Alver / Ashwin / Adrel**
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

DEATH
Peter D'Silva
Nachinola
Born: 23rd Dec 1954 - Died: 9th July 2024
Son of **Late John D'Silva and Late Argentina D'Silva**.
Loving brother and brother-in-law of **Edwin & Freda, Angelo & Maureen, Melita & Jack**.
Loving uncle to his **nephews, nieces, loving grand uncle to his grand nephews and grand nieces**.
Funeral Mass will take place **(Today) 12-7-2024 at Bom Jesu Church, Nachinola at 11am** followed by burial.
Friends and relatives kindly accept this as the only intimation.

RETURNED TO THE LORD
PETER CARLOS D'SOUZA (BABUSH)
VODLEM BHAT - TALEIGAO
Born: 27/04/1974 - Died: 11/07/2024
Most loving son of **Camilo/Argentina (Natalina)**; loving brother/brother-in-law of **Dominic/Casmira, Lili/Nery Gonsalves (P.W.D.)**, **Ubaldina, Jose/Zenaida Travasso**; Caring uncle of **Greg D'Souza, Lazan and Leann Gonsalves**. Passed away peacefully.
Funeral cortege will leave his residence '**Villa Argentina**' at **3.45 p.m. on Saturday, 13th July, 2024 (tomorrow)** at **St. Michael's Church, Taleigao** for the Eucharistic Celebration at **4.00 p.m.**, followed by burial.
Funeral mass will be live streamed.
RELATIVES & FRIENDS, KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION.
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DEATH
Luis Da Cunha
(Ex. Panch member, V.P. Batim)
BORN: 28-05-1963
DIED: 08-07-2024
Beloved Husband of **Ascentina Pereira**.
Loving Father/ Father-in-law of **Josten Dacunha/Malina D'Costa**.
S/o **Late Antonio Dacunha & Late Isabela D'Souza**.
Brother / Brother-in-law: **Late Manuel Da Cunha/ Lurdina Fernandes, Rosalin Da Cunha / Dilis Vaz, Assumptina Da Cunha/ Menino Da Cunha and family.**
The Funeral Mass will be at **4:00p.m. (TODAY) 12th July 2024** at **Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Batim**.
The burial will precede the mass.
Relatives and friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THE CHAMPIONS



The 35th State Sub-Junior & Junior Aquatic Championships was held at the Ponda swimming pool, Ponda. During the event, a remarkable 18 new records were set. The individual championships winners include boys Group 5 - Rayan Hawkins, girls Group 5 - Anna Hawkins, boys Group 4 - Kavish Mahesh Parab, girls Group 4 - Shrivya Sameer Phadte & Reuben Rocha, boys Group 3 - Nehal Shivappa Chawan, girls Group 3 - Purvi Ritesh Naik, boys Group 2 - Saksham Naik, girls Group 2 - Aarohi Borde, boys Group 1 - Adi Sunil Signapurkar, girls Group 1 - Niranjani Borde & Pooja Rawool. Margao MLA Digambar Kamat was chief guest and Yogiraj Kamat was guest of honour at the prize distribution ceremony



St Mary's Convent HS, Mapusa, defeated Lourdes Convent HS, Saligao, by a 3-0 margin to win the Bardez taluka U-17 girls table tennis tournament, organised by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs. The champions alongwith the TSO Ramona D'Souza, PE teacher Royston D' Souza and officials



Holy Family HS, Porvorim, defeated GS Amonkar HS, Mapusa, by a 3-0 margin to win the Bardez Taluka U-17 boys table tennis tournament, organised by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, held at Peddem Sports Complex, Mapusa. The champions along with the TSO Ramona D'Souza, PE teacher Gratina and officials

Varca SC down Margao SC

RAIA: Varca SC defeated Margao SC, 2-1, to move into the quarterfinals of 16th St Anthony Festival Cup 2024, organised by St Anthony FC, Assolda, at Moll ground, Assolda, on Thursday. Jobern Cardozo netted a brace for Varca in the 50th and 55th minute, respectively, while Margao SC pulled a goal back through Edison Dias in the 60th minute.

