

HINDENBURG-SEBI ROW

Congress to hold nationwide agitation on August 22

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PTI, NEW DELHI: Amid a raging row over Hindenburg's allegations, Congress party also said it will hold a nationwide agitation on August 22, demanding SEBI chief Madhabi Puri Buch's resignation and a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the Adani issue.

The decision was taken after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge held a meeting with all party general secretaries, state unit chiefs and AICC state in-charges here to discuss organisational matters and various issues of national importance for election preparedness.

Elections are due in Haryana, Maharashtra and Jharkhand later this year. Polls could also be held in Jammu and Kashmir this year.

A resolution passed at the meeting said the Congress demands a JPC probe into the Adani "mega scam in which the prime minister is fully involved and in which

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the financial market regulator has now been found to have been severely compromised”.

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In a post on X after the

meeting, Kharge said, “The shocking revelations of nexus between SEBI and Adani need a thorough investigation. The money of small investors in the stock market can't be jeopardised.”

“Modi government must immediately seek the resignation of the SEBI chairperson and constitute a JPC in this regard,” he said.

Briefing reporters, party general secretary K C Venugopal said it was unanimously decided at the meeting that the Congress will hold a nationwide agitation on August 22, demanding the SEBI chief's resignation and a JPC probe into the Adani issue.

US short seller Hindenburg Research alleged on August 10 that Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch had stakes in obscure offshore funds used in the alleged Adani money-siphoning scandal.

UNITED WE STAND



People from various communities take part in a rally under 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign ahead of Independence Day, at Charminar, in Hyderabad, on Tuesday

Doctor rape & murder: Calcutta HC transfers probe to CBI, agency files fresh case

Bengal's healthcare remains in limbo due to widespread agitation by junior doctors; functioning of emergency and outdoor departments come to a halt in most State-run hospitals



Junior doctors of Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) stage a protest against the sexual assault and murder of a postgraduate trainee doctor in Kolkata, in Ranchi, on Tuesday

PTI, KOLKATA/NEW DELHI: The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday ordered the transfer of probe into the alleged rape and murder of a trainee doctor at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital from the Kolkata Police to the CBI.

A widespread agitation by junior doctors has crippled state healthcare services for the fifth day, with the functioning of even emergency and outdoor departments coming to a halt in most state-run hospitals.

While transferring the investigation to the CBI, a division bench presided by Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam also urged agitating doctors to call off their cease-work, maintaining that there is a “pious obligation” on their part to treat patients who come to government hospitals.

The court directed the city police to hand over the case

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diary to the central probe agency by this evening, and all other documents by 10 am on Wednesday.

The CBI took over the investigation and a team of the agency sleuths from Delhi, along with forensic scientists and medical experts. The central agency filed registered a fresh case in this matter.

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Sheikh Hasina faces murder charges

PTI, DHAKA: Bangladesh's deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and six others, including two senior ministers of her cabinet and the sacked police chief, would face trial on murder charges, court officials said on Tuesday.



Chowdhury has a s k e d police to register it as an FIR,” a court official said. He said

The murder case filed against 76-year-old Hasina is the first so far against her since she resigned and fled to India on August 5. She and six others over the death of a grocery shop owner during last month's violent clashes that led to the fall of her government.

“In line with a case filed by a resident of (Dhaka's) Mohammadpur area, Metropolitan Magistrate Rajesh

that six others who were named in the case are: Awami League general secretary and former road transport minister Obaidul Quader, home minister Asaduzzaman Khan and sacked inspector general of police (IGP) Abdullah Al Mamun, Dhaka's police commissioner Habibur Rahman, Additional IGP Harun-or-Rashid and additional joint commissioner Biplab Kumar.

Director of Fisheries charged with 'deliberately favouring' LED trawlers, GRE asks her to resign

Director Dr Shamila Monteiro refutes charges, claims matter is subjudice; GRE members march to her office

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Goenchea Ramponkaranchi Ekvott (GRE) on Tuesday charged that Director of Fisheries Shamila Monteiro was deliberately favouring trawlers owners by refusing to take necessary action against LED fishing and bull trawling and demanded her resignation.

However, Monteiro strongly refuted the charge claiming that the matter was subjudice and ruled out her resignation.

The GRE members marched to the office of the Department of Fisheries and alleged that the Director of Fisheries had failed to resolve the issue of LED light fishing.

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CAUGHT IN THE NET? CHARGES LEVELLED AT FISHERIES DIRECTOR

►► Director, Dr Shamila Monteiro is promoting policies that favour handful of large scale commercial pursuing trawlers' interests at the expense of traditional fishermen

►► Director had filed an affidavit in the High Court of Bombay at Goa that trawlers

require gensets, without them asking her to do so

►► Director is promoting the use of generator/GD sets of 60 to 150kva capacity, which will encourage the use of destructive fishing methods, such as generators and LED lights, bull trawling and high speed engines

“The Director of Fisheries is promoting policies that favour handful of large scale commercial pursuing trawlers' interests at the expense of traditional fishermen, whose livelihoods depend on sustainable fishing practices

– Olencio Simoes, GRE General Secretary

“The court is hearing the matter, and whatever the court decides, we will abide by it. I can't speak anything on it

– Dr Shamila Monteiro, Director of Fisheries

Grassroot power likely to win as govt on verge of accepting key demands of beach shack owners

Payment deadline for beach shack licences to be extended; waiver of annual 10 per cent hike in licence fees under active consideration

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PANJIM: The government to extend the payment deadline for beach shack licences and to waive off the annual 10 per cent hike in licence fees as per the request made by the Shack Owners Welfare Society (SOWS) Goa.

As per the new Goa State Shack Policy approved by the government last year, the fee structure was revised and increased by 10 per cent every year to erect temporary seasonal structures on beaches.

The Director of Tourism, Suneel Anchipaka, said that the department is in the process of getting approval from the government to extend the payment deadline by another 15 days as August 15 was the deadline

“The August 15 deadline is extremely challenging for the shack owners and they need the extension as it will greatly alleviate pressure on shack owners, allowing them to fulfill their obligations without the burden of financial strain

– Cruz Cardozo, SWOS President

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for payment of fees for the beach shack licences.

Anchipaka further said that as far as an annual 10 per cent increase in licence fees is concerned, the file has been moved to the government for a decision. He said that a delegation of beach shack oper-

ators met him on Tuesday morning and requested him to extend the deadline and to waive the annual 10 per cent hike in fees, claiming that the last year's tourism season was not good.

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Governor scales down Independence Day party to donate to Wayanad landslide victims

Flags off Street Providence's first truck with relief material for Kerala

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PANJIM: Goa Governor, P S Sreedharan Pillai on Tuesday said he has scaled down the Independence Day party and is contributing Rs 6 lakh to the Kerala Chief Minister's Relief Fund for Wayanad landslide victims.

He will also donate Rs 2 lakh from the Governor's discretionary fund to the Kerala Chief Minister's Relief Fund. He disclosed this while flagging off the Street Providence relief material truck with aid for Wayanad landslide victims.

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Governor P S Sreedharan Pillai flags off Street Providence's first truck with relief material for Wayanad, Kerala, on Tuesday

ed to cancel the programme, since it's a national day. But it will be scaled down. We can save Rs 6 lakh, which we will provide to the Kerala Chief Minister's Relief Fund and I am giving additional Rs 2

lakh from the Governor's Fund,” Pillai said.

The Governor further said, “We will stand with the people of Wayanad by ensuring no work is hampered for want of any as-

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sistance in any form and no one suffers too.” Bosco George, former DIG and volunteer of Street

Providence said, “Based on the appeals from Kerala, Street Providence is sending a truck loaded with 300 bed-sheets, 300 mats, 300 towels, 2,000 organic sanitary pads and various ration items. This is just our first lot. It is very encouraging that many other institutions have got in touch with us to raise funds and material, so that we can give it to the people of Wayanad.”

Mario Cordeiro, volunteer of Street Providence, is travelling with the team. “It is a great opportunity to reach out to the people of Wayanad through the people of Goa, who have donated to help the people in need.”

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ROMI SCRIPT EQUALITY: Navelim p'yat takes lead, writes to Commissioner of Linguistic Minorities

Navelim's is the first gram sabha to formally advocate for Konkani's Roman script to be granted official status alongside the Devanagari script through an amendment to the Official Language Act; other panchayats expected to follow suit

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MARGAO: Following a resolution passed at their recent gram sabha, the Navelim panchayat has decided to formally request the Commissioner of Linguistic Minorities in India (CLM) to grant official script status to the Roman Konkani script alongside the existing Devanagari script. This move aims to amend the Official Language Act to include the Roman script, reflecting the linguistic and cultural needs of the community.

To date, over 35 panchayats across Goa have passed similar resolutions in their gram

The Navelim panchayat has provided a copy of the letter addressed to the CLM to the Global Konknni Forum. Many other panchayats are currently drafting their letters and preparing to write to the CLM, demanding equal status for the Roman script in the Official Language Act

Jose Salvador Fernandes, Secretary, Global Konknni Forum

sabhas advocating for equal status for the Roman script. However, the Navelim village panchayat is the first to take the proactive step of formally writing to the CLM regarding this issue, setting a precedent for other panchayats.

The Global Konknni Forum, along with supporters of the Roman script from Navelim, have expressed their

appreciation for the village panchayat's move.

In her letter to the CLM, Navelim Sarpanch Lucia Carvalho said that the resolution advocating for official status for the Roman script was passed unanimously during the gram sabha held on July 7.

It is pertinent to note that Carmello Carneiro, representing the Global Konknni

Forum, recently moved a resolution highlighting that the Konkani Roman script faces injustice as it has been deprived of official status. This call for recognition has resonated widely, leading to several panchayats, including Loutolim and Taleigao, passing similar resolutions on the matter. The movement initiated by the Global Konknni Forum is gaining increasing support from across the State.

Carneiro specifically requested the Navelim gram sabha to adopt a resolution urging the CLM to address the perceived discrimination against the Roman script. He proposed that Navelim be-



come the first gram sabha to formally advocate for the Roman script to be granted official status alongside the Devanagari script through an amendment to the Official Language Act.

Reacting to Navelim's move, Jose Salvador Fer-

nandes, Secretary of the Global Konknni Forum, expressed his satisfaction with their proactive stance. He commended Navelim for being the first to formally write to the CLM regarding the Roman script and urged other panchayats to follow suit.

COASTAL CARNAGE

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A humpback dolphin, declared as a Schedule-I endangered species similar to the tiger, washed up dead on Zalor Beach in Carmona, Salcete, on Tuesday. The mammal was decomposed, indicating it died two to three days ago. This is the latest in a spree of aquatic animals and birds that have been found dead on Goa's beaches

Fatorda councillors slam MMC for bias, set to undertake private clean-up drive

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MARGAO: The Fatorda group of councillors along with MLA Vijai Sardesai criticised the Margao Municipal Council (MMC) for allegedly ignoring all the wards that come under the Fatorda constituency and failing to undertake monsoon-related cleaning, such as cutting of grass or cleaning of waste dumped along the roads and in drains.

The group told reporters that the MMC was denying them labour, excavators for grass cutting machinery because they are in the opposition.

In response to this, the Fatorda group of councillors announced that they will take up all such works

on their own via a private agency and that the same will be cleared before the Chavath festival.

Sardesai also lamented that officers are reluctant to take up the post of Chief Officer (CO) of the MMC.

On another note, the Goa Forward Party President said he was astonished to hear that the State government has planned to send Goa police to Haryana "to catch some influencers who have been drawing the attention of the whole nation to the corrupt and incompetent circus that's been the governance in Goa."

"Rounding up a few influencers will not change the reality, and the reality is that Goa is being rav-

aged," said Sardesai.

He also touched upon divided opinions amongst BJP Ministers and MLAs over Bills that were withdrawn in the monsoon Assembly session.

"Ministers are at each other's throats openly for mindless legislations, while gigantic scams like the Rs 50,000 crore Zuari land scam are allowed to happen. If you're sincere to Goa, you could wipe out our State's entire debt of Rs 30,000 crores by bringing Zuari to book and silence the critics. But you won't do it because you're the patrons who have put up our beautiful State for sale, slice by slice to outsiders, at the expense of Goemkars," said Sardesai.

Criminal waste of water: Leaky pipe in Raia left unattended for two weeks

Team Herald

MARGAO: Even as several parts of Goa struggle with poor water supply, hundreds of litres of water have been wasted at Manora-Raia due to a persistent leak in a pipeline believed to supply water from Selaulim to Vasco, which has gone unattended for the past 15 days.

Locals have urgently appealed to the Public Works Department (Water Supply) to address and stop the leakage immediately. Despite the flowing water being clearly visible on the main road, people are surprised by the department's inaction.

At Manora-Raia, just a few metres from the football ground, water is being wasted at two locations within close proximity. The leaks have caused water to continuously flow into the fields.

Menino Quadros, a local resident, voiced his frustration. "On one hand, people are struggling due to the water crisis, and on the other, au-



thorities are not taking any action to stop the leakage. We fear that if the pipeline, which is quite large, bursts, it could flood the locality."

Judas Quadros, a local panch member, said he has already informed the officer concerned from the department and requested immediate measures to stop the water wastage.

"The department has assured that they will repair the damaged pipeline, as work on replacing the old pipeline is also in progress," he added.

'Goycho Saib' Exposition: Raia P'yat plans to ferry devotees to Old Goa for free

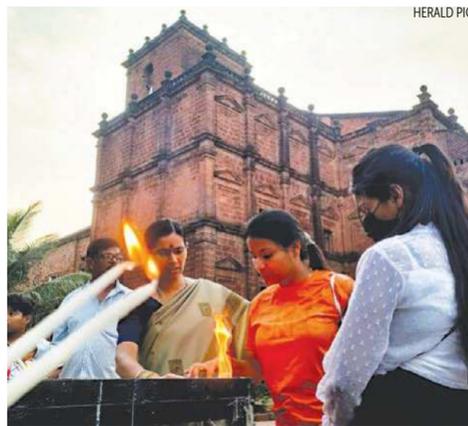
The Exposition of St Francis Xavier's relics is scheduled to begin on November 21 this year and conclude on January 5, 2025; the local body will also undertake an awareness campaign ensuring broad community participation in the sacred event

Team Herald

MARGAO: As the XVII Exposition of the Sacred Relics of 'Goycho Saib' approaches, the Raia panchayat has resolved to develop an action plan aimed at maximising awareness about the event. During its monthly meeting, the panchayat decided to ensure that villagers are well-prepared and informed about the upcoming exposition and associated programmes.

Sarpanch Peter Quadros stated that the panchayat is also considering providing free transport services for devotees travelling to Old Goa. This initiative aims to facilitate easier access to the exposition of the sacred relics of 'Goycho Saib' and ensure that more villagers can participate in the once-in-a-decade event without logistical concerns.

On Tuesday, the panchayat deliberated on a



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joint application submitted by Panch Xavier Fernandes, Minguelina D'Souza, and Anthony Barbosa, a social worker and resident of Raia. The application requested that the panchayat take proactive steps in raising awareness about the

sacred relics of Saint Francis Xavier.

"The resolution was unanimously passed by all 11 members of the panchayat, deciding to chalk out plans for putting up banners and hoardings within the panchayat jurisdiction to raise awareness about the

exposition programme," said Sarpanch Quadros.

"We are also considering providing free transport services to the devotees, which will help them avoid traffic congestion at the venue. Detailed plans for this initiative will be finalised in the coming days," added Quadros.

Meanwhile, in its body meeting, the Raia panchayat passed a resolution congratulating Anthony Barbosa, who was felicitated by the Goa Commission for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes for his outstanding contributions to the welfare of ST communities and tribal affairs.

The congratulatory motion was moved by Panch Member and former Sarpanch Minguelina D'Souza, seconded by Deputy Sarpanch Godfrey Oswald D'Souza, and was passed unanimously by all members.

Shorttakes

1 Rider dies on dug-up road in Mollem, police book staff of Delhi firm for neglect

MARGAO: Collem Police have registered an offence against the management of New Delhi-based KEI Industries Ltd New Delhi, along with associated personnel, following an accident that led to the death of Raju Bhatt, a resident of Jambolim, Mollem. The accident occurred near Ramkrishna House in Mollem on a road leading from Mollem Junction to Sancorda.

The offence was registered on behalf of the State, holding Dilip Kumar (engineer), Ashok Jadhav of Canacona (contractor), and Anand Gulabal (earthmover operator) accountable for negligence. The individuals were entrusted with the task of underground cabling by the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division-VII, Curchorem. However, they allegedly failed to take necessary precautionary measures while excavating a pit and dumped the soil on the roadside, thereby endangering human life and personal safety.

As a result of this negligence, Raju Bhatt, who was riding a scooter from Mollem towards Jambolim, collided with the unmarked excavation site, leading to his death. Police have registered the offence under Sections 106 and 125 of the BNS Act 2023. Notices under Section 35(3) of the BNS Act have been served to the accused.