Agxem SC in quarterfinals

RAIA: Agxem Sports Club blanked SFX, Camarxett, 2-0, to advance to the quarterfinals of the 1st Caniza Peixoto Memorial Football Tournament, organised by Agxem Sports Club and played at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Thursday. In a rain-hit match, Agxem and SFX started slowly due to the slippery ground. Jovial Martin of Agxem Sports Club scored the first goal in the 20th minute with a powerful left-footer, giving Agxem a 1-0 lead at halftime. In the second half, Agxem secured their second goal when Nickson Castanah's left-footed shot deflected off the SFX defense and found the net in the 50th minute. Velroy Paes of SFX, Camarxett was awarded man-of-the-match by Carmo Anthon Fernandes, former goalkeeper of Agxem Club.

Thivim Karate Dojo shine at IJKAI tournament

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PANJIM: The students of Thivim Karate Dojo bagged 24 gold medals, 16 silver and 31 bronze at the 3rd IJKAI State Karate Tournament, held at Badminton Indoor Stadium, Mapusa, recently. A total of 400 students participated from all over Goa. The medal winners of Thivim include: Sanvee Jadhav (gold and bronze medals), Meryl Fernandes (2 bronze medals), Kanak Bagkar (gold and silver medals), Maithali Parab (2 gold medals), Khushi Kalangutkar (2 gold medals), Gunjan Vengurlekar (bronze medal), Grace Fernandes (gold and silver medals), Shamika Salgaonkar (2 gold medals), Pallavi Kalangutkar (2 gold medals), Mahiya Parab (2 gold medals), Angaja Chari (2 silver medals), Anvita Banaulikar (1 gold medal), Anushka Naik (2 gold medals), Varad Korgaonkar (2 bronze medals), Sharav Naik (gold and bronze medal), Krunal Kalyankar (silver and bronze medals), Aryan Shinde (silver and bronze medals), Maheer Doddamani (2 bronze medals), Ehaan Kamat (gold and bronze medals), Ricean Rodrigues (bronze medal), Tanay Kauthankar (2 bronze medals), Franzer De Sousa (gold and bronze medals), Anrice Rodrigues (2 bronze medals), Manoj Gundenhalli (gold medal), Nishant Malgi (gold and silver medals), Jeremiah Fernandes (bronze medal), Ritvik Parsekar (gold and bronze medals), Mahaj porob (silver and bronze medals), Suresh Bagkar (2 bronze medals), Vicky Pednekar (silver medal), Jeevan Bodke (gold and silver medals), Mihir Kolgaonkar (gold and bronze medals), Adarsh Nair (silver and bronze medals), Pratik Arkasali (bronze medal), Parth walavalkar (bronze medal), Kartik Nair (silver and bronze medals), Meet Gadekar (silver medal), Swarit Ghanekar (bronze and silver medals), Shan Kauthankar (silver and bronze medals), Aditya Sawant (silver and bronze medals). Players who participated were trained under Sensei - Sandesh Santosh Kolikar (Black belt 3rd Dan) and coach of Thivim IJKAI Dojo (chief instructor of IJKAI) Sensei Mahendra Naik.

India unlikely to travel to Pak for CT: BCCI sources

AGENCIES, MUMBAI: The Indian cricket team is unlikely to travel to Pakistan for the ICC Champions Trophy next year, BCCI sources told a news agency. The Board of Control for Cricket in India will ask the ICC to host India's matches either in Dubai or Sri Lanka in a hybrid model, the source further added. Speaking on India's participation in the Champions Trophy, the BCCI source said: "India will not travel to Pakistan for the Champions Trophy 2025. Will tell ICC to hold its matches in Dubai or Sri Lanka." The ICC Champions Trophy will be held in Pakistan next year and there are doubts whether India will make the trip across the border for the elite 50-overs tournament, which is being held for the first time since 2017. The Pakistan Cricket Board has slotted its team's marquee Champions Trophy match against arch-foes India in Lahore on March 1 next year but the BCCI is yet to give its consent to the tentative schedule. India have not visited Pakistan since 2008 and the cricket-mad countries play each other only at multi-team events. Pakistan hosted the Asia Cup last year but eventual winners India were allowed to play all their matches in Sri Lanka.

India to play three ODIs, T20s against Lanka

PTI, NEW DELHI: India will play three T20 Internationals and as many ODIs during their tour to Sri Lanka across July and August, and the matches will be played at Pallekele and Colombo, the BCCI announced on Thursday. The white-ball tour will kick off with the T20is (July 26, 27, 29) at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium and the series will then move to Colombo where the one-dayers (August 1, 4, 7) will be played at the R Premadasa International Stadium. India will be manned by newly-appointed head coach Gautam Gambhir, while the Lankans will also have a new coach in Sanath Jayasuriya. India are yet to announce the squad for the series but, as reported by PTI on July 8, senior players such as Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma will be rested for this trip. Hasaranga steps down as Lanka T20 captain Wanindu Hasaranga on Thursday stepped down as the Sri Lanka captain in T20 Internationals ahead of their upcoming three-match series against India. "Sri Lanka Cricket wishes to inform the public that National Men's 20I Captain Wanindu Hasaranga has decided to resign from the captaincy," a release from Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) said.

Anderson strikes as England eye huge win

AFP, LONDON: James Anderson led the way in his farewell international match as England closed in on a crushing innings win over the West Indies in the first Test at Lord's on Thursday. The West Indies had slumped to 79-6 in their second innings at stumps on the second day, still a mammoth 171 runs behind England's first-innings 371, with Anderson having taken a miserly 2-11 in 10 overs. England great Anderson came into his 188th and last Test before international retirement having already taken 700 wickets -- the most by any fast bowler in the 147-year history of the format. Yet the 41-year-old had to wait until dismissing last man Jayden Seales in the first innings to extend that tally to 701. But it was a different story on Thursday as Anderson reduced the tourists to 12-1 by bowling West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite with a ball that nipped back off the seam. The West Indies were now 55-5, with England eyeing a repeat of their celebrated two-day win over the Caribbean side at Headingley back in 2000.

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TODAY 7:30PM PAI HALL MARGAO. TICKETS AT THE COUNTER CONTACT DAMU 9881337847

TIATR An Irineu Gonsalves's Presentation. I AM SORRY. Conceptualised, written & directed by IRINEU GONSALVES. CONTACT IRINEU GONSALVES : 9823171448. Chief Guest: CAPT VIRIATO FERNANDES (MP South Goa). Guests of Honour: ALTONE D'COSTA (MLA Quepem), MORENO REBELO (Congress Leader, Curtorim). THANKS TO: DONA SAMARIA ECO HOTEL, Tamborim

GOA DIARY

St Anne's Inter-village Festival Soccer. PONDA: Ponda Footballers will organise their 34th All Goa St Anne's Inter-village Festival Soccer tournament from July 13. In the inaugural match SCC Lotoulum will take on SAI Avtar Anjuna, at Animal Husbandry ground, Curti-Ponda, at 4.45 pm. The other teams are Navelim Sporting, Nerul SC, Asnora United, United Club of Verna, Siquerim SC and Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorda. Finals will be played on July 28, on occasion of feast of St Anne's.

All-Goa Open Rapid Chess at Margao. MARGAO: Salcete Taluka Chess Association will organise an all-Goa Open Rapid Chess Tournament 2024 on July 13 and 14, at SAG Annexe Hall, opposite Swimming pool complex, Fatorda-Margao. Total prizes of Rs 21500 for top 15 and age group category trophies for Goa boys and girls (2 each) and Salcete(1 each) will be awarded. There will be 9 rounds in rapid. For more details contact Dilip Vernekar. The reporting time is 2 pm and first round will start at 3 pm on July 13 (Saturday). Last date for submitting entries is July 12, by 7 pm.