2 Quepem police book two for setting Sanguem local's scooter on fire

MARGAO: Shreya Sawant of Sanguem has filed a complaint with Quepem police alleging that her scooter was set on fire by two individuals. According to her complaint, on August 11, the accused—Somesh Adnekar and Nikhil Dewar, both from Colomba, Rivona, Sanguem—allegedly poured petrol on her scooter and set it ablaze in Pimpalamol, Quepem, resulting in damages estimated at Rs 1.2 lakh.

The Quepem police have registered an offence under Section 326(f) r/w 3(5) of the BNS Act based on the complaint.

3 Man booked for rash driving, causing an accident that left two injured

MARGAO: Maina-Curtorim police have registered an offence against Girish Prabhudessai for driving his car in a rash and negligent manner and causing an accident thereby endangering human lives.

According to the police, the accident took place on August 12. The driver, Girish Prabhudessai, allegedly collided with a scooter travelling from Panjim to Margao. As a result, both the rider and the pillion rider of the scooter sustained bleeding injuries.

The Maina-Curtorim police have registered the offence under Sections 281 and 125(b) of the BNS Act and ASI Hemant Gaude is investigating.

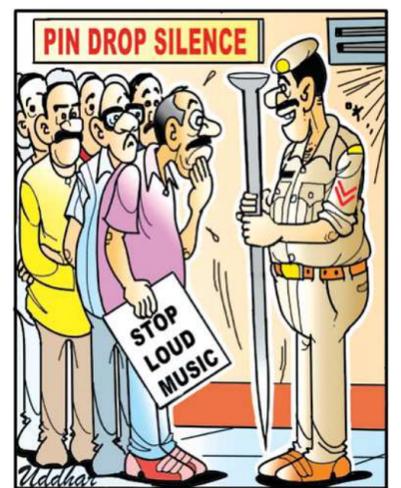
4 Andhra Pradesh passenger booked for tampering with emergency exit on Hyderabad flight

VASCO: The Dabolim Airport police have registered an FIR against a passenger from Andhra Pradesh for jeopardising the safety of other passengers on a Hyderabad-bound flight. The incident occurred early Monday morning when Yenduri Pavan Kalyan reportedly tampered with the Over Wing Exit PLA CARD on the starboard side of the aircraft. This action caused a technical glitch, posing a serious risk to the personal safety of other passengers on board the flight.

The case was filed following a complaint by Shahnawaz Shaikh, the Assistant Manager of Security at Indigo. The police have charged Yenduri Pavan Kalyan under Section 125 of the BNS Act.

PSI Akansh Fadte Dessai is leading the investigation under the guidance of Dabolim Airport PI Arun Bakre.

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SHOULD GOANS OPPOSE THE ILLEGAL TECHNO PARTIES THAT ARE BEING HELD AROUND INDEPENDENCE DAY?

Hearing that such techno parties are happening in Goa is regrettable. We celebrate August 15 with great joy. Many soldiers sacrificed their lives to give us independence. Many freedom fighters and citizens sacrificed their lives. I'm asking the government and the authorities which give permission, 'Are techno parties part of our culture?' The techno parties are a festival of alcohol and drugs. I protest such kinds of parties and appeal to the Chief Minister to stop such parties, since these are not our festivals, this is not our culture.

Shailesh Gawas, advocate

It has become a way of life for this government to allow illegal parties. Citizens have always been opposing these because it is a nuisance and a great danger to the health of senior citizens and infants. This government seems to be happy in selling the health and the peace of its citizens. The tourists once visited the State thinking that it was 'heaven on Earth'. Today the same tourists are saying 'We are seeing a glimpse of hell on Earth'. The people who have been elected to govern are harassing law abiding citizens due to their rightful demands, for the services they are entitled to. These same people are helping, law breakers due to their own ulterior motives and interests.

Trajano D'Mello, political analyst

We are observing the 77th anniversary of India's Independence. It is a day of great pride and we have to celebrate because we got independence. There are many feasts and festivals which we celebrate in different ways. Our celebrations must follow certain restrictions, especially at night. These beach parties where loud music is played and liquor flows unabated cause tremendous disturbance to the people. At least on August 15, we should take care and not trouble others. We should not disturb people. You can have parties but don't play loud music and disturb others.

Mariano Ferrao, activist

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Transport Dept gets tough on badly behaved bus operators, issues guidelines and warnings

Team Herald

MARGAO: In response to complaints filed by the public and consumer forum group GOACAN, the Transport Department held a meeting with local bus owners to address concerns raised about these bus operators.

Nixon Soares, the Assistant Director of Transport (ADT), Enforcement, South Goa convened a meeting of all the City Bus owners in his office on Tuesday to set guidelines about do's and don'ts and warned of action if the rules are not followed.

It may be recalled that earlier, in a letter addressed to the Collector and District Magistrate of South Goa,

GOACAN has called for regular checks to ensure compliance with uniform regulations, reserved seating, fare display, and the issuance of bus tickets. The letter also urges the implementation of an electric bus shuttle service from Margao KTC Bus Stand to the Konkani Railway Station between 6 pm and 10 pm, as previously discussed in district meetings

GOACAN had raised serious concerns about the misbehaviour of city bus personnel at the Margao KTC Bus Stand and en route to various destinations. The organisation has highlighted the frequent incidents of bus conductors aggressively hounding passengers at the Aquem bus stop, often resorting to physical means to coerce travellers into their vehicles.

According to GOACAN coordinator Roland Martins,

these actions not only violate the conditions stipulated under the Bus Permit by the Directorate of Transport but also amount to a deficiency of service as per the Consumer Protection Act of 2019. The letter emphasises that such behaviour is not isolated to a single location but is also prevalent at the Margao KTC Bus Stand, where passengers arriving from Panjim and Vasco are often subjected to sim-

ilar treatment. It has been reported that bus drivers even reverse their vehicles to block the path of passengers, allowing conductors to forcibly board them onto the buses.

To address these concerns, GOACAN has proposed several measures. They have suggested the designation of a specific bus bay at the Margao KTC Bus Stand for city buses, which would help streamline operations and make it easier for both locals and tourists to locate these services. The organisation also recommends issuing a 'Margao City Bus' sticker to these buses to facilitate monitoring by the Directorate of Transport's MV Inspectors and Traffic Police.

Drugs emerge as key reason for Delhi youth's brutal murder at Baga

Three petty thieves, accused of murdering Harish Tanwar, approached him asking for the weed he was smoking; a scuffle erupted when he refused to entertain them; the trio then tried to steal his bag, which escalated into the deadly stabbing

Team Herald

CALANGUTE: Even as the State government continues to be lax towards the drugs menace in Goa, it has emerged that banned substance was the key reason for Harish Tanwar, a 23-year-old student from Delhi, getting brutally murdered at Baga beach, on Saturday.

According to a senior police officer, Tanwar resisted when the three accused approached him asking about the weed he was smoking, a scuffle erupted when he refused to entertain them. Then all the

three accused tried to steal his bag, which escalated into the deadly stabbing.

"The deceased was sitting at one corner in the dark at the Baga beach and smoking the banned substance, where all three approached Tanwar asking for the smoke, which he refused. Then they (accused) started stealing his bag of valuables where the scuffle turned into stabbing that resulted in the death," a senior police officer said.

All the three accused have accepted of committing the crime, court has granted seven days police custody with



Dinesh Tanwar's body was found at Baga on Saturday

the investigation officer. "There were multiple stabbing injuries on the body of Tanwar and as per post-mortem report the death was due to excessive bleeding," said a senior police officer.

It may be recalled that Tanwar was found dead

on the Baga beach around 200 metres away from the famous night club lane at around 1 am on Saturday. His body was later sent to the Goa Medical College for post-mortem examination where it was revealed that Tanwar has multiple stab injuries all over his body

BAGA MURDER ACCUSED GET 7-DAY POLICE CUSTODY

CALANGUTE: The three accused persons who were arrested by Calangute police on Monday for allegedly murdering Delhi resident Harsh Dinesh Tanwar, 25, on Baga beach last Saturday, were on Tuesday remanded to seven-day police custody by the JMFC Mapusa.

In the remand application, police said the accused attempted to sell grass to the deceased claiming it was ganja. When Tanwar refused to pay for the fake ganja, the three attacked him. In the melee, one of the accused was also stabbed by Tanwar. The three then over-

powered him and stabbed him multiple times, leading to his death.

After killing the deceased, the suspects also ran away with Rs 10,000 in cash. During investigations, police found some footwear near the victim's body. On checking CCTV footage from the area, they identified the accused who were seen leaving the spot barefoot. The three, Sahil Bhatnagar, a resident of Calangute, Noor Khan, resident of Parra and Sunil Vishwakarma, native of Nepal, were all drug addicts and involved in petty crimes, police said.

and he bled to death. The Calangute Police on Monday registered a murder case against the

trio after receiving the post-mortem report. Police later scanned the area and rounded up three suspects who confessed that they

had brutally stabbed the deceased with a knife and fled with his belongings.

According to police, the accused make their living by selling the spurious substances to the tourists and by committing petty thefts, as per locals.

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SAGUN GAWADE



(W)H)ATER WASTE: Railway authorities have turned a blind eye to a cracked pipeline at the Karmali Railway Station, leaving hundreds of litres of drinking water to flow to waste

Don't waste our academic year: BVoc students tell Goa University

Team Herald

PANJIM: The State unit of National Students Union of India (NSUI) accompanied by Bachelor of Vocational programme (BVoc) students, on Tuesday met the Goa University Registrar Prof V S Nadkarni and requested him not to bar them from progressing to the next academic year due to the absence of a structured BVoc course Ordinance.

The students feared that it would result in the loss of an entire academic year for them and the Registrar assured them that necessary amendments to the Ordinance would be made promptly to address this issue and provide relief to the students, informed

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NSUI Goa unit president Naushad Chowdhuri.

After meeting the Registrar, Chowdhuri said that due to failure in skilled course, the programme director and the department was not promoting students. Stating that as per

the Ordinance, a student cannot be debarred from progressing to the next academic year, he said, "We met Goa University Registrar and discussed the issue in detail. Registrar has assured us that he will discuss the matter in detail with the programme director and the dean of the school and ensure that the student won't lose his/her academic year."

The Registrar has also assured the students that the Statute will also be revised and made pro-student so that they do not lose their precious year, according to Chowdhuri.

BVoc degree course is conducted only in Goa University, Government College of Khandola and Shree Damodar College, Margao.

Rampant hill cutting still going on in Goa, claims Congress

Alleges administration in slumber; wakes up only when media highlights issues; says the landslides and subsequent disasters in Wayanad which claimed hundreds of lives should serve as an eye opener for Goa

Team Herald

PANJIM: Stating that rampant hill cutting is going on across the state, the Congress on Tuesday demanded strict regulations to prevent such illegal activities and called for a thorough inquiry into the matter.

Addressing a press conference, Vice President of Goa Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) Sunil Kawathankar said, "The Chief Minister recently said hill cutting would not be tolerated but even after his statement, such activities are still being witnessed almost daily all over in the State and the administration does not swing into action unless the media highlights it."

"This only indicates that the administration led by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant is almost dead because restoration of hill cutting is not possible. Conversion of eco-sensitive zones are being done on a large scale and the Congress party will not remain silent as far as hill cutting

and destruction of environment is concerned," warned Kawathankar and questioned on how hills can be converted into settlement zones.

"Every Goan must think in which direction the State is proceeding. The land rates have skyrocketed because of rampant conversions and now Goans cannot even afford to buy a small plot land in the state," he said.

Pointing out that a few days back landslides had taken place in Wayanad in Kerala which claimed hundreds of lives, are an eye opener for Goa, Kawathankar said that the departments should refrain from meddling with ecologically sensitive areas in the State. "If we observe the monsoon pattern and rains received by Goa this year which caused landslides and flooding in many areas in the state. Four days ago, a meeting of the State Disaster Management Authority was held but it was observed that there was no seriousness

in the meeting. North Goa District Collector did not inform concerned departments about the meeting which is irresponsibility on the part of the administration. It is a matter of fear that there is no seriousness for the meeting of the disaster management authority," said Kawathankar.

Meanwhile, Kawathankar has written to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant demanding a thorough investigation into the ongoing illegalities and called for action against violators.

He has also demanded that measures to restore damaged areas be implemented in letter and spirit to prevent further degradation of the environment.

Kawathankar said, "The recent hill cutting incident in broad daylight at Dharbandora is a stark reminder of your government's inaction and complicity. Rampant hill cutting activities are taking place across the state causing irreparable damage to Goa's ecosystem and threatening its citizens."

Nitin Raiker to be awarded President's Fire Service Medal

Team Herald

PANJIM: In appreciation of meritorious service, the Government of India has declared President's Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service to Director Fire and Emergency Services **Nitin V Raiker**, which will be presented to him, on Thursday, on the occasion of Independence Day.

Raiker joined the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services on January 3, 1991 as Assistant Station Fire Officer and was subsequently promoted to the post of Station Fire Officer (SFO), Assistant Divisional Officer and Deputy Director (Fire Services). He has held the Director, Fire and Emergency Service post since October 1, 2021.

During his tenure in the department, he has undergone Sub-Officers Course, Station Officer and Instructors course and Divisional Officer Course (DOC) from the National Fire Service College, Nagpur. He has passed DOC in distinction and secured a Gold Medal.



Drunken Haryana native cooks up robbery tale to fool cops, nailed

Team Herald

PANJIM: Fearing a dressing down from his employers for damaging a company vehicle, Niraj Sourat, a Haryana resident who got drunk and met with an accident scripted an elaborate story to say that he was attacked, robbed and his vehicle was set afire. His well scripted tale was torn to shreds by the acting Anjuna PI Paresh Naik who found that Sourat was lying through his teeth. He was severely reprimanded, warned and sent off after giving and apology to the



cops for wasting their time.

Police said that Sourat was employed at a construction company in Anjuna and drove the vehicle bearing registration number GA04C 2134 allegedly in drunken stupor, had a tiff with some unknown persons by the roadside, took a U turn

and as he was zooming, he lost control over the vehicle which turned over, was badly damaged and caught fire. "Sourat then managed to get out of the vehicle by breaking the windscreen and called up the cops to say he was robbed by four men of Rs 1,50,000 near Khursawado, Assagao on Monday night and his vehicle was torched," said the PI.

The police initially believed him but on seeing him drunk, they became suspicious and on grilling Sourat they found discrepancies in the narration of

the sequence of events and questioned him again.

The PI said that Sourat then allegedly broke down and spilled the beans and told the cops that he had lost control of his vehicle and met with a self accident. Aware that he would be pulled up by the company, he cooked up a story of getting mugged by the roadside only to be hauled up by the Anjuna police for drinking under the influence of alcohol and the creating nuisance.

"Sourat then tendered an unconditional apology to the police," said PI Naik.

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Despite surplus monsoon, taps in Mardol run dry

Villagers of Mardol-Simepain have faced water scarcity since June; last Sunday, residents did not receive water the entire day; even when supply is restored, they struggle with poor water pressure

Team Herald

PONDA: Residents of Mardol have been grappling with a severe water shortage for the past month, causing distress among the community, particularly housewives who are struggling with the lack of continuous water supply. The irregular water supply in the Mardol-Simepain area has left many residents wandering in search of water, despite the ongoing monsoon rains outside.

This issue is not new for the villagers. Prior to July, the water supply was already inconsistent, prompting locals to voice their concerns to their MLA and Art and Culture Minister, Govind Gaude.

Minister Gaude intervened at the time, ordering the department concerned to restore a stable water supply, which provided temporary relief for about two weeks.

However, the problem has resurfaced, with the water supply once again becoming irregular. Last Sunday, there was no water supply for the entire day. Even when water is available, it lacks the necessary pressure to reach the upper floors of houses, complain locals.

Frustrated by the recurring problem, residents of Mardol are now urgently calling on the authorities to address the situation and ensure a consistent and adequate water supply.

Goa Dairy to set up new milk processing plant at Usgao

Team Herald

PONDA: Goa Dairy is set to expand its operations with the establishment of a new milk processing plant at Usgao. This was announced by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant during an interaction with the media after inspecting the existing Goa Dairy Plant here and meeting with its officials. The Chief Minister said the new plant is a crucial step towards meeting the State's future dairy requirements for the next fifty years.

At present, Goa Dairy is managed by an Administrator and is reportedly running in profit, after a long period. CM Sawant noted that both the employees and shareholders are content with the profitable operations under the current administration. He credited the turnaround to the appointment of an administrative team that has effectively managed the dairy's operations.



The new plant at Usgao, supported by the Central government, will complement the existing dairy facilities at Curti, which will continue to operate. The new facility will not only focus on milk processing but will also produce other dairy products.

Parag Nagarsekar, Chairman of the three-member Administrative Committee overseeing Goa Dairy, along with in-charge MD Rama Parab and member Sandeep Parsekar, shared additional details about the new project. He stated that the new plant will enable Goa Dairy to supply milk to customers within 24 hours of procurement without the use of preservatives, ensuring fresh and high-quality milk reaches consumers. Currently, Goa Dairy sells around 50,000 litres of milk daily.