TODAY'S SPORTS

St Anthony Festival Cup 2024: Uguem Rising Club vs Fr Agnel YSC, Paroda, at Moll ground, Assolda, at 4.30 pm. Fr Bruno Leitao Memorial Cup 2024: Carmona SC vs Dicar-pale SC, Our Lady of Hope Church ground, Chinchinim, at 4.30 pm

Poitomado thrash CACSS, storm into quarterfinals

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RAIA: Poitomado, Cuncolim, triumphed over CACSS, Cansaulim, with a 9-1 victory to secure a spot in the quarterfinals of the 2nd Fr Bruno Leitao Memorial Cup 2024, organised by union of Chinchinim villagers, at Chinchinim Church ground, on Thursday. Poitomado got off to a quick start, with Daulat Desai scoring in the 1st minute by tapping in a rebound past the diving Cansaulim goalkeeper, making it 1-0. They maintained their attacking momentum, and in the 6th minute, Dailon Carvalho neatly finished to extend the lead to 2-0. Further goals came from Jollyton Fernandes, Mathew Fernandes, and Trijoy Dias, who scored in the 16th, 18th, and 19th minutes, respectively, bringing the score to 5-0. Cansaulim made efforts to fight back, but Poitomado's goalkeeper saved a strong attempt by Alrico. Regan Soares managed to score for Cansaulim in the 22nd minute, reducing the deficit to 5-1. At halftime, the score remained 5-1 in favour of Poitomado. In the second half, Poitomado continued to dominate. Daulat Dessai netted his second goal, while Bradley Carvalho, Vayne Pires, and Alister Fernandes each added to the tally, concluding the match with a final score of 9-1. Daulat Dessai of Poitomado was awarded man-of-the-match from Joyce Rebello, VP Chinchinim-Deussua panch member.

Watkins' late strike fires England into final

To face Spain in final on Monday; Netherlands hopped out to a lead in the seventh minute by Xavi Simons, but Harry Kane's penalty cancelled out the Dutch advantage

AP, DORTMUND: England is into another European Championship final after its latest dramatic, come-from-behind win that even took King Charles III on a roller coaster ride. Ollie Watkins, who came on for captain Harry Kane in a bold call by England coach Gareth Southgate, scored in the first minute of stoppage time to earn England a 2-1 win over the Netherlands on Wednesday and a shot at Spain in the title match. In the knockout stage at Euro 2024, England has scored a stoppage-time equalizer through Jude Bellingham before edging past Slovakia in the last 16 and needed a penalty-shootout to see off Switzerland in the quarterfinals. The English are keeping their supporters back home on the edge of their seats as the men's team moves closer to a first title since the 1966 World Cup — and that includes its monarch. "If I may encourage you to secure victory before the need for any last minute wonder-goals or another

penalties drama, I am sure the stresses on the nation's collective heart rate and blood pressure would be greatly alleviated!" the king said in a congratulatory message soon after the game in Dortmund. Watkins' goal was fit for a king. He had only made one previous appearance at Euro 2024 — as a substitute in the group game against Denmark — so it was a surprise when he was introduced by Southgate in the 80th minute in England's biggest match so far. The gamble paid off. Fed by another substitute in Cole Palmer, Watkins took a touch with his back to goal just inside the area and, from a tight angle, smashed a fierce shot into the bottom corner. England will play Lamine Yamal and Spain in Monday's final in Berlin. It will be the nation's first title match on foreign soil, having won the World Cup in 1966 and lost to Italy in the Euro 2020 final — both times at Wembley Stadium. The sea of orange in the giant

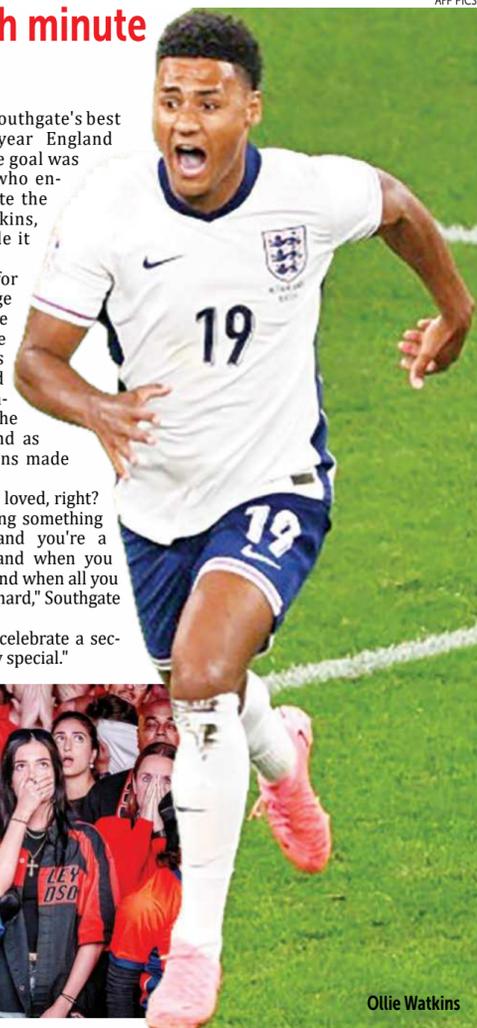
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SPAIN VS ENGLAND,
AT 12.30 AM

South Stand at Dortmund's Westfalenstadion fell silent for the first time after Watkins' late goal. It housed the most vocal of the Dutch supporters who dominated the city center before marching in their thousands to the stadium ahead of the game. Police reported three separate clashes between fans from both countries in the city. It gave the occasion the feeling of a home match for the Dutch and England was up against it even more after the 21-year-old Xavi Simons became the second youngest scorer for the Netherlands at a Euros.

RESULT
Netherlands 1 (Simons 7)
England 2 (Kane 18-pen, Watkins 90+1)

The Paris Saint-Germain midfielder dispossessed Declan Rice about 40 meters (yards) out, drove forward and unleashed a shot into the far corner from outside the area. Compared to the 16-year-old Yamal, Spain's new superstar, Simons is a soccer veteran but this was another case of a young player shining on the big stage at the Euros. Kane has had plenty of big moments at major tournaments and he had another when he slotted home a penalty after Denzel Dumfries' outstretched leg made contact with Kane's foot as the England striker attempted a shot. Kane became the sixth player to be on three goals for the tournament. An open first half, which saw Dumfries and England's Phil Foden hit the goal frame, made way for a tight and tense second half that had a huge two-minute spell when Bukayo Saka had a goal disallowed before Kane and Foden were taken off.

It might rank as Southgate's best call in his eight-year England tenure. And that the goal was set up by Palmer, who entered as a substitute the same time as Watkins, will have made it even sweeter. So often derided for his failure to change games from the bench despite the depth of talent at his disposal, England boss Gareth Southgate could drink in the acclaim in Dortmund as his bold substitutions made a decisive impact. "We all want to be loved, right? So, when you're doing something for your country and you're a proud Englishman and when you don't feel that back and when all you read is criticism, it's hard," Southgate told reporters. "So, to be able to celebrate a second final is very, very special."