Furthermore, Nagarsekar mentioned that Goa Dairy has a unique initiative where it accepts empty milk packets of any brand and provides a half-litre milk packet in exchange. Additionally, to support educational institutions, Goa Dairy offers flavoured milk at a 50% discounted rate, providing the refreshing drink at Rs 10 to students.

Govt to launch veterinary college with 60 seats at Curti-Ponda

PONDA: The Goa government plans to start a Veterinary College with an initial capacity of 60 students at the Animal Husbandry premises in Curti-Ponda. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant made this announcement after inspecting the premises alongside a team of officials on Tuesday.

Following the successful establishment of an Agriculture College, the government is now focused on expanding educational opportunities in veterinary science. The proposed Veterinary College will offer a graduate course aimed at addressing the growing demand for veterinary doctors and hospitals within the State.

Chief Minister Sawant

said the initiative will also benefit Goan students who currently have to travel to other states to pursue veterinary education. At present, approximately eight students are sent to other States annually for veterinary studies under government funding, with some students also enrolling in private colleges outside Goa.

The government is in the process of obtaining the necessary approvals from Goa University. Once granted, they will seek permission from the Veterinary Council, paving the way for the college to open by October of this academic year. The appointment of a principal and staff for the college is also expected to take place shortly.

Priyanka Pavitra Velip elected sarpanch of Khola village panchayat

Team Herald

CANACONA: Priyanka Pavitra Velip was unanimously elected sarpanch of Khola village panchayat during the special meeting held on Friday.

The post of the sarpanch had fallen vacant after the resignation of Krishna Velip, as the mutual agreement between the majority panchayat members.

Besides Priyanka and Velip, deputy sarpanch Tejal Pagui, and panchayat member Ajay Pagui, Pandhari alias Babu Prabhudesai, Krupesh Velip, Pradnya Gautam Kamat and Priyanka Prasad Velip were present.

ent. However, panchayat member Prabhakar Vaiz abstained.

The ruling panchas owe their allegiance to the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Later, the newly elected sarpanch and others met former Deputy Chief Minister Chandrakant 'Babu' Kavalekar, who assured them his support in the development of the Khola village.

Priyanka Velip thanked Kavalekar and all panchayat members for reposing their faith in her and assured them that she will take all panchayat members into confidence for the development of the village.

TRENDING TRICOLOUR



A woman sells an assortment of Indian National flags, along with brooches, badges and hairbands at the Panjim Municipal Market, on Tuesday, ahead of Independence Day

Confederation of All India Rail Users Assn press for Tivim halt of Ernakulam-Pune Express

Team Herald

PORIEM: The Confederation of All India Rail Users Association, Goa has demanded the stoppage of Ernakulam-Pune express train at Tivim railway station in North-Goa.

In a memorandum addressed to Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnav, the Confederation of All India Rail Users Association (CAIRUA), Goa has requested the minister for a stoppage of Ernakulam-Pune (via Panvel) at Tivim railway station.

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forced to travel from Margao railway station thereby causing significant inconvenience, increased travel time and higher costs for thousands of passengers. Therefore, the stoppage of this train (22149-22150) at Tivim will benefit several students, tourists, employees, business class to commute

easily in both directions. It is also mentioned in the memorandum that during peak season, the bus ticket fares are exorbitant and beyond the reach of ordinary commuters and students. Recently, the similar memorandum was submitted to Rajya Sabha MP Sadanand Shet Tanavade.

Speaking to **O Herald**, the president of CAIRUA, KJ Joy has informed that, on Friday Rajya Sabha MP Tanavade raised this issue in the Upper House. Speaking further, Joy informed that this demand is pending since 2015, although several representations were submitted to concerned authorities from time to time.

SC allows State govt to e-auction abandoned iron ore

Directs to deposit proceeds in State treasury with no share to the mine owners

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Supreme Court has allowed the Goa government to auction iron ore, abandoned at different locations and which was not inventoried earlier, and disposed of writ petitions filed by Goa Foundation and 22 mine owners.

The bench comprising Justice B R Gavai and Justice K V Viswanathan stated that the entire proceeds from the said e-auctions be deposited in the State treasury and not parted with, by the private miners.

The Court also took on record statement made on behalf of the Goa government

that the amount realised would not be parted with by the miners and the same was treated as an undertaking given to this Court.

The Goa government had also filed an application seeking permission to auction 1.94 million tons of iron ores lying at different locations across the State, through e-auction.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce its verdict on August 14, on whether its July 25 verdict upholding the power of States to levy tax on mineral rights and mineral-bearing land will have a retrospective or prospective effect.

In a majority 8:1 verdict on July 25, the bench had held that legislative power to tax mineral rights vests with States.

Meanwhile, the Goa govt will e-auction three more mineral blocks spread across 526 hectares of land at Honda, Curpem and Sulcorna and Codli in Phase III.

The last date for the purchase of tender documents after payment of a tender fee on the website of the e-auction platform provider is September 24, and the last date for submission of the bid is October 4. The government had already auctioned nine mineral blocks in the first two phases of e-auctioning.

Goan Seamen Association lauds S Goa MP for raising seafarers' issues in Parliament

Say it's a step in right direction; optimistic it will have a positive impact, improve conditions and opportunities for seafarers

Team Herald

MARGAO: The Goan Seamen Association of India hailed South Goa Member of Parliament Captain Viriato Fernandes for raising the issue of seafarers in Parliament and stated that the concern is a step in the right direction.

The Association expressed support for Fernandes' efforts, recognising the positive impact such attention can have on improving conditions and opportunities for seafarers.

Based on the question raised by MP Viriato Fernandes, the Ministry of

External Affairs provided data regarding Indian seafarers held captive in foreign jails and the measures taken to secure their release. The information revealed that 86 Indian seafarers are currently in foreign jails.

The number of missing Indian seafarers from 2020 to 2024 is nearly 357. In response to the issue raised by Fernandes, the central government has stated that they ensure ship-owners and protection and indemnity clubs take the necessary steps to address the challenges faced by seafarers.

“We have high hopes that all our issues will be discussed with the concerned authorities by the MP – Frank Viegas, President GSAL”

“Indian missions abroad provided timely consular access and support to seafarers in distress. This includes ensuring seafarers have access to legal aid, communication with family and other necessary services. During the 132nd session of the International Maritime Organization

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Council, various ports states have been engaged to discuss and resolve issues related to the fair

treatment of seafarers,” further stated by the central government.

In yet another reply, it has been stated that the stringent action is taken against seafarers recruitment companies that violate the merchant shipping rules 2016. Further, the action is also taken as per merchant shipping notice 11 of 2024 against the concerned companies resorting to deceitful practices.

“We have high hopes that all our issues will be discussed with the concerned authorities by the MP,” said Frank Viegas, President GSAL.

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GRASSROOT POWER LIKELY TO WIN AS GOVT ON VERGE OF ACCEPTING KEY DEMANDS OF BEACH SHACK OWNERS

As many as 364 temporary shacks, the majority of them on North Goa beaches, will be permitted this year by the Department of Tourism.

The SWOS had submitted memorandums to all the authorities concerned on Tuesday, such as the Chief Minister (CM), Tourism Minister and Tourism Department. According to Cruz Cardozo, SWOS President, the Tourism Director gave them an assurance that the government would accept their demand for the extension of the payment deadline.

While August 15 was the date fixed by the tourism department as the last day to pay the renewal fees, SOWS had asked that this date be extended until August 25.

The shack operators had earlier pointed out that due to the ongoing negotiations with the government concerning their main demand for reducing the fees, the payment process was on hold.

They had defended this stance of delaying the payment so far as they were in the process of actively engaging in discussions with the government to reach a mutually beneficial agreement.

They had also explained that the earlier August 15 deadline was extremely challenging for the shack owners and they needed the extension as it would greatly alleviate pressure on shack owners, allowing them to fulfill their obligations without the burden of financial strain.

SWOS also demanded for reduction in the cost of the fee licence, as well as other appeals, such as the issuance of held-up licences and immediate demarcation, etc.

Cardozo said that as far as reducing licence fees, the Tourism Department has communicated to them verbally that the Department would keep the fees structure as it is and not increase it by 10% this year, which was supposed to be done for the upcoming season.

While this is not exactly what the shack operators wanted, it is seen as a meeting in the middle for the operators and

the government but negotiations on this topic are expected to continue.

“Last season, significant delays in issuing beach shack licences caused severe disruption for many local businesses. The licences, which were delayed by three months, coincided with a critical period where tourism typically peaks. This delay, coupled with the parliamentary elections, resulted in substantial decline in tourist arrivals,” read the letter submitted by SOWS to the CM, Tourism Minister and Tourism Department, in which they asked for reduction of licensing fees this year.

In the letter, they further broke down the financial losses incurred.

“Due to the delay, beach shack owners were unable to operate during the prime tourist season, leading to significant revenue losses. For instance, many reported a drop of upto 50% in their expected earnings for the season. This loss has had a cascading effect, impacting not just the business owners but also their employees and the local economy at large,” Cardozo stated in the letter.

DOCTOR RAPE & MURDER: CALCUTTA HC TRANSFERS PROBE TO CBI, AGENCY FILES FRESH CASE

The direction was passed by the High Court in the wake of a petition moved by the victim's parents praying for a court-monitored probe and multiple other PILs seeking probe transfer to the CBI.

The interim order came five days after the gruesome incident had come to light and five days ahead of the probe deadline of Sunday issued to the police by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, beyond which she had vowed to hand over investigations to the central agency.

The body of the postgraduate trainee with severe injury marks all over was found inside the seminar hall of the State-run hospital's chest department on Friday morning. The preliminary autopsy report suggested she was subjected to violent sexual assault.

Despite the Kolkata Police arresting a civic volunteer

named Sanjay Roy, in this connection on Saturday, the move failed to silence the clamour of allegations of a botched up investigation and evidence tampering which have now snowballed into an outrage of junior doctors spreading across medical campuses of the state and beyond.

The State's joint platform of doctors has called for a strike at Out Patient Departments (OPDs) in all government and private hospitals of the State on Wednesday to protest the RG Kar Hospital incident.

Junior doctors and interns across West Bengal continued their cease work on Tuesday, protesting against the incident and demanding adequate security for hospital staff.

The probe transfer order was passed following the court's observation that no significant progress in investigations was made by the police in the past five days, a conclusion that the bench reached after going through the case diary it had summoned to court and hearing arguments of all parties involved.

DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES CHARGED WITH 'DELIBERATELY FAVOURING' LED TRAWLERS, GRE ASKS HER TO RESIGN

They also charged her with misusing her power as the director for her own benefit and implementing policies detrimental to the interests of the local fishing community of Goa, and demanded her resignation.

The GRE also pointed out that Monteiro had filed an affidavit in the High Court of Bombay at Goa that trawlers require gensets, without them asking her to do so.

GRE General Secretary, Olencio Simoes said, “Director of Fisheries is promoting policies that favour handful of large scale commercial pursuing trawlers' interests at the expense of traditional fishermen, whose livelihoods depend on sustainable fishing practices.”

Simoes further charged in the affidavit that the director of fisheries was promoting the use of generator/GD sets of 60 to 150kva capacity, which will encourage the use of destructive fishing methods, such as generators and LED lights, bull trawling and high speed engines which will contribute to the

depletion of marine resources, threatening the ecological balance and long-term sustainability of our fisheries.

“This clearly shows the nexus of the Director with the violators as she is advocating the use of generator/GD sets of 60 to 150 kva capacity required for fishing trawlers of 15 to 23 metres in length, so much so that the Director had produced fraudulent report from Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET), Kochi-Kerala, on the pretext to power the auxiliary engine for the purpose of operating safety equipment,” Simoes said.

“It is clear that 60 to 150 kva capacity DG sets were required to power the use of LED lights which was banned by the Goa government in 2016,” he said.

Goa was the first State across the country to ban use of destructive gears like bull or pair trawling and use of LED lights equipped with or with generator in territorial waters.

While hearing two public interest litigation (PIL) writ petitions filed by the Goa Foundation and traditional fishermen last month, the director of fisheries filed an affidavit stating that DG sets of 60 to 150 kva capacity are required on vessels of 15 metres to 23 metres in length as these vessels venture out into the sea beyond 12 nautical miles, beyond the territorial waters for several days at a time.

She further stated that vessels which are less than 15 metres long, the use of DG sets is not required on such vessels.

The Director of Fisheries has also placed on record a report of the CIFNET conveying its opinion on use of DG sets onboard fishing vessels, which states that auxiliary engine/DG sets may be carried out onboard fishing vessels for the purpose of operating safety equipment as specified under Rule 7 and Rule 10 of the Merchant Fishing Rules, 1995.

Strongly refuting the allegations made by GRE, Monteiro said that the matter was before the court, and it's sub judice. “The court is hearing the matter, and whatever the court decides, we will abide by it. I can't speak anything on it,” she said.



Former deputy chief minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia interacts with a student at a school in West Vinod Nagar, New Delhi



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar speaks at the launch of the Indiaspora BCG Impact Report, in New Delhi



Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma with veteran singer Dipen Barua at a meeting, in Guwahati. Dipen's brother Ramen Barua went missing since July 22



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at the 11th Convocation of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, in Bhopal

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'Malkhamb' skills being displayed during full dress rehearsal for the Independence Day celebrations, at Manekshaw Parade Ground in Bengaluru, on Tuesday

Airhostess dragged, molested by bike rider in Lutyens' Delhi; nabbed from UP

NEW DELHI: An airhostess was allegedly dragged and molested by an e-bike taxi rider on the way to her home from east Delhi, police said on Tuesday. The incident took place on the Simon Bolivar Marg near Buddha Jayanti Park on Wednesday night, when the woman was returning home on the taxi bike she had hired in east Delhi. Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi) Devesh Kumar Mahla said on the basis of the woman's complaint, police nabbed Jaiveer, 35, from Uttar Pradesh's Auraiya. Mahla said he was booked under sections 74/76/109(1)/115(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at Chanakyaपुरi Police Station. According to police sources, the accused was suspected to be involved in previous criminal cases. The woman in her complaint told police that she had hired an e-bike to go towards Dwarka later Wednesday night.

Punjab: Notorious drug smuggler Billa Havelian detained under PITNDPS Act, sent to Assam jail

CHANDIGARH: Notorious drug smuggler Balwinder Singh was detained under the stringent Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, a senior Narcotics Control Bureau officer said on Tuesday. This was the first such action, which aims to break the jail-based drugs mafia link in the region, initiated by the bureau in Punjab. Under the stringent Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PITNDPS) Act, a habitual offender can be put under preventive detention for a period of one year without bail. Balwinder Singh alias Billa Havelian will be lodged in Assam's Dibrugarh jail, the officer said. Billa, who hails from Havelian village in Tarn Taran district, has been active in drugs smuggling since 1992 and has 'deep connections' with Pakistan-based drug syndicates, said the Narcotics Control Bureau officer.

Seven killed in three road accidents in UP

MUZAFFARNAGAR: Seven people, including a police constable and his wife, were killed in separate road accidents on the Delhi-Dehradun national highway here in the last 24 hours, police said on Tuesday. Constable Sudhir Kumar (28) and his wife Sonia (26) were killed when their motorcycle was hit by a truck on Tuesday. Due to the collision, a portion of the truck caught fire and the couple were trapped under the vehicle, they said. A fire brigade was rushed to the spot to control the blaze. Kumar was posted in Moradabad district, Circle Officer (Nai Mandi) Rupali Rao said. The truck driver fled the scene. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem, police said. In the second incident, Ishwar Dayal (25) and Sandeep Verma (28) were killed when their motorcycle was hit by a speeding unidentified vehicle under the Mansurpur police station area on Tuesday, police said.

Relief for Patanjali's Balakrishna, Ramdev as SC closes contempt case

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Supreme Court on Tuesday closed the contempt case against Ramdev and Acharya Balakrishna, accepting their undertakings to stop issuing misleading advertisements and other claims regarding Patanjali Ayurved Ltd products.

A petition filed by Indian Medical Association which approached the Supreme Court in 2022 against disparaging remarks by Ramdev and Patanjali against modern medicine. The petition showed that Patanjali's advertisements promising miracle cures for

lifestyle disorders and other illness violated the law under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 and the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1954.

The court had issued contempt notices to Ramdev and Balakrishna after the advertisements continued to appear in newspapers in violation of an undertaking given by the company in November last year.

On August 6, the Supreme Court asked IMA President Dr RV Asokan to publish apologies in all prominent newspapers that car-

ried his interview over his controversial remarks regarding the hearing on misleading advertisements in the top court. A bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Sandeep Mehta also made it clear that Asokan would bear the expenses for the same from his own pocket and not to be done on the IMA's behalf. The court then adjourned the matter. The court also expressed unhappiness with Asokan for the nature of the apology tendered by him in the matter.

Earlier Asokan's lawyer apprised the court that an

apology for his controversial remarks regarding the Patanjali hearing has been published in the various media platforms and on its website too. When the IMA website is opened, there is a pop-up of this apology. He also apprised the court that the IMA president expressed regret and furnished an unconditional apology for such statements, news agency ANI reported.

The court was dealing with the IMA's plea seeking to frame guidelines for prohibiting false and misleading advertisements in relation to allopathy and modern medicine.

SC verdict on effect of judgement on State's power to tax mineral rights, today

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce its verdict on August 14 on whether its July 25 verdict upholding the power of States to levy tax on mineral rights and mineral-bearing land will have a retrospective or prospective effect.

In a majority 8:1 verdict on July 25, the bench had held that legislative power to tax mineral rights vests with States. The verdict had overruled a 1989 judgement, which held that only the Centre has power to impose royalty on minerals and mineral bearing land.

Some opposition-ruled mineral rich states are now seeking refund of royalty levied by the Centre and taxes from the mining companies since the 1989 verdict.

A nine-judge constitution bench headed by C J D Y Chandrachud was told by the Centre that it opposed the demand of states for refund of royalty levied on mines and minerals since 1989, saying it will impact the citizens and the PSUs will have to empty their coffers by Rs 70,000 crore according to initial estimates.

On July 31, the bench also comprising Justices Hrishikesh Roy, Abhay S Oka, BV Nagarathna, JB Pardiwala, Manoj

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Misra, Ujjal Bhuyan, Satish Chandra Sharma and Augustine George Masih had reserved its verdict on the issue.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, had told the bench that making the July 25 verdict retrospective will have cascading effects as the companies will pass on the financial burden on the citizens.

He said the 1989 verdict had held the field for 35 years and the financial impact of the July 25 judgement will be on companies undertaking mining operations, which will be different for each state.

"A preliminary estimate of the potential financial impact of the judgement due to past State levies which may become due (in the form of additional state levies of taxes, interest and penalties) on only the Public Sector Units (PSUs) engaged in mining, and in production activities dependent on minerals (like electricity production), is to the tune of Rs 70,000 crore," he had submitted.

HINDENBURG REPORT 2.0

Vishal Tiwari was one of the petitioners before the top court in 2023 and had sought a probe into the allegations of stock price manipulation by the Adani group.

On January 3, in a significant win for the group, the top court had refused to transfer the probe into allegations of stock price manipulation by it to a special investigation team or the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), saying the market regulator was carrying out a "comprehensive investigation" and its conduct

The SEBI chief has denied these allegations as baseless and this court also held that third party reports cannot be considered. But this all has created an atmosphere of doubt in the minds of public and investors and in such circumstances, it becomes incumbent for SEBI to conclude the pending investigations and declare the conclusion of the investigations

— Vishal Tiwari, Petitioner

"inspires confidence".

In his fresh application, Tiwari challenged an order of the Supreme Court registrar of August 5 refusing to register his plea for expeditious completion of the pending investigation by SEBI in two cases related to the allegations levelled against the Adani group.

Referring to the latest Hindenburg report, Tiwari said, "...the SEBI chief has denied these allegations as baseless and this court also held that third party reports cannot be considered. But this all has created an atmosphere of doubt in the minds of public and investors and in such circumstances, it becomes incumbent for SEBI to conclude the pending investigations and declare the conclusion of the investigations."

He added, "The report cited

Hindenburg charges against SEBI chief now beyond ruling party-opposition debate: Mayawati

PTI, LUCKNOW: Hindenburg Research's allegations against the SEBI chairperson have now gone beyond a debate between the ruling party and the opposition and are affecting the Centre's credibility, BSP chief Mayawati said on Tuesday.

She also said that it would have been better if the Centre had ordered a high-level inquiry into the matter by now.

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati said in a post on X, "First the Adani Group and now the SEBI chief-related Hindenburg report are again in

the news and the allegations and counter-allegations are continuing to such an extent that it is being said to affect the national interest. Despite the clarifications provided by Adani and SEBI, the issue remains on the boil."

"By the way, this issue is now beyond debate between the ruling party and the opposition and is affecting the goodwill ('saakh') and credibility of the Centre itself. It would have been better if the Centre had ordered a high-level inquiry, ie JPC or judicial inquiry, by now," she said in Hindi.

whistleblower documents. The report comes a year and a half after its damaging report on the Adani Group that had far-reaching consequences, including the cancellation of the company's flagging Rs 20,000 crore follow-on public offer."

After the Hindenburg report was published, Madhabi Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch in a joint statement strongly denied the "baseless allegations and insinuations made in the report".

The same, they asserted, "Are devoid of any truth".

In his application, Tiwari told the top court that it is in public interest and the interest of the investors who lost their funds after the publication of the Hindenburg report in 2023 to know about the investigations led by SEBI and its

conclusions. Tiwari contended that by refusing to register his plea on the grounds of "no reasonable cause for registration", the registrar has virtually suspended his fundamental right and has closed the door of the apex court for the petitioner forever.

"This court has clearly fixed the timeline of three months for the completion of investigations by the SEBI. By using the word 'preferably' it cannot be understood that no timeline was fixed. When specifically three months have been mentioned in the order, it is sufficient to be understood as prudent that a fixed time period is laid down for the completion of the pending investigations," his application said.

Referring to the August 10 re-

port of Hindenburg Research, Tiwari said it alleged that the current chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), and her husband had stakes in offshore funds linked to the Adani Group's alleged money siphoning scandal.

Tiwari submitted that dismissal of a plea filed by another petitioner seeking review of the January 3 verdict will have no bearing on the present application as he has not sought the review of the order nor has he challenged the same.

"The nature and grounds of review petition were totally different from the present miscellaneous application filed by the petitioner herein for the compliance of the order dated January 3, 2024," his application said.

DRAWING FIBRE



Farm workers clean fibres extracted from jute at a village, in Nagaon district, Assam, on Tuesday

MONEY LAUNDERING

Charges framed against TMC MP Gokhale: ED

PTI, NEW DELHI: A special PMLA court in Ahmedabad framed criminal charges under the anti-money laundering law against TMC's Rajya Sabha MP Saket Gokhale on Tuesday, the Enforcement Directorate said.

The money laundering case against Gokhale stems from a Gujarat Police FIR filed in connection with alleged misuse of money he had collected through crowd-funding.

"The Ld. Principal District and Sessions Judge, Ahmedabad (Rural) and designated Special Court PMLA, Ahmedabad today framed criminal charges against Saket Gokhale, MP Rajya Sabha and national spokesperson of All India Trinamool Congress under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002..." the ED said in a statement.

It said a charge sheet was filed against the 31-year-old MP under the anti-money laundering law last year. The ED had arrested him in January, 2023.

Will take back Ladki Bahin funds, NDA ally MLA threatens voters

PTI, MUMBAI/JALGAON: A political row erupted over Independent MLA and NDA ally Ravi Rana's remarks implying that funds distributed to women under the Maharashtra government's "Ladki Bahin" scheme will be taken back if they do not vote favourably in the upcoming polls.

With the Congress and NCP (SP) latching on to Rana's remarks and terming the scheme a political ploy motivated one, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday tried to contain the damage, asserting that a brother's gift to his sisters can never be reclaimed.

"Post elections, I will seek to increase the amount (under the Ladki Bahin scheme) from Rs 1,500 to Rs 3,000 (per month). I am your brother...But if you don't give your blessing now, I will take back the Rs 1,500 from your bank accounts," Rana said while addressing a public event in Amravati on Monday.

Rana's wife, former MP Navneet Rana, unsuccessfully contested the Lok Sabha election as a BJP candidate from Amravati parliamentary seat.

Post elections, I will seek to increase the amount (under the Ladki Bahin scheme) from Rs 1,500 to Rs 3,000 (per month). I am your brother...But if you don't give your blessing now, I will take back the Rs 1,500 from your bank accounts — Ravi Rana, Independent MLA & NDA ally

As Ravi Rana's remarks threatened to damage the goodwill the Mahayuti leaders are trying to generate over the ambitious scheme and give a handle to the opposition, Rana claimed he was speaking in a lighter vein.

The Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana proposes a Rs 1,500 monthly aid to eligible women in the 21-65 age group in the state.

Addressing a function in Jalgaon, Fadnavis accused the erstwhile Maha Vikas Aghadi govt of ignoring women's empowerment. "A brother's gift given to his sisters is never taken back. Those criticising this scheme did nothing for women when they were in power. They are now experiencing heartburn (over the scheme launched by the

Mahayuti govt). What is their problem if we share part of the burden in the life of our sisters," Fadnavis asked.

The opposition Shiv Sena (UBT) has questioned the "paltry" monthly assistance of Rs 1,500 under the Ladki Bahin scheme.

Responding to this criticism, Fadnavis said, "One can't buy the love of sisters with Rs 1,500".

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Ajit Pawar, who heads the NCP, emphasised development-oriented governance.

"If you want all development schemes to continue, vote for us," said Pawar.

Shinde said the Ladki Bahin scheme was drafted after careful planning and demanded that critics who dub the scheme "alms and bribe" be taught a lesson.

"The scheme was launched after eight to ten months of planning and preparations," the chief minister said as he listed various welfare initiatives including the Annapurna scheme which provides beneficiary women three LPG cylinders free per year, an apprenticeship scheme for youth, and farmer welfare yojana.

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Military not meant for disaster relief

While the country watched in horror the images of deaths and destruction caused by massive landslides in Wayanad, Kerala due to heavy rains and deforestation, another set of images of Indian army soldiers rescuing the people trapped under the debris of collapsed houses and building a 190 ft bridge in 16 hours to help in the rescue mission.

The locals were seen clapping for the soldiers, indicating the stellar role the armed forces have played a vital role in the Search and Rescue (SAR) operations in the landslide-hit region.

But this is not the first time Indian armed forces have been called in to assist a State government in case of a natural disaster.

The 21st century has seen an increasing number of natural disasters with alarming intensity - the 2001 Bhuj earthquake; the 2004 tsunami; the 2005 earthquake in Kashmir; heavy rainfall in Mumbai in 2006; the 2008 Bihar Kosi river flood; the August 2010 cloudburst in Leh; the September 2011 Sikkim earthquake; and, most recently, in June, the unprecedented flash floods and cloudbursts in Garhwal, parts of Kumaon and Nepal, and Kinnar region of Himachal Pradesh; the 2014 Kashmir floods; 2019 floods in Karnataka, Goa and Maharashtra or 2024 Kerala landslides.

Each of these disasters has seen the active involvement of the armed forces in the relief operations.

While the country has always looked up to the armed forces to bail out its citizens in times of crisis, internal security and disaster response is not the primary duty of the armed forces. The military's primary task is to guard the nation's borders.

In matters domestic, the military is supposed to be a second respondent, except in the case of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents. Theoretically, the principle is "last to enter and first to leave".

However, on ground, this does not seem to be the case. Whenever there is a serious situation in hand, the civil administration calls upon the armed forces for assistance, despite a huge civil administration apparatus in place.

Disaster response and relief missions are often dangerous and quite naturally the military brings order in post-disaster operations. Wherever there is danger, the military has a constitutional duty to undertake tasks and missions. The required wherewithal including the command, control and communication, are available with the field formations.

But this also shows that the level of preparedness at both the Centre as well as the States, is inadequate. The nodal agency for coordination of relief, response and overall natural disaster management is under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). However, whenever any disaster strikes, it is the armed forces under the Ministry of Defence (MoD), which is always called upon to intervene as an "aid to civil authority".

If we look at the list of nodal ministries for disaster management, we will find that for natural disasters like earthquake, tsunami and floods the MHA is the nodal ministry; for droughts it is Ministry of Agriculture; Biological Disasters - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Chemical Disasters - Ministry of Environment & Forests; Nuclear Disasters, it is Ministry of Atomic Energy.

There is no mention of MoD in this list. Still, it is the armed forces which are requisitioned in any kind of internal crisis, including maintaining law and order whenever there are civil riots or militancy.

Under the NDMA, we have the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), which is a specialised force constituted by the Indian government to deal with natural disasters and emergencies. It is a paramilitary organisation under the MHA. The primary objective of NDRF is to provide a timely, adequate and effective response to disasters and emergencies.

Despite this, the government always needs the armed forces to deal with natural disasters. The disaster management abilities of the Centre and States is certainly questionable. Despite all the grand assurances of being disaster-ready, it always relies on the military. It appears that the civil administration has gotten used to military help.

The tendency to over-rely on the military has made the civil authorities complacent as they know that the armed forces are always there as a back-up. That is the reason why the civil administration is found wanting in its prevention and preparedness.

Time has come to equip the NDRF with its own choppers, heavy duty equipment like earth movers, engage the civil engineers for building bridges and roads which collapse due to floods or earthquakes, specialised divers for rescuing people getting washed by flood waters. The military is not and can't be the solution for every crisis faced by the country.

comment



JASON KEITH FERNANDES

A call for dignified and reliable Public Transport

Some weeks ago, I had the misfortune of having to make a round trip by bus between Old Goa and Panjim. Oh horror!

Now, you must not understand my horror of this trip to mean a disregard for public transport. On the contrary, I have for the longest time been a proponent of public transport, for reasons that I will presently come to, both in Goa, and other parts of India that I have lived in, as well as in Portugal where I lived for a decade.

A good example of this kind of a transport system would be the shuttle service that the Kadamba Transport corporation used to offer us when it first began. Buses were regular, and everyone could sit in relative comfort through the entirety of the journey

My commitment to public transport has to do with a personal commitment to the democratic and republican ideal - offering all persons, whether rich or poor, the option of traveling in dignity and convenience from one place to the other. This is to say, there is no need for a poor household to spend on a private vehicle, when these resources can be better utilised on other needs - further education, for example. Having an efficient public transport system also means that there are fewer vehicles on the road, reducing the need to widen roads - to accommodate the growing number of private vehicles - as well as the unnecessary expenditure on the flyovers that we are increasingly seeing in Goa - not to mention the criminal number of road deaths that Goa is currently witness to.

The crisis that a non-existent public transport system puts on a poor household in Goa can be ideally demonstrated through a

video I recently viewed on social media. It was clear in the video car was being purchased by a family that had never had a personal vehicle before. The entire family had shown up for the event. The video also captured the anxiety that the woman driving the car out of the showroom had. She was keen to ensure that a lemon was placed under the wheel as she started the car - the lemon being a way to drive away evil. Either the excitement got the

better of her, or she was unused to driving a car, but the result was that right in front of the horrified eyes of the entire family, she drove the car straight across the road and into a ditch. The video was unclear if they were seriously injured, but what was clear was that this barely driven car was already a mess.

The point of this discussion is that this family - like so many others - was forced to buy a car because the public transport system in Goa is absolutely inefficient, if not non-existent. Worse, even if it exists, there is no way a person can travel in dignity, being forced to stand as they travel for long periods, and worse, stand squashed next to multiple persons. It is bad enough if you are a man, imagine being a woman and forced to stand pressed against unknown men. Not that the seating is any better, there barely being space for one person in the seats that are provided in the ageing buses that ply the routes.

I have no doubt that, like myself, the family I referred to would rather travel by public transport than spend precious resources on a private vehicle, if the public transport system in Goa assured us the availability of transport from the early hours of the morning until very late at night, not just between major cities, but also to the villages in our state, as well as within the villages. This transport not only being available, but also regular and reliable, as well as committed to offering us dignified transport.

A good example of this kind of a transport system would be the shuttle service that the Kadamba Transport corporation used to offer us when it first began. Buses were regular, and everyone could sit in relative comfort through the entirety of the journey. Rather than being extended across the state, however, this system has unfortunately, and inexplicably, seen a decline in operation.

One fails to see why this system has not been extended, or indeed why the state of public transportation still remains where it was in the 1980s. Indeed, if popular opinion is to be trusted, it appears that things have gotten worse after the pandemic, with buses that went out of business not being replaced.

An expansion of the public transport system would stand to everyone's benefit. It would offer an expansion of public sec-

tor employment, a desirable objective for both citizens and the politicians who benefit from offering jobs. It would enable poorer citizens of the state to enjoy a better quality of life and invest their resources elsewhere and in more profitable options. Furthermore, by reducing the number of private vehicles on the road, it would make Goa a much better tourist destination.

After all, if Indian tourists come to Goa for an inexpensive European option, there is nothing more European than a regular, and reliable, public transport system that offers the user a dignified option of travel.

For too long, tourism has been seen as something that works against the local. In fact, as so many of us have pointed out, better allocation of resources to ensure a higher quality of life for the local, will draw in more tourists, and perhaps a better quality of tourist.

Taxi operators might see the creation of an improved public transportation system as contrary to their immediate interests. The fact, however, is that it might in fact improve things for them. First it should be possible to absorb them into this new transportation system, offering an alternative from their irregular earnings. Second, the presence of a new and improved public transportation system would not mean that there will be no market for taxis.

The rich, or those with specific needs, will always prefer private transportation. Besides, there will now be an option for taxis to offer shorter rides, removing the need for them to think about return fares.