Ollie Watkins



SHOCKED AND HEARTBROKEN: Dutch fans were dejected after England's Ollie Watkins scored the stoppage-time goal during the Euro semi-final match at the BVB Stadion in Dortmund

Krejčíková, Paolini to clash in final

AFP, LONDON: Czech 31st seed Barbora Krejčíková will face Italy's Jasmine Paolini in the Wimbledon final after battling back for a shock 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over former champion Elena Rybakina on Thursday. Krejčíková dug deep for victory against fourth seeded Rybakina in two hours and seven minutes on Centre Court. Krejčíková faces seventh seed Paolini on Saturday in what will be the second Grand Slam final of the 28-year-old's career after her French Open triumph in 2021. Italy's Jasmine Paolini reached her first Wimbledon final with a stirring fightback to beat tearful Croatian Donna Vekić 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (10/8) in the longest women's semi-final at

the All England Club. Paolini had never won a main draw match at Wimbledon before this year, but the world number seven tenaciously saw off Vekić in two hours and 51 minutes on Centre Court to secure a second successive Grand Slam final appearance. The 28-year-old, who lost the French Open final last month, will face 2022 Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina or Czech 31st seed Barbora Krejčíková in Saturday's final. After surviving the emotional encounter with Vekić, Paolini could celebrate becoming the first Italian woman to reach the Wimbledon final. Without a win at the All England Club heading into the tournament, Paolini now has six victories under her belt and has dropped just two sets in the process.

WIMBLEDON

Colombia edge Uruguay to enter final

To face Lionel Messi and Argentina on Monday morning

AP, CHARLOTTE (North Carolina): Colombia is headed to the Copa America championship game for the first time in 23 years after a contentious win over Uruguay in which it played the second half a man short and players brawled with fans in the stands following the final whistle. Jefferson Lerma scored in the 39th minute for a 1-0 win and a matchup with Lionel Messi and defending champion Argentina on Monday. Daniel Muñoz was ejected in first-half stoppage time for an elbow that led to his second yellow card. Despite Uruguay having 61.9% possession, Colombia held on to reach the championship for the first time since winning its only

Copa title as host in 2001. Colombia extended its unbeaten streak to a team record 28 games, one more

than from 1992-94 and the longest current streak in men's international soccer. In a match that included seven yellow cards in addition to the red, players from both teams pushed and shoved in a scrum on the field at the final whistle. Darwin Núñez and about a dozen Uruguay teammates went into the stands as fans brawled. A video showed Núñez hitting a fan in Colombian team colors. Defending champion Argentina and Colombia meet at Miami Gardens, Florida, in the tournament finale. The Albiceleste are seeking a record 16th Copa title and are looking to join Spain from 2008-12 as the only countries to win three straight major championships. Uruguay stays in Charlotte to meet Canada in Sunday's third-place match.

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Girmay wins again as Roglic suffers Tour de France fall

AFP, VILLENEUVE-SUR-LOT: Biniam Girmay won stage 12 of the Tour de France in a mass dash for the line on Thursday to extend his lead in the sprint points race with his third triumph so far, while Primož Roglič was left bloody after another fall. Girmay became the first black African to win a stage on the Tour on the third day of this year's edition at Turin and was first again on stage eight. He then proved fastest in a bunched sprint finish in stage 12 as he topped the podium ahead of Wout van Aert and Pascal Ackermann. Girmay now has 328pts to Jasper Philipsen's 217 with few real sprint stages remaining, with the exception of the one on Friday. Title pretender Roglič had been fourth overnight but trailed home 2min 27sec behind Girmay after a fall that left his shoulder bleeding. Overnight leader Tadej Pogacar remains 1min 06sec ahead of Remco Evenepoel in second, with Jonas Vingegaard in third at 1min 14sec. Pogacar's team-mate Joao Almeida is now fourth in the overall standings at 4min 20sec, with Ineos rider Carlos Rodriguez in fifth at 4min 40sec.