In short, there is a crying need for a dramatic expansion of the public transport system. A system that offers citizens a regular, reliable, and dignified opportunity for travel within the state. A system that operates from the wee hours of the morning to late in the night, from the tiniest village to the towns, and within these towns and villages. Such a system would not only increase the quality of life in Goa, but would also work towards reducing the huge number of deaths that take place on our roads. May those who have ears listen!

(Jason Keith Fernandes is a researcher at the Centre for Research in Anthropology (CRIA), Lisbon)



Publicise routes of Panjim city electric buses

I am excited to see electric buses now operating on the roads and outskirts of Panaji. These buses will be very beneficial to many people, including those who don't have their own vehicles and senior citizens who prefer bus travel for convenience and to avoid parking problems. However, there are some necessary improvements to the system, and here are some important suggestions.

Firstly, the designated bus routes need to be widely publicised for easy access by potential users without vehicles. The buses should be easily identifiable from a distance with a colour band corresponding to their routes.

Timetables for each bus stop should be widely available, and a board with bus timings for each route should be a standard fixture at every bus stop. Furthermore, these timetables should be readily accessible through various outlets across the city to assist users in planning their journeys. Finally, as the bus routes become more popular, it is crucial to extend the timings for the starting and last bus.

K H Vora, Caranzalem

Govt should ensure safety of medical staff

The strike by doctors of several hospitals across India in protest against the brutal rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata's government-run, highlights the serious risks that medical personnel face in the line of duty. The attack has drawn attention because it points to the additional risks that doctors face in addition to the usual occupational hazard of facing violence from patients and their relatives. The state government's speedy response by suspending the medical director

and ensuring the arrest of alleged accused is welcome but it is hoped that there is proper follow-up action. Will the Kolkata horror give way to the much-needed reform which is long overdue?

Gregory Fernandes, Mumbai

Shocking apathy towards lady medical students

There aren't enough words to condemn the abominable crime that resulted in the death of a post graduate student at the RG Kar Medical College, Kolkata. The gory incident has highlighted the primitive working conditions prevalent in most of the government medical colleges in India.

Both male and female doctors face extreme physical and mental abuse and no worthwhile effort is put by the authorities to douse the violent behaviour of relatives of patients and small time politicians. Female doctors doing night duties suffer from safety and security issues. Most hospitals don't possess dedicated resting rooms for night duty female doctors.

Without one, many lady doctors are forced to relax in the wards or in the nursing rooms. Rest rooms of many institutions are dimly lit and unclean, less said the better about the wash rooms. Closed-circuit television is most conspicuous by its absence in the vicinity of women's rest rooms. Even if present, these do not adequately, and entirely, cover the perimeters.

The college and hospital authorities are contented with one or two security personnel manning the main entrance and exit. Restrooms are like the doctors' rest rooms and wards are left in the lurch. Asking for female security guards outside the

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female doctors' rest rooms is perhaps akin to asking for the moon. Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

Good library needed at Mapusa

As we read today, the government is planning to set up 48 new libraries and renovate 79 existing ones, the citizens of Mapusa are devoid of a good library. The old Mapusa Municipal building used to house a library where by the avid readers used to commute this library to read magazines, newspapers etc. Now that the building is renovated, an appeal to the authorities concerned to house a good library at the same place that existed earlier.

This will give a boost to the students and others to improve their knowledge. Aureo Cunha Gomes, Mapusa

Are we still slaves of a different master?

What explains the fearlessness of the British Indian subject and the servility of the free Indian?

Today the free Indian is experiencing the destruction of Independent institutions. Take the example of the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner of India. He is appointed by the President of India on the recommendation of a three member selection committee headed by the Prime Minister of India, a Union Cabinet Minister chosen by the PM, and the Leader of Opposition. So in reality it is the PM that appoints the CEC.

Just because Parliament passes a law it does not mean it is a just law/scheme. It took seven years and during that period we

had six CJs to declare Electoral Bonds as unconstitutional!

The government is chipping away at the citizens rights a little at a time which is going unnoticed till a day comes when he starts wondering how it has reached the present stage. Citizens can only lose rights by not protecting their rights. Thus all the government has to do is to convince them it is good for citizens, the government has a right to control their rights.

A spoilt brat will never understand the sacrifice/hard work made by parents to give him that life style in the same way those that did not fight for Independence cannot appreciate your rights!

D C Dias, Taleigao

Demolish all illegal structures in NDZ

The Secretary of Calangute Village Panchayat deserve commendation for his efforts in executing the District Court's order to demolish an illegal structure in the No Development Zone of the CRZ (Coastal Regulation Zone) area at Baga Calangute. The Calangute Panchayat actions reflect a commitment to upholding legal standards and protecting environmental regulations.

However, it is important to highlight a critical concern: despite this enforcement action, several other illegal structures within the No Development Zone continue to operate with impunity. These structures are engaged in commercial activities, and their operation is sanctioned by trade licenses issued by the Calangute Panchayat, as well as consent from the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

The presence of these struc-

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MAN IS NOT AN ISLAND

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Human beings are created by God not to live like islands surrounded by water on all sides but to live in a society. Island has no access to a mainland except by a ship or a bridge. Man cannot live like an island. The poet John Donne said: 'No man is an island'. We cannot live independently without the help of others. Inter-dependence is the hallmark of community life. As a social being, a person cannot survive without relating to another person. Basically we all live in a society and interact with one another. We are bonded with each other. Communication is the core of life and the society is a web of inter-personal relationships.

Communication was originated in the Garden of Eden which is found in the book of Genesis of the Bible. God communicated with Adam and Eve, the first human creatures on this earth and they began communicating with their creator and interacting with each other. The word communication has the Latin root 'communis'. Communication means to share one's inner feelings, thoughts and emotions with another person. It is related to 'communio', i.e. 'communion'.

We are called by God to live in communion with him and with our fellow human beings. Man in essence is created to live in a society. The nature of human being is to relate to others. I am because we are. Not relating or communicating with others is detrimental to the fabric of a family, society, community or team. When a person has the mind of 'I am the boss,' or 'I am the master' and tries to impose his authority on others then the communion loses its essence as it demands equality, fraternity and fellowship.

An anthropologist once organized a game for the children of an African tribe. Under a tree, he placed a basket full of candies. He kept the children at a distance of 100 km for a race. He told them that the one who reaches the basket first would get all the candies from the basket. He began the race and to his surprise he noticed that all the children held each other's hands, ran together up to the basket and distributed the candies among themselves and all got equal share, no more or no less. They ate together and cherished the candies. When the anthropologist asked the children why they did like that, they answered, 'Ubuntu' which means 'the belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity'.

A child in his infancy learns how to communicate with his mother. Whenever he is hungry he cries for milk and when he is happy he smiles at his mother. He builds up relationship with his mother through the sign language of crying, smiling, laughing and giggling. He learns to live a life of communion. Jean Vanier, founder of l'Arche community for the mentally handicapped says: "Communion is based on some common inner experience of love; it is recognition of being one body, one people, called by God to be a source of love and peace." When we live in close communion with others there is love, peace and joy.

tures, in violation of the rules, has not been addressed.

The decision to seek a demolishing order from the District Court for a single illegal structure, while commendable, suggests a selective enforcement approach. This method of "Bull Dozer Tactics," where action is taken against isolated cases without addressing the broader issue, may seem like a superficial approach to the complex problem of rule enforcement. It underscores the need for a more comprehensive and consistent strategy to ensure that all illegal structures in the No Development Zone are identified and dealt with according to the law.

The focus should not only be on individual cases but also on a systematic approach to tackle all violations within the No Development Zone, ensuring fairness and adherence to regulations across the board. Antonio J De Souza, Calangute

Rot in governance starts from the top!

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant recently stated that he is concerned about lethargic government servants and indicated that action could be taken on them!

I would like to remind the Chief Minister that when these Govt servants see mega scams/ frauds/corruption/incompetence/lethargy and destruction of Goa's land/environment, starting with Goa's top ministers, so how can you expect the Govt Servants to be different! There are many cases of honest/genuine Government servants harassed/transferred by top Goan ministers simply for doing what is right! So what the Goan Ministers promoting?

So my request to the Goa CM if he is really serious to address his stated concern, then please start with all ministers in the Goa ruling cabinet.

Arwin Mesquita, Colva

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Raghuram Rajan @ArunSfan The national interest is to protect honest businesses that generate real revenue, provide decent jobs, and uphold transparency. Crony capitalism, which thrives on exploitation, weakens the nation by robbing its people. Bernie Sanders @SenSanders Many Americans are giving up on democracy. They look to the government for help, and nothing changes. They are willing to look to authoritarianism as a substitute.

Starbucks replaces Narasimhan with Chipotle's Niccol as CEO

PTI, WASHINGTON: In a surprise move, struggling multinational coffee chain Starbucks on Tuesday announced the appointment of Brian Niccol as chairman and chief executive officer replacing Indian-origin CEO Laxman Narasimhan who is stepping down.



Brian Niccol



Laxman Narasimhan

Chipotle CEO Niccol will start in his new role on September 9, the company announced in a press release. Starbucks chief financial officer Rachel Ruggeri will serve as interim CEO until that time, it said.

CHANGE MANAGER

Niccol, who will be Starbucks' fourth CEO in just two years, has been leading the Mexican-inspired food chain since 2018, CNN reported.

Since becoming Chipotle's CEO in 2018, Niccol has transformed the international chain of fast-casual restaurants specialising in Mexican cuisine, the release said.

"His focus on people and culture, brand, menu innovation, operational excellence, and digital transformation have set new standards in the industry and driven significant growth and value creation," the release said.

It said that revenue has nearly doubled, profits have increased nearly sevenfold, and the stock price has increased by nearly 800%

"We are thrilled to welcome Brian to Starbucks. His phenomenal career speaks for itself. Brian is a culture carrier who brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of driving innovation and growth. Like all of us at Starbucks, he understands that a remarkable customer experience is rooted in an exceptional partner experience"

— Melody Hobson, Starbucks' new Lead Independent Director

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proved the Starbucks partner experience, drove significant innovation in our supply chain, and enhanced our store operations," the release said.

"On behalf of the board, I want to sincerely thank Laxman for his contributions to Starbucks, and his dedication to our people and brand," said Hobson.

Narasimhan, who is also leaving the board, took over Starbucks in

March 2023 and has led the coffee chain largely through his purview. Most recently, the chain's sales dropped 3% globally at stores open for at least a year, including a 2% drop in its home North America market, CNN reported.

GST Council to meet on Sept 9

PTI, NEW DELHI: The GST Council, chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, will meet on September 9.

"The 54th Meeting of GST Council will be held on 9th September, 2024 at New Delhi," the Council said in a post on X.

The GST Council, comprising finance ministers of Centre and states, is the apex decision making

body with regard to Goods and Services Tax, which was rolled out on July 1, 2017.

The meeting is expected to start discussion on rate rationalisation, reducing tax slabs, besides removing duty inversion under GST.

After the previous Council meeting on June 23, Sithara-

man had said the next meeting of the GST Council the Group of Ministers (GoM) on rate rationalisation under Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sumant Chaudhary, will give a presentation on the status of the work and aspects covered by the panel and work pending before the panel.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHARMILA MOHAN SHELDEKAR, R/O H. NO. 106 NEAR KUSHAWATI BRIDGE, CUPAMODDI, ASSOLDA, PO. CHANDOR, DIST. SOUTH GOA, 403714, GOA, INDIA, has changed my name from SINAI XELDENCAR SHARMILA MANMOHAN to SHARMILA MOHAN SHELDEKAR. Hereafter in all my Dealings & Documents I will be known by the name SHARMILA MOHAN SHELDEKAR. Sd/- SHARMILA MOHAN SHELDEKAR

CHANGE IN NAME

I, BRIAN SAVIO D GAMA, R/O. H. NO. 70/A, Mystical Rose, Dignem-Verna, Salcete, Goa 403722, would like to change my name and address on my Indian passport bearing No. M7855282. Name from "BRIAN FRANK LAURA D GAMA" to "BRIAN SAVIO D GAMA" and address from "Ganesh Prasad, Flat No. 6, 2nd Flr, Kanjumbur East, Mumbai, 400042, Maharashtra, India" to "H. No. 70/A, Mystical Rose, Dignem-Verna, Salcete, Goa 403722". Hereinafter in all my dealings and documents, I will be known by the name "BRIAN SAVIO D GAMA" and residential address will be "H. No. 70/A, Mystical Rose, Dignem-Verna, Salcete, Goa 403722". Sd/- BRIAN SAVIO D GAMA

CHANGE IN NAME

I, MRS DUMIANA NATALINA DA CUNHA, R/O H.NO.858, Moita, Agassaim, Tiswadi, North, Goa like to change my name from DAMIANA NATALINA PIRES to MRS DUMIANA NATALINA DA CUNHA. Hereafter in all my dealings and documents. I will be known by the Name MRS DUMIANA NATALINA DA CUNHA.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, the undersigned Stephen Lobo, R/O House No. 83, Zoidar Vaddo, Nachinola, Bardez, Goa, North Goa 403508, wants to change my name from Stephen Salvador Lobo to Stephen Lobo. Hereinafter I will be known as Stephen Lobo in all my dealings and documents. Sd/- Stephen Lobo

NOTICE order V Rule 20(1A) of C.P.C. IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE JUNIOR DIVISION 'E' COURT, PANAJI

Civil Miscellaneous Application No. 145/2024/E Maria Matty Olive De Souza. ...Applicant V/S ...Responden To,

The Unknown legal heirs of Maria Matty Olive De Souza, Widow of Mr. Neville Newton De Souza, aged 72 years, retiree, resident of 24/3, Prem Sagar, Chinchwada, Chimble, Goa 403006, Mob. No. 9049630416, Through Power of Attorney, Mrs. Myra Paraq Shelkar, aged 66 years, retiree, resident of 24/3, Prem Sagar, Chinchwada, Chimble, Tiswadi Goa. WHEREAS the above named applicant has filed application under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act.

CHANGE IN NAME

I SWAPNIL NAIK r/o H NO 515, NUMSHINE, NERUL, BARDEZ, GOA. like to change my name from SITAKANT DATTARAM NAIK to SWAPNIL NAIK. Hereafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known by the name SWAPNIL NAIK.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAN VAMAN SHELDEKAR, R/O H. NO. 106, NEAR KUSHAWATI BRIDGE, CUPAMODDI, ASSOLDA, PO. CHANDOR, DIST. SOUTH GOA 403714 GOA, INDIA, has changed my name from SINAI XELDENCAR MANMOHAN VAMONA to MOHAN VAMAN SHELDEKAR. Hereafter in all my Dealings & Documents I will be known by the name MOHAN VAMAN SHELDEKAR. Sd/- MOHAN VAMAN SHELDEKAR

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our Client, intends to purchase from (i) Mrs. Sushila Chandrakant Pai Kir, alias Suxila Chandrakant Poi Quir, alias Sushila Chandrakant Poi Kir, daughter of late Mr. Narcirva Kamat, wife of late Mr. Chandrakant Venkatesh Poi Kir, major in age, widow, (ii) Mr. Venkatesh Chandrakant Pai Kir, son of late Mr. Chandrakant Venkatesh Poi Kir, major in age, unmarried, business, (iii) Mr. Anant Alias Vassudev Chandrakant Pai Kir, son of late Mr. Chandrakant Venkatesh Poi Kir, major in age, unmarried, business, and, (iv) Ms. Sudha Chandrakant Pai Kir, daughter of late Mr. Chandrakant Venkatesh Poi Kir, major in age, unmarried, advocate, all residents of Sadolcem, Canacona, South Goa, Goa, the properties more particularly described in the Schedule hereinafter written.

Any person/persons or institution/institutions having any and whatever right, title, interest, possession, charge, easement or claim, whether by way of ownership, tenancy, prior sale or development agreement or any other claim whatsoever relating to the Scheduled Properties, or who may have any objection to the proposed sale, shall make it known to the undersigned at the address given below in writing, with documentary evidence of such claim, within 10 days from the publication of this notice, failing which any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal and practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and our Client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Scheduled Properties.

SCHEDULE (i) ALL THAT immovable property denominated as VAPEM or VAPENTIL - BOLLO, situated at Sadolcem village, within the limits of the Village Panchayat of Poinquinim, Taluka and Registration Sub - District of Canacona, District of South Goa, State of Goa, forming part of the larger properties enrolled in the Land Revenue Office for Matriz under Nos. 272, 273 and 274, but not found described in the Land Registration Office of Quepem, which property, as a separate, distinct and independent entry in itself, is surveyed under S. No. 247/11 of village Poinquinim, admeasures an area of 8,000 sq mts, and is bounded at present as under: East : by the road, West : by the properties surveyed under S. No. 247/22, 247/17, 247/16, 247/18 and 247/19 of village Poinquinim, North : by the property surveyed under S. No. 247/23 of village Poinquinim, and South : by the property surveyed under S. No. 247/26 of village Poinquinim.

(ii) ALL THAT immovable property denominated as VAPEM or VAPENTIL - BOLLO, situated at Sadolcem village, within the limits of the Village Panchayat of Poinquinim, Taluka and Registration Sub - District of Canacona, District of South Goa, State of Goa, forming part of the larger properties enrolled in the Land Revenue Office for Matriz under Nos. 272, 273 and 274, but not found described in the Land Registration Office of Quepem, which property, as a separate, distinct and independent entry in itself, is surveyed under S. No. 247/22 of village Poinquinim, admeasures an area of 350 sq mts, and is bounded at present as under: East : by the property surveyed under S. No. 247/11 of village Poinquinim, West : by the property surveyed under S. No. 247/14 of village Poinquinim, North : by the property surveyed under S. No. 247/17 of village Poinquinim, and South : by the property surveyed under S. No. 247/26 of village Poinquinim.

(iii) ALL THAT immovable property denominated as VAPEM or VAPENTIL - BOLLO, situated at Sadolcem village, within the limits of the Village Panchayat of Poinquinim, Taluka and Registration Sub - District of Canacona, District of South Goa, State of Goa, forming part of the larger properties enrolled in the Land Revenue Office for Matriz under Nos. 272, 273 and 274, but not found described in the Land Registration Office of Quepem, which property, as a separate, distinct and independent entry in itself, is surveyed under S. No. 247/15 of village Poinquinim, admeasures an area of 175 sq mts, and is bounded at present as under: East : by the property surveyed under S. No. 247/17 of village Poinquinim, West : by the river, North : by the properties surveyed under S. No. 247/5 and 247/17 of village Poinquinim, and South : by the properties surveyed under S. No. 247/16 of village Poinquinim.

(iv) ALL THAT immovable property denominated as VAPEM or VAPENTIL - BOLLO, situated at Sadolcem village, within the limits of the Village Panchayat of Poinquinim, Taluka and Registration Sub - District of Canacona, District of South Goa, State of Goa, forming part of the larger properties enrolled in the Land Revenue Office for Matriz under Nos. 272, 273 and 274, but not found described in the Land Registration Office of Quepem, which property, as a separate, distinct and independent entry in itself, is surveyed under S. No. 247/17 of village Poinquinim, admeasures an area of 2,900 sq mts, and is bounded at present as under: East : by the property surveyed under S. No. 247/11 of village Poinquinim, West : by the property surveyed under S. No. 247/22 of village Poinquinim, North : by the properties surveyed under S. No. 247/5 and 247/17 of village Poinquinim, and South : by the properties surveyed under S. No. 247/16 of village Poinquinim.

(v) ALL THAT 1/2 (half) undivided rights, title, share and interest in the immovable property denominated as VAPEM or VAPENTIL - BOLLO, situated at Sadolcem village, within the limits of the Village Panchayat of Poinquinim, Taluka and Registration Sub - District of Canacona, District of South Goa, State of Goa, forming part of the larger properties enrolled in the Land Revenue Office for Matriz under Nos. 272, 273 and 274, but not found described in the Land Registration Office of Quepem, which property, as a separate, distinct and independent property, is surveyed as a whole under S. No. 247/6 of village Poinquinim, admeasures an area of 200 sq mts, and is bounded at present as under: East : by the property surveyed under S. No. 247/11 of village Poinquinim, West : by the river, North : by the properties surveyed under S. No. 247/7 and 247/18 of village Poinquinim, and South : by the properties surveyed under S. No. 247/5 and 247/17 of village Poinquinim. Margao, Goa August 14, 2024 Sd/- JONATHAN COSTA Advocate D-3, Colaco Residency, Block D, Rua Abade Faria, Comba, Margao Goa, 403601 Email: jonathan@advocatecosta.com

Government of Goa Office of the Executive Engineer, Elect. Dept, Div-II(S&W), Aquem, Margao - Goa, 403601.

Tender Notice No.08/ET/24-25 for Supply of Three Phase Electronic Energy Meter are issued and the same is displayed on website <https://eprocure.goa.gov.in> for participation of the interested suppliers. Last dt. of Sub:27/08/24 DI/AdvT/619/2024

GOVERNMENT OF GOA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WORKS DIVISION IX (PHE) FATORDA, MARGAO GOA

Tender Notice No. PWD IX/2062/07/2024-25 Dated: 09/08/2024 1. Last date of online application: 23/08/2024 upto - 15.00 hrs. 2. Last date of online submission of tender: 23/08/2024 upto - 15.00 hrs. 3. Date & Time of Opening of Online Tender: 26/08/2024 after - 10.30hrs. For more details please contact the office of the Executive Engineer Works Division IX, (PHE), PWD, Fatorda, Margao - Goa Website: www.pwd.goa.gov.in or <http://eprocure.goa.gov.in/> DI/AdvT/614/2024

No. DHS/PD/B/Estt/JAK/2024-25/979 Government of Goa, Directorate of Health Services, Purchase and Disposal Section, Panaji - Goa. Date: 12/08/2024

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTICE

Sealed prescribed "Expression of Interest Notice for setting up of Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) at specified units of the Directorate of Health Services" are hereby invited on behalf of Government of Goa, by Director of Health Services, Government of Goa, Panaji.

The terms and condition thereof can be download from Directorate of Health Services, Campal Panaji website www.dhsgoa.gov.in on all working days during working hours till 16/09/2024. The application should reach the Directorate of Health Services, Campal, Panaji Goa up to 03.00 p.m on 18/09/2024. The Expression of Interest will be opened on 18/09/2024 at 04.00 p.m.

Sd/- (Shripad Arlekar) Director (Administration) & Estate Officer Directorate of Health Services DI/AdvT/618/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the title of property owned and possessed by MR. FRANCISCO XAVIER PERES alias FRANCISCO XAVIER TITO PERES, son of Mr. Jose Oscar Peres, residing at 403, Dayanand Bandookar Marg, Opposite Starbuck originally Magsons Super Center, Miramar, Panaji, Goa 403 002, which property is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written ("Property").

ANY AND ALL PERSONS, including individuals, Hindu Undivided Family, companies, banks, financial institution(s), non-banking financial institution(s), firms, associations of persons or a body of individuals, whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any right, title, interest, share, benefit, claim, demand, objection or dispute whatsoever in respect of the Property and/or any part or portion thereof including by way of acquisition, appointment, assignment, attachment, authority, award, beneficial right/life or other interest, bequest, charge, conveyance, decree, demise, disposition, easement, encumbrance, exchange, family or any other arrangement/ compromise/ settlement, gift, grant, guarantee, joint venture, inheritance, injunction, injunction, lease/ sub-lease, license, lien, lispendens, loans, maintenance, mortgage (equitable or otherwise), negative or other covenant, occupation, order passed by any Court of Law, Tribunal, Revenue or Statutory Authority or Arbitration, partition, partnership, pledge, possession, power of attorney, pre-emption, prescription, prohibition, requisition, sale, security interest, share, tenancy/sub-tenancy, testamentary instrument, transfer or trust or under any agreement, collaboration or deed, document, understanding or writing for whatever reason or otherwise whatsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned at the bottom of this notice within 14(fourteen) days from the date hereof failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned for all intents and purposes and not binding in any manner whatsoever.

SCHEDULE Description of the Property ALL THAT piece and parcel of land admeasuring 7000sq.mts identified as Plot - B, being a part of a larger property bearing Survey Number 38/1 of Village Molem, known as "OLICHEM MOLA" or "OLICHEM MOLA" within the limits of Village Panchayat Molem, Taluka and Sub-District Dharbandora, District South Goa, in the State of Goa, and said Property is bounded as under:- East: By Plot A-Part-I of S.No. 38/1; West: By S.No. 38/1; North: By Plot A-Part-I of S.No. 38/1; South: By National Highway NH - 66. Dated: 8th day of August 2024 Sd/- Adv. Mr. Anoop B. kudtarkar Address : St Augustin Complex, Near Dempo House, St-Cruz, Tiswadi, Goa

OFFICE OF THE MAMLATDAR TISWADI TALUKA, PANAJI GOA

Mutation Case No. COMP/Mutation/42590/Gandualim 1. Savio Ligorio Franklin Francisco Filomeno De Sa, 2. Lucio Maria Danilo Filomeno De Sa Both R/O 86/A, Next to Ribandar, Police Out Post, Ribandar, Tiswadi, Goa. ...Applicant V/S 1. Dr. Inacio Pio Jesus de Sa 2. Maria de Carmo Rita Socorro Ferrira Rangel e Sa 3. Maria De Fatima Angelica Filomena Pinto De Sa alias Fatima Pinto De Sa 4. Eunice Jesus Fernandes De Sa 5. Sandra Gertudes Fatima Filomena de Sa e Marques 6. Antonio Micael Santana Jose Jude Francisco Marques 7. Enid Maria Josefina Filomena de Sa e Miranda 8. Ricardo Lucio Fernando Miranda. ...Opponents To the opponents' their unknown legal heirs

Application received from Savio Ligorio Franklin Francisco Filomeno de Sa R/O 86/A, Next to Ribandar, Police Out Post, Ribandar, Tiswadi, Goa. Requesting to include the name of Savio Ligorio Franklin Francisco Filomeno De Sa and Lucio Maria Danilo Filomeno De Sa in Occupant Column of form I and XIV after deleting name of Dr Inacio D Sa in Occupant Column of form I and XIV under Sy. No. 221 of Village Gandualim of Tiswadi Taluka as the applicants has acquired right on landed property for an admeasuring area of 83875 sq. mts as per Inventory Proceedings No. 18/2017/B Dated: 10/10/2017 in the Court of the Civil Judge Senior B Court Panaji and also as per Deed of Relinquishment of Rights Reg under No 177 Dated 10/10/2017 registered before the Sub-Registrar Ilhas

AND whereas the notice in the Form X (Under rule 10) of the L.R.C. 1968 issued to the opponents at the last known address to return expired back with postal remark "Party Expired/Party Left/Not Known/Address out of Station" unserved as the applicant does not know the detail addresses of the legal heirs of the opponents and their further addresses.

AND whereas the applicant has prayed vide his application dated 01/08/2024 for substituted service, by publication of public notice in any one daily newspaper as required under rule 20 (1 A) of C.P.C. 1908 as the applicant does not know the detail legal heirs of the deceased nor their addresses.

Now, therefore, if any person having any objection to the above said mutation entry are called upon to and to submit their objection to me either orally or in writing within fifteen days from the date of publication of this notice.

Please note that if No Objection is received by me within said period of fifteen days, it shall be presumed that they agree to the mutation entry. The mutation will be certified on any other days after the above period is over. Date: 13/08/2024 Sd/- (Priya Samant @ Kamat) Joint Mamlatdar-IV of Tiswadi Taluka H/C of Joint Mamlatdar V Tiswadi Taluka Panaji Goa.

CORRIGENDUM Ref: Quotation notice No. VPS/SCG/70/2024-2025 dated 08/08/2024 The details should be read as: Sr. No: 02 Items Required: C.C.TV cameras (Normal & Solar camera/night vision along with 5mts length GI pipe of 2.5mts width and other accessories with installation (for black spots with high resolution)

ALL other terms and conditions should remain unchanged of the quotation Notice No. VPS/SCG/70/2024-2025 dated 08/08/2024. Sd/- (SUZIE FERNANDES) Sarpanch V.P Semabotim, Vanelim, Colva & Gandaulim, Salcete, Goa

GOVERNMENT OF GOA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WORKS DIVISION I BUILDINGS

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (E-Tendering mode only) No. PWD/WDI/AS/WF.24/2024-2025/59 Dt. 13/08/2024 TENDER NOTICE NO.- NO PWD/WDI/AS/WF/17/2024-2025/08

Dated: 24/07/2024 Website: <https://eprocure.goa.gov.in> Last date and time for online applications & submission of tender documents 19.08.2024 upto 15.00 hrs. Tender will be opened online on: 20.08.2024 at 15.00 hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer WDI (Bldgs), Panaji-Goa.

For more details contact the office of Executive Engineer, Works Division I, (Bldgs), PWD Panaji. "Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene" DI/AdvT/622/2024

SUMMONS UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 (IA) C.P.C IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE, JUNIOR DIVISION, 'D' COURT, AT PANAJI, NORTH-GOA DISTRICT

Summary Suit No. 14/2023/D CANARA BANK, Panaji Branch V/s Mrs. Ekta Pujari & anr To, Plaintiff Defendants

Defendant no. 1: Ms. Ekta Pujari D/o. Shankar Pujari Age -31 years House No. 190/1, Gurudwara Road, Mangoor Hill, Vasco-Da-Gama, South Goa, Goa -403802. Also having address at: C/o. Hotel Fidalgo, 18th June Road, Panaji, Goa -403001. Defendant no. 2: Mr. Shaikh Faiyaz Ahmed S/o. Mr. Shamashuddin Hassan Shaikh Aged 52 years, Flat No.G1. Navketan Housing Colony, Dayanand Bandookar Road, Opp. Military Hospital Campal Panaji, Tiswadi, Goa -403001. Also having address at: C/o. Hotel Fidalgo, 18th June Road, Panaji, Goa-403001.

WHEREAS, the above Plaintiff has instituted a Suit for recovery of Money amounting to Rs.1,83,71,776/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Three thousand Seven hundred and Seventeen and Paise Seventy Six Only) outstanding under Loan Account No. 72009620000653 as on 30/09/2022 along with agreed future interest @ 12.10% p.a. from 01.10.2022 till its actual realization under Order 37 of C.P.C. You are hereby summoned to cause and appearance to be entered for you, within 10 days from the service hereof, in default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled, after expiration of the said period of ten days, to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of Rs.1,83,71,776/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Three thousand Seven hundred and Seventeen and Paise Seventy Six Only) outstanding under Loan Account No. 72009620000653 as on 30/09/2022 along with agreed future interest@ 12.10% p.a. from 01.10.2022 till its actual realization, together with such interest, if any as the Court may order.

AND WHEREAS, summons have been issued to you at the last available address which has been returned unserved to this Court. AND WHEREAS, the Plaintiff has filed an Application under Order 5, Rule 20, Clause 1A of the Civil Procedure Code, 1908, to this Court for substitute service by publication/advertisements in a local daily newspaper. And whereas this Court is satisfied that this is a fit case for ordering such a service.

YOU ARE, hereby given this notice under Order 5 rule 20(IA) of C.P.C to appear before this Court either in person or by a pleader duly instructed if any, on the 25th September, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. and to file your Reply to the same. TAKE further notice that in default of your appearance on the day and time mentioned, the said Plaintiff shall be heard and determined in your absence. GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Court this 03rd day of August, 2024.

Civil Judge, Junior Division, 'E' Court Panaji, North-Goa I/c of Civil Judge, Junior Division, 'D' Court Panaji, North-Goa

GP PARSIK SAHAKARI BANK LTD. (Multi-State Scheduled Bank)

Kalwa, Thane - 400 605. (Reg.No. MSCS/CR/1213/2015. Dtd. 26th March, 2015)

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Bank is scheduled on Sunday 01st September, 2024 at 10.30 a.m. at 'Dr. Kashinath Ghanekar Natyagraha', Near Hiranandani Meadows-2, Ghodbunder Road, Manpada, Thane (w)-400607 to transact the following business. All the members are requested to remain present at the meeting.

Agenda

- To read and confirm the minutes of 52nd Annual General Meeting held on 06.08.2023.
- To consider and approve the Annual Accounts which consist of the report of Board of Directors, the report of Statutory Auditors, Profit & Loss A/c. and Balance Sheet of the Bank as at 31st March, 2024.
- To approve the Compliance Report of Statutory Audit for the year 2022-23.
- To approve appropriation of Profit and declaration of dividend for the year ending 31st March, 2024 as recommended by the Board of Directors.
- To approve the Annual Budget for the year 2024-25.
- To consider and adopt amendments (as per draft enclosed) proposed by Board of Directors to the existing Bye-Laws of the Bank (Subject to approval from Reserve Bank of India and Central Registrar, New Delhi)
- As per the Bank's Bye-Laws No. 11 a(ii) to decide about the members holding less than 20 shares.
- To appoint Statutory Auditors for the year 2024-25 and to authorize the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration. On the recommendation of the Board of Directors the proposal is submitted to RBI for the appointment of M/s. N. S. Gokhale & Co., Chartered Accountants as Statutory Auditors for the Year 2024-25.
- To condone the absence of members in the Annual General Meeting.
- Any other business with the permission of the Chair.

By the order of the Board of Directors Dr. M. D. Pai Chief Executive Officer Date: 14/08/2024 Place : Parsik Nagar, Kalwa, Thane-400605.