I could have done better in tennis than badminton: Saina Nehwal

PTI, NEW DELHI: Trailblazing Indian shuttler Saina Nehwal feels she would have perhaps excelled more as a sports person if she had picked a tennis racquet instead of playing badminton. Nehwal has an impressive resume as a badminton player. Not only she became the first Indian woman shuttler to be ranked No. 1 in the world, she was the first woman athlete from the country to win an Olympic medal. "Sometimes I feel that it would have been good if my parents had put me in tennis," Saina said during her "Her Story-My Story" talk at the Rashtrapati Bhawan. "There is more money and I had more strength I think. I could have done better in tennis than badminton," she added. While Saina has inspired many to take up badminton, the 34-year-old herself didn't have anyone to look up to

when she picked the racquet at the age of 8. "When I started, I didn't have any role models to look up to. No one to look up to and say 'I want to be world number one or be an Olympic medalist,' I hadn't seen anyone do that in badminton before me," Saina said. Beside the London Olympics bronze, Nehwal also won a bronze and a silver at the World Championships and multiple Commonwealth Games gold, including two



Opportunity for Indian players to get direct entry into junior French Open

PTI, NEW DELHI: Indian players will get an opportunity along with other Asian competitors to earn a direct entry into the junior French Open next year through the inaugural Roland-Garros Junior Series -- a qualifying event to be held from October 16-20 in Tokyo. To make it to the Tokyo event, the players in the Asian region will first have to compete in the regional qualifying tournaments in Kazakhstan (August 5-9) and China (August 11-17). The two finalists -- both boys and girls -- in these qualifying events will book their spots for the Tokyo event where the winner will be awarded direct entry into the 2025 junior French Open. The tournament is the result of an agreement between the French Tennis Federation (FFT) and the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF).

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Masood to continue as Pakistan Test captain, decision on Babar put on hold
LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and coach Jason Gillespie have reposed faith in Shan Masood to continue as national team's Test captain ahead of a packed international season, but a decision on the leadership role of Babar Azam in white ball formats has been put on hold. Pakistan is scheduled to host England in a three-match Test series in October this year, while rubbers against Bangladesh, South Africa and the West Indies are also on the calendar.

Babar Azam has got enough opportunities: Shahid Afridi
KARACHI: Former Pakistan all-rounder Shahid Afridi has come down heavily on embattled skipper Babar Azam for the team's poor performance in the T20 World Cup, saying that he had been given enough opportunities to lead the side, and it was time for the PCB to take a call on his captaincy. "Babar has got a full open chance to lead Pakistan. He has been given enough time to show his worth as captain. Now whatever surgery the PCB wants to do, they should take their decision," Afridi told the media in Birmingham where he is taking part in the World Legends Championship.

Mumbai City FC signs Greek striker Nikolaos Karelis
MUMBAI: Mumbai City FC announced the signing of Nikolaos Karelis on a one-year contract until the end of the 2024-25 season. Karelis began his journey with Greek side Ergotelis at age 16, making his debut on the final day of the 2007-08 Greek Super League season and becoming the youngest player ever fielded for Ergotelis in a league match. He has showcased his skills extensively and successfully for Greek clubs like Panathinaikos, PAOK, and, most recently, Panetolikos, whom he captained. Outside Greece, he has featured in other top European countries, including stints with Genk (Belgian Jupiler Pro League), ADO Den Haag (Netherlands Eredivisie), Brentford (English Championship), & Amkar Perm (Russian Premier League).

Bayern sign Portugal star Palhinha at second time of asking
MUNICH: Bayern Munich on Thursday finally secured the signing of Portugal midfielder Joao Palhinha from Fulham for a reported fee of 49 million euros (\$53 million) after coming close to acquiring him last year. The 28-year-old, who spent two years at Fulham after arriving from Sporting Lisbon in 2022 for 22 million euros, signed a four-year contract. Bayern had been poised to sign Palhinha in 2023, the defensive midfielder had even posed in the club's strip, but the deal fell through just before the transfer window closed when Fulham failed to find a replacement.

US coach Berhalter fired after Copa flop
LOS ANGELES: United States coach Gregg Berhalter has been fired following his team's disastrous first-round exit at the Copa America, it was reported on Wednesday. Fox Sports reported that the 50-year-old US coach, who was only brought back to manage the team last year, had been dismissed in the wake of the Copa exit. The United States Soccer Federation did not immediately confirm the report.