Note: 1) If there is no quorum within half an hour after appointed time, meeting shall stand adjourned and will be held at 11.00 a.m. on the same day at same place and the agenda of the meeting shall be transacted irrespective of the quorum in terms of Bye Law No.30(c). 2) The members who wish to make any suggestion or ask any questions should submit the same in writing on or before 22/08/2024 at the Bank's Head Office during working hours. Only suggestion or questions submitted in writing upto 22/08/2024 will be considered. 3) The entry is restricted to members only. 4) The copy of the Notice and Annual Report is published in Bank's website www.gpparsikbank.com 5) The members can also collect the copy of Annual Report from the nearest branch of the Bank.

ACC AVAILABLE

2 BHK Bungalow for Rent ground floor only fully furnished 30K. Cont. Owner 9699211379.

Studio furnished Benaulim 15,000/-, 1BHK furnished Colva 14,000/-, 2BHK furnished Benaulim 25,000/-, 3BHK furnished row-house Colva 35,000/- 9075878206

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Hotel with 15 to 20 Rooms want for rent near Colva, Benaulim, Varca, Betalbatim, Majorda near to the beach call 8308054379 brokers excuse

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Home Tutuons in Maths & Science upto class 8 (all Boards) by 18 years experienced lady teacher in CBSE schools, starting at Porvorim. Contact Ronald 7385219103

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Looking for a Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor aged 33-37 graduate/post graduate, well settled job in Goa, for a Goan Roman Catholic spinster age 32, post graduate, government employee, contact 9881274102

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PREMISES AVAILABLE

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CCI recalls probe report

Says move to protect 'legal rights of all parties involved'

PTI, NEW DELHI: Competition Commission has recalled the investigation report in the case related to alleged anti-competitive practices of technology major Apple to protect the "legal rights of all parties involved".

The rare move by the regulator has come amid concerns raised by Apple that confidential information related to its business was part of the probe report that was sent to the parties involved in the case, sources said on Tuesday.

When contacted, Competition Commission of India (CCI) Secretary Under Pal Singh Bindra told PTI that the directions issued to the Director General are procedural in nature to protect the legal rights of all parties involved.

APPLE CASE

The sources said the regulator has asked the DG to remove the confidential business information from the non-confidential report.

Under the competition law, the regulator orders a detailed probe by its Director General (DG) against a company in case there is prima-facie evidence of violations. Once the probe report is submitted to CCI, the non-confidential version of the report is shared with the company and other parties concerned for their responses.

After receiving the responses, CCI will start the final hearings and then pass the final order in the case. "The directions issued by the Director General, CCI are procedural in nature to protect the legal rights of all parties involved. It is clarified that no fresh investigation has been ordered in the matter," the CCI Secretary said in an e-mail.

The response was to queries about the reasons for the regulator's decision to recall the investigation report and whether certain confidential details inadvertently become part of the report that was sent to the parties in the case.

The sources said the non-confidential report sent to the parties contained certain confidential business information of Apple and the company had complained about it. Subsequently, CCI decided to recall the probe report, they added.

An e-mail sent to Apple for comments did not elicit a response. Earlier, CCI sought a reply from Apple on the investigation report which has found that the technology major allegedly violated competition norms with respect to its App Store. The supplementary investigation report by the DG has concluded that Apple allegedly abused its market dominance in the relevant market, violating various provisions of Section 4 of the competition law, sources said earlier this month.

In December 2021, CCI ordered a detailed probe against Apple after prima facie finding that the company abused its market dominance. The sources had said the regulator was not satisfied with the initial report submitted by the DG and sought another probe on specific aspects.

The supplementary investigation report was submitted to the CCI in June, they had said. While ordering the probe in December 2021, the regulator had said Apple prima facie violated various provisions of competition law's Section 4, which pertains to abuse of market dominance.

The relevant market for the probe was defined as 'market for app stores for iOS in India'. In the order passed in December 2021, CCI had observed that Apple's App Store is the only channel for app developers to distribute their apps to iOS consumers, which is pre-installed in every iPhone and iPad.

Further, third-party app stores are not allowed to be listed on Apple's App Store as the developer guidelines as well as agreement prohibits app developers from offering such services. These restrictions imposed by Apple foreclose the market for app stores for iOS for potential app distributors," it had said.

This prima facie results in denial of market access for the potential app distributors/app store developers in violation of competition norms, the order had said.

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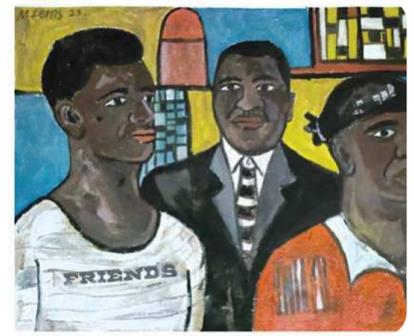
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BANKSY PAINTS NINE LONDON ARTWORKS IN NINE DAYS



GOAN ARTIST DISPLAYS PAINTING AT TATE MODERN IN LONDON

Bringing the scary Potekars of Divar together

Desmond Pinto recently released 'Potekars of Divar', a short film on YouTube that unites the island of Divar. As the islands gets ready to celebrate two weekends of Bonderam, Desmond throws light on 'Potekar Festival', which brings out the spooky side of the fun island

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Originally from Aldona, 24-year-old Desmond Pinto is also the grandson of Divar. He has grown up on the lush green island and enjoys every bit of it. Now geared with the right equipment and information, he has released a short film, 'Potekars of Divar', a festival that brings on a laughter riot in the villages of the island. Similar to, Halloween, the Potekar festival is celebrated for three days before the start of Lent. Potekar Festival was Divar's way of celebrating Carnival.

The Potekar festival dates back to the pre-Portuguese era. The secret of the festival is in the disguise. 'Potekar' is a Konkani word which means shabby which might have been the origin of the first costumes of the residents. Dressed in different themes and after days of working on their costumes sometimes even hand-made, their identity is hidden for these three days. One of the unique features of the costume is wearing cowbells, in their necks, on their ankles and around their waists to add a distinct sound to their getup. And to take on this new persona, they even change their voice and mannerism.

Desmond studied Mass Communication at St Xavier's at Mapusa always been passionate about film making and telling stories especially those which are not that popular. "I was inspired to

make this Potekar film because I always found the concept fascinating and despite it being so popular in Divar, I realised that no one really knows much about it, in terms of its origins, etc. I realised a movie needed to be made," says Desmond, son of Cecil Pinto and Beatrice Da Costa.

Desmond's mother, Beatrice, is from Divar. "I remember Potekars all throughout my childhood. I have very frightening memories about Potekar too, especially one where I was put in a sack. As I grew older, I got less scared and finally even dressed up as a Potekar myself. I have many relatives including uncles, aunts, and cousins in Divar. They helped me get in touch with the locals of Divar and assisted me a lot with the project," says Desmond, about his debut film.

This project took four days of shoot which included the three days of the festival before Ash Wednesday. "We stayed at my late grandmother's house in Divar and we would just get up every morning and start filming. The post production took about a month. Bryan Fernandes was the cinematographer of this short film. He made this passion project of mine visually appealing," adds Desmond.

While earlier it was only men who dressed in these shabby costumes and scary masks, now even girls and women participate in the festival but it is really hard to tell who is behind the mask. Desmond has beautifully captured these moments as the villagers explain what they think might be the origins of the festival. Some senior members



also share how they made their masks out of whatever material was available. The masks were more painstakingly created by hand with paper-mache. Clay from the fields would be moulded into the shape of a face and a wet cloth would be placed put adding papers with 'grut,' a mixture of maida and water.

"The moment I told people about this project, everyone was excited about it and wanted to be involved. The people of Divar are very warm hearted and welcoming. The amount of cooperation I received was incredible. From relatives, to friends, to strangers, everyone came forward with their bit - willingly," he says.

The film is written, edited, produced and directed by Desmond while Bryan Fernandes is

the director of photography and Aaron Crasta is the colorist. Santana Da Costa, Ludavinha Athaide, Leander Athaide, Astrid Athaide and Carmen Da Costa are Desmond's family members who helped him with the project. The villagers who shared their experience of the festival includes Flannan Ferrao, Lucius de Almeida, Laban Menezes, Wilbur Araujo, Mark Afonso, Freddy Ferrao, Carmen Da Costa, Dilip Harmalkar, Ivo Azavedo, Fatima Fernandes, Marius Fernandes, Chandan Parab, Biju Sawant, John D'Souza, Assumptina D'Souza, John Lino D'Mello, Cyriaco Fernandes and Moses Gonsalves.

The island is known for two festivals, Bonderam, the Flag Festival that celebrates the new harvest and Potekarachem Fest, the Potekar Festival. While Bonderam has always been



celebrated on a grand scale, over the recent years, even the popularity of Potekar Festival has increased. "It's got much more attention with videos being made about the festival, so non-Divarkars are participating as well. The crowd has increased significantly, not just the spectators but the participants too," says Desmond.

Speaking about the importance of documenting these festivals for the future, he says, "I believe this festival, like many others, because of the lack of documentation, no one really knows much about. It's important to document because at least now there is some information about this festival. I was lucky enough to interview elderly men who have been dressing up as Potekars for over 50 years."

Desmond is working on a few ideas for his next projects which are now at the conceptual stage. "I would like to do something similar and document some aspect of Goa that has not been given its due attention," concludes Desmond.

Faith, farming and thanksgiving: Reviving the essence of Mercês' grand Konsachem fest

Mercês is a charming village adjacent to Panjim, extending up to the Rua de Ourem creek and originally encompassing the Panjim Bus Stand. It is a blend of the villages of Morombi O Pequeno, Morombi O Grande, Vaddy and others. Until recently, the Church of Our Lady of Mercês was renowned for hosting the unique Novidade or 'Konsachem fest' - this was Goa's grandest harvest festival, a celebration of the fertile soil and bountiful crop of the agrarian village



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For centuries in Goa, the paddy harvest has been celebrated with great pomp and enthusiasm in August, when the new rice grains (konxeo) are formed. The celebration, called Konsachem fest, intertwines faith, farming and thanksgiving, is held on different dates in different villages across Goa - Raia in Salcete is the first to celebrate their harvest, on August 5, while Salvador do Mundo in Bardez celebrates the feast of their patron Saviour of the World on August 6, which is also the feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Other places celebrate the Harvest Festival either on August 15 or 24, the feast of St Bartholomeu.

In Mercês, traditionally, a statue of St Cajetan was carried in procession on August 15 from the Cardoso family Chapel near Dovornem to the church and placed in the aisle. The following Sunday, a statue of St Barbara was brought from her Chapel in Chimbel, in a similar procession. On the evening of the 23rd, statues of St Isidore and Our Lady of Mercês were also placed in the aisle, with their wooden palanquin-like shrines adorned with

fragrant flowers.

At dawn on the feast day, August 24, the brass band paraded through the village, heralding a grand spectacle. The first service saw all four statues carried by the Confraria to fields near Old Niyaz, where the paddy crop was blessed and harvested, and then returned to the church for Mass and distribution.

The priest typically gives thanks to God for the sustenance He provides, and also prays for the farmers' good health, for the fallow fields of the village to be revived.

The second service involved St Barbara leading the procession to fields in Vaddy, near the Kadamba bypass in Ribander. The third and grandest procession, led by Our Lady of Mercês,

went to the spot where the bust of Jack Sequeira now stands, beyond A Lua. Mass followed at the church, where paddy harvested from Morombi O Pequeno was distributed among congregants.

The procession routes were adorned with tall bamboo arches, the tender leaves of the coconut palm, paper decorations, and flowers. Local printing presses produced paper strips that were strewn on the roads like confetti.

Homes, both Christian and Hindu, along the route lit candles on their balconies, with some placing incense along the way. Local chapels and crosses rang their bells as the processions passed.

Unfortunately, in recent decades, the grand celebrations here have been toned down and fields have largely gone unplanted. The festival has lost its grandeur as many locals have moved abroad, recount old timers who say they looked forward to this feast all year.

With every passing year, the

In the old days, the procession routes were adorned with tall bamboo arches, the tender leaves of the coconut palm, paper decorations, and flowers. Local printing presses produced paper strips that were strewn on the roads like confetti. Homes, both Christian and Hindu, along the route lit candles on their balconies, with some placing incense along the way. Local chapels and crosses rang their bells as the processions passed. Unfortunately, in recent decades, fields in the village have largely gone unplanted and the grand celebrations here have been toned down as many locals have moved overseas

Novidade has become a shorter, quicker version of the traditional feast, marked by the absence of St Isidore and St Barbara. This year, only one field is being harvested in Vaddy. This decline in tradition reflects a broader loss of Goan identity. While fields may no longer be cultivated, maintaining even a small symbolic patch in each area could revive the original customs. The farmers who continue to cultivate fields in Vaddy, and the

faithful who still bring St Cajetan in procession must be commended.

In the evening, there will be beat shows, tiatr, and other festivities near the church celebrating Konsachem fest. However, these modern attractions may overshadow the traditional rituals that are the festival's essence—akin to having a Christmas tree without a nativity scene. There is hope that with collective effort, we can restore our sacred heritage and revive these cherished traditions.



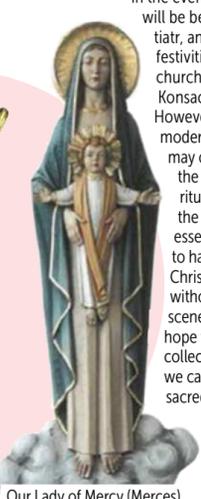
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Banksy paints nine London artworks in nine days

An artwork appearing on the shutters of London Zoo has been confirmed as the latest and final image in Banksy's surprise animal art trail across London.

It shows a gorilla lifting the shutter to release a seal and birds, while other animals appear to look on from the inside. It is the ninth Banksy to appear in as many days in the capital. His latest work follows images that have popped up each morning since August 5 across London of a goat, elephants, monkeys, a wolf, pelicans, a cat, piranhas and a rhinoceros.

The now-defaced rhino was the eighth new London piece by Banksy in eight days. The elusive artist Banksy has confirmed he painted swimming piranhas on to a City of London Police sentry box, which was first spotted on Sunday morning.

The glass-fronted box on Ludgate Hill - near The Old Bailey and St Paul's Cathedral - has been transformed to look like an aquarium. This is his seventh new artwork to be revealed in London in as many

days, following a goat, monkeys, elephants, a wolf, pelicans and a cat. Crowds gathered to take photos throughout the day until barriers were installed, preventing people from going inside.

This work differs from the previous works by Banksy unveiled this week in that it is a detailed painting that appears to have been created with translucent spray paint.

A spokesperson said, "We are currently working through options to preserve the artwork." The sentry box is among many installed in the 1990s used by police officers monitoring traffic to prevent IRA attacks.

Artist Daniel Lloyd-Morgan, who has painted most of Banksy's new pieces of art this week said, "It's really uplifting for people in London at the moment. There's a buzz around his work. It's nice to capture that as I do the people as well. It's not just about the artwork, it's about the whole environment he's creating, it becomes a sort of work of art itself - what happens to



it, people steal it or take it away."

Last Monday, a goat appeared on the side of a building near Kew Bridge, followed by a sweet image of two elephants touching trunks on the side of a house in Chelsea on Tuesday. Three monkeys hanging from a bridge in Brick Lane then drew crowds on Wednesday. On Thursday, a howling wolf on a satellite dish - which looked like the wolf was howling at the moon - was installed onto a garage roof in Peckham.

On Friday, locals in Walthamstow woke up to find two pelicans fishing

above a fish shop. And on Saturday, a stencil of a cat having a stretch appeared on an empty billboard in Cricklewood.

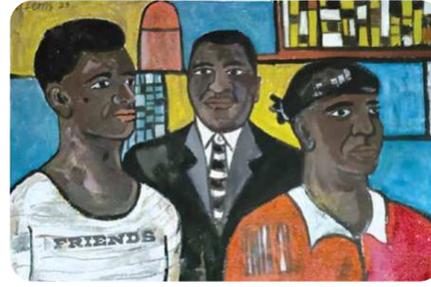
In total, three of these works have since been removed or defaced. The affectionate elephants were pictured having been painted over with stripes on Friday. And earlier in the week, Banksy's fourth work revealed in the same week, a howling wolf on a satellite dish were apparently stolen by masked men within hours of being revealed. Each day, the artist officially announced the works on his Instagram page.

Goan artist displays painting at Tate Modern in London

Figurative painter, Marcio Fernandes is the only Goan artist whose painting was selected for 'Inside Job Staff Biennale', a staff exhibition, celebrating the diverse talents of Tate's own, at the Tate Modern, London. '3 Nigerian Friends' is currently on display and will be on view till August 20. The staff exhibition is held every two years and Marcio started working for Tate since the last one and half year. "This is a golden opportunity

to display my painting for the show. The works were sent to Tate by all staff from across the 3 Tate museums in the UK, Tate modern, Tate Britain and Tate St Ives. It took about six months for the Tate team to view and select works for display. Out of two works, one got selected for display titled the '3 Nigerian Friends,' says London-based Marcio.

The painting is part of a series of work that Marcio painted in 2023 which focused on different cultures of people visiting the Tate galleries. He adds, "3 Nigerian Friends' were a group of friends who visited Tate and I had a good conversation with them and also interpreted them in my painting."



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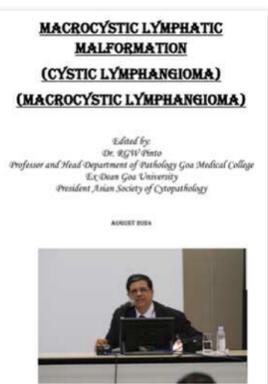
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F Santana D'Souza, parish priest of St Francis Xavier Church, Macasana, along with the administrative committee, PPC and parishioners celebrated faith and brotherhood through Parish Establishment Day and Deanery Pastors Day at Macasana Church. His Grace Simiao P Fernandes, Auxiliary Bishop of Goa and Daman, was the main celebrant for the Eucharistic celebration.

Three E-Books released at GMC

The Department of Pathology, Goa Medical College, released three E-books pertaining to different areas of medicine - Macrocytic Lymphatic Malformation, LLM, Lymphangio Leiomyomatosis of Lung and Mucoepidermoid Carcinoma of Salivary Glands. All the three E-books were produced and edited by Dr R G Wiseman Pinto - Professor and Head of Pathology Department, GMC, Ex Dean Goa University and President of the Asian Society of Cytopathology. The authors include Dr Deepthi Chodankar - Department of Pediatric Surgery, GMC; Dr Suman Gupta - North Goa District Hospital, Mapusa; Dr Milind Desai - Consultant Pulmonologist, Margao and UK; Dr Noel B Noronha - ENT Department, GMC; Dr P Jaladi - Department of Pathology, GMC; and Dr N Rebelo - Department of Oral Pathology, Goa Dental College. The topics covered include the incidence, clinical features, diagnosis, gross, microscopy, treatment



and complications of Macrocytic Lymphatic Malformations, LLM, Lymphangio Leiomyomatosis of Lung and Mucoepidermoid Carcinoma of Salivary Glands. The E-books have been uploaded on www.patho-india.com.

Dempo BBA organise session on 'AI and the Future of Work'

Dr Srinivasa Sinai Dempo College of Commerce and Economics Department of Business Administration and Management, BBA HR Club Alchemist organised a 'Walk The Talk Series' session on Skill Development in association with the Institute's Innovation Council (IIC) 'AI and the Future of Work' for the Alchemist Club Members and the TYBBA students in the college auditorium. The session was conducted by Prof Raghuvendra Rao GN, associate dean and faculty member at ICFAL Business School.

Prof Rao interacted with the students about various concepts, including 'Techpreneurship' and 'Technovation' to solve problems in today's digital world

as well improving various processes including with incorporation of AI examples of its implementation in the insurance industry and agricultural industries. He also spoke about the current Industrial Revolution or Industry 4.0 and the rise of IoT and Robotics. He also informed students about various rising job profiles in the job market due to the rise of AI and other advancements such as big data specialists, data and business analysts, organisational development specialists. A total of 114 of TYBBA students attended the session.



The session concluded with a vote of thanks and a memento presentation to Prof Raghuvendra Rao GN. The session was a resounding success and was very well received by the Third Year students, seeing that they will soon be entering the workforce, the insights provided by Prof Rao are sure to help the students anticipate the skills required for various upcoming opportunities in the future.

Talk on events and night photography held at Don Bosco College, Panjim



The Pixels Club of Don Bosco College, Panjim, organised its initiation ceremony for the academic year 2024-2025 with a talk on 'Events and Night Photography'. The club welcomed the guest speaker, Gunjan Chari, a photographer and cinematographer, who shared his inspiring journey and expertise.

The event aimed to educate members on the art of photography, particularly in events and nightlife.

The ceremony began with the introduction of the club's key members, setting the tone with a collective pledge to always capture life's fleeting moments. With anticipation in the air, Gunjan Chari took the stage, delving into the intricacies of compositions, the energy of events, and the vibrancy of nightlife and music festivals. His talk was a visual and emotional journey that showcased the magic of capturing life's most precious moments. His examples

and behind-the-scenes stories brought his work to life, inspiring the audience to view photography as both an art and a craft.

Following Gunjan's presentation, students asked various questions ranging from equipment to ideas and skills for capturing impressive photos. He emphasised the importance of skills over equipment, encouraging beginners to experiment and learn new techniques. "It's not about the camera you have, but how you use it," said Gunjan, reassuring those who rely on phone cameras that they too can capture stunning images. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and the presentation of a token of appreciation to Gunjan.

Talk on the Preamble of Constitution of India

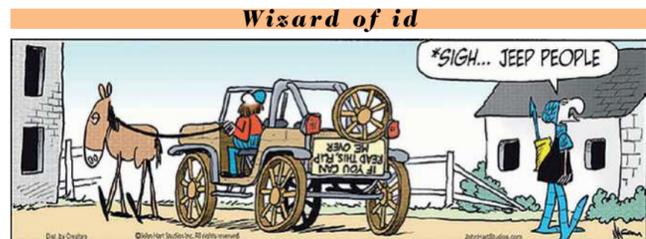
The Goa Jesuit Social Action, in collaboration with the Community of The Way - CCR Prayer Group, Panjim, is organising a talk on the 'Preamble of the Constitution of India' and 'A Discussion on the Three Recent Laws' by Adv Shivan Desai. Venue: 1st Floor, Jesuit House, near Municipal Garden, Panjim. Date: August 14, Time: 5.45 pm to 7.15 pm



Design Your Own Coat of Arms

Museum of Christian Art will organise a workshop on the fascinating world of heraldry and the process by which Coat of Arms were made. Through the workshop, which is open to children above the age of 12 years, they will learn about the history of coat of arms and their symbolism. They can draw inspiration from the unique motifs in the MoCA collection to create their own personalised coat of arms by transforming it from a sketch to a fully carved piece. Venue: Museum of Christian Art, Old Goa. Date: August 18. Time: 11 am onwards

Herald Gaming Console



crossword 4610

ACROSS
1- Singer Redding; 5- 'Othello' villain; 9- Lukas of 'Witness'; 13- Voting-pattern predictor; 14- Partly melted snow; 16- Strike callers; 17- Wall covering slab for a kitchen or bathroom; 18- Lover of Juliet; 19- Atomizer output; 20- Ark; 22- Swaps; 24- Salty Mideastern body; 27- At what time; 28- Imaginary; 29- Divinity; 33- Tale; 34- Vicinity; 35- Bush alma mater; 36- Russert of 'Meet the Press'; 37- Lie; 38- Bro counterpart; 39- Historic times; 41- Sunset direction; 42- Out of the way; 44- Uneasy; 46- Shuts; 47- Encourage in wrongdoing; 48- Grating sound; 49- Need for liquid; 52- Freight weight; 53- Pro (proportionally); 57- Romance novelist Victoria; 58- side of caution; 60- Irish island group; 61- '...quam videri' (North Carolina's motto); 62- Library no-no; 63- Japan's first capital; 64- Somewhat; 65- Cornerstone abbr.; 66- Ed and Mel of baseball;

DOWN
1-Make a choice; 2- French pronoun; 3- Ailing; 4- Thin; 5- Sharon's land; 6- Hawaiian hello; 7- Wigley varieties; 8- Sugar suffix; 9- From a personal standpoint; 10- Among; 11- Church section; 12- Fast jets for short; 15- Short-tempered person; 21- Anthem opener; 23- Vintage car; 24- Cloth for cleaning horizontal surfaces; 25-

solution 4609

Whole; 26- Pleasant smells; 27- Cereal grain; 29- Lock of hair; 30- Watering hole; 31- Move effortlessly; 32- Affirmatives; 34- This is only; 37- Add sugar; 40- Began; 42- Gore and Hirt; 43- Highest singing voice in women; 45- Weigh-in abbr.; 46- Preserved in a metal container; 48- Perc; 49- Take Train; 50- Emcee; 51- 'Casablanca' role; 52- Speaker of baseball; 54- I smell; 55- Fruit-filled pie; 56- Collections of anecdotes; 59- School of the future;

sudoku 4610

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 4609

9	5	7	2	6	3	8	1	4
8	6	4	9	1	5	2	3	7
3	2	1	8	4	7	5	6	9
7	9	5	3	8	6	1	4	2
6	1	8	4	2	9	3	7	5
4	3	2	7	5	1	9	8	6
1	4	3	5	7	2	6	9	8
5	7	9	6	3	8	4	2	1
2	8	6	1	9	4	7	5	3



Netherlands' State Secy for Youth, Prevention and Sports, Vincent Karremans (L) congratulates Netherlands' Gold and Bronze medallist Sifan Hassan in The Hague



Indonesia's Prez Joko Widodo (R), VP Ma'ruf Amin (C) and Prez-elect Prabowo Subianto inspects the progress at the future capital city of Nusantara, East Kalimantan



Russia's President Vladimir Putin (R) receives Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas in Moscow



Defendant Prince Heinrich XIII Reuss waits in the courtroom for the start of a session of the trial against himself accused of masterminding a plot to attack the German parliament, in Frankfurt am Main, Germany

allovertheworld



US President Joe Biden exits Marine One on his way to board Air Force One at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland on Tuesday, as he travels to New Orleans

Man charged with attempted murder in stabbing of 11-year-old girl in London

LONDON: A man accused of stabbing an 11-year-old girl in London's bustling theatre district was charged Tuesday with attempted murder. Ioan Pintaru put the girl in a headlock and stabbed her eight times, seriously wounding her, prosecutors said. The girl was hospitalised and required plastic surgery for wounds to her face, shoulder, wrist and neck area, prosecutor David Burns said. Authorities haven't offered a motive for the attack, but police said that there was no suggestion the stabbing was terror-related and they don't believe the suspect knew the mother or daughter. The attack happened around 11:30 am on Monday in Leicester Square, a tourism hot spot, outside a shop selling tea. An employee of the tea shop and other bystanders jumped on the suspect and held him to the ground until police arrived. A steak knife was recovered.

Teenager wearing a helmet, bulletproof vest randomly stabs 5 people at a cafe in Turkey

ANKARA: A teenager wearing a helmet and bulletproof vest randomly stabbed five people at an open-air cafe in northwest Turkey before being detained by police, officials and media reports said Tuesday. The 18-year-old, identified as Arda K, broadcast Monday's knife attack on social media through a camera attached to his vest, HaberTurk television reported. The victims were people relaxing after prayers at a mosque in Eskisehir, some 230 kilometres west of the capital, Ankara. The teenager was detained following a police chase, according to the Eskisehir governor's office. The five wounded individuals were hospitalised and two of them were in serious condition, according to the state-run Anadolu Agency. The assailant was also carrying an ax but did not appear to have used it. Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said an investigation had begun, while HaberTurk and other media reported the assailant is believed to have been influenced by a video game.

Ship in Red Sea attacked by suspected Yemeni rebels

AP, DUBAI: A Liberian-flagged oil tanker in the Red Sea came under attack three times on Tuesday, including in an assault using a bomb-carrying drone boat, likely the latest in a campaign by Yemen's Houthi rebels over the Israel-Hamas war, officials said. The attacks come as the rebels' main sponsor, Iran, weighs possible retaliation against Israel over the assassination of Hamas official Ismail Haniyeh last month in Tehran, Iran's capital, which has renewed fears of a wider regional war in the Middle East. Already, the Houthi assaults have disrupted the \$1 trillion annual flow of goods through the maritime route crucial to trade among Asia, Europe and the Middle East, while also sparking the most intense combat for the US Navy since World War II. The Greek-managed Delta Atlantica was first attacked when two explosives

detonated near it, according to the Joint Maritime Information Center, a multinational force overseen by the US Navy. A small ship flashing lights at the vessel had come close to the loaded tanker bound for Greece during the incident, the center said. A small ship later flashed lights at the Delta Atlantica before another explosion near it, the center said. The third attack happened hours later on Tuesday, some 180 kilometers northwest of the Houthi-held port city Hodeida, prompting an armed security force aboard the tanker to open fire. "The vessel was approached by an uncrewed surface vessel on the starboard side. The USV collided with the vessel but did not detonate," the center said. Subsequently, the armed security team disabled the USV via small arms fire. Another vessel, identified

by the center as a Panama-flagged crude oil tanker called On Phoenix, also saw an explosion off its side on Tuesday, but similarly sustained no damage, the center said. The Houthis have so far not claimed responsibility for the assaults, though sometimes they wait days to do so, and other times they have claimed attacks that appear not to have happened. The Houthis have targeted more than 70 vessels with missiles and drones since the start of the war in Gaza in October. They have seized one vessel and sunk two in the campaign that has killed four sailors. Other missiles and drones have been either intercepted by a US-led coalition in the Red Sea or failed to reach their targets. The rebels maintain that they have targeted ships linked to Israel, the United States or the UK to force an end to Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza. However, many of the ships attacked have little or no connection to the conflict, including some bound for Iran. The center said it has not found any link between the Delta Atlantica and the war in Gaza. The Houthis have also launched drones and missiles toward Israel, including an attack on July 19 that killed one person and wounded 10 others in Tel Aviv. Israel responded the next day with airstrikes on

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the Houthi-held port city of Hodeida that hit fuel depots and electrical stations, killing and wounding a number of people, the rebels say. After the strikes, the Houthis paused their attacks until Aug. 3, when they hit a Liberian-flagged container ship travelling through the Gulf of Aden. A Liberian-flagged oil tanker came under a particularly intense series of attacks beginning Aug. 8 likely carried out by the rebels. That tanker, the Delta Blue, is managed by the same firm as the Delta Atlantica. As Iran threatens to retaliate over Haniyeh's killing, the US military has told the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier strike group to sail more quickly to the area. America also has ordered the USS Georgia guided missile submarine into the Mideast, while the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier strike group had been in the Gulf of Oman.

UN rights chief concerned about Venezuela's crackdown

AP, BERLIN: The United Nations' top human rights official expressed concern Tuesday over arbitrary detentions and "disproportionate use of force" in Venezuela as security forces crack down after the country's disputed presidential election. Forces loyal to President Nicolás Maduro have rounded up more than 2,000 people for demonstrating against him or casting doubt on his claims that he won a third term in the July 28 election despite strong evidence he lost by a more than two-to-one margin. "It is especially troubling that so many people are being detained, accused or charged either with incitement to hatred or under counterterrorism legislation," UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk said in a statement. "Criminal law must never be used to limit unduly the rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association."

Türk's comments come as Venezuela's opposition gears up for a demonstration Saturday.

Quake felt from LA to San Diego

AP, LOS ANGELES: A 4.4 magnitude earthquake was strongly felt from the Los Angeles area all the way to San Diego, swaying buildings, rattling dishes and setting off car alarms, but no major damage or injuries were immediately reported. Monday's quake was centred near the Los Angeles neighbourhood of Highland Park, about 10.5 kilometres northeast of Los Angeles' City Hall, and about 12.1 kilometres below the surface, the US Geological Survey said. The quake was felt from greater Los Angeles south to San Diego and east to the Palm Springs desert region, according to the USGS community reporting page. A small number of reports were filed from the southern San Joaquin Valley about 160 kilometres northwest of LA.

It shook a medical building, a live interview on ESPN was interrupted, and the ground swayed in Anaheim, where Disneyland is located in Orange County. Dishes rattled in the storied LA neighbourhood of Laurel Canyon, home to many celebrities, and photos on social media showed shampoo bottles and other items littering the floor of a Target store in LA. TV news helicopters showed water spilling from an upper floor of Pasadena City Hall, an ornate domed structure dating to 1927 and seismically retrofitted in the 2000s. Pasadena public information officer Lisa Derderian confirmed that the water leak was caused by the quake. About 200 employees safely evacuated from City Hall, and one person was rescued from an elevator, she said.

PRECIOUS CARGO



Curators at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art handle a piece by French-American sculptor Jack Lipschitz, which was moved to an underground safe room due to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas and ongoing regional tensions with Iran and Hezbollah, at the museum in Tel Aviv, on Tuesday

B'desh interim govt chief Yunus reaches out to Hindus

Promises to punish those responsible for attacks on minorities

PTI, DHAKA: Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus on Tuesday reached out to the distressed Hindu community as he visited a centuries-old temple, where he urged them to "exercise patience" and assured them that his government would punish those who attacked the minority members.



Nobel laureate and Chief adviser of Bangladesh's new interim government Muhammad Yunus, gestures as he meets relatives of people who went missing during the tenure of ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka, on Tuesday

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The 84-year-old economist, who took charge as the Chief Advisor of the interim government on August 8 amid ongoing violence and vandalism, visited the Dhakeshwari temple - one of the prominent Shakti peethas - in Dhaka and said each one's rights should be ensured and blamed "institutional decay" for the predicament that his country has fallen into. His visit comes on a day when the Bangladesh National Hindu Grand Alliance said that the minority community faced attacks and

threats in 278 locations across 48 districts since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government on August 5 and termed it as an "assault on the Hindu religion." "Rights are equal for everyone. We are all one people with one right. Do not make any distinctions among us. Please, assist us. Exercise patience, and later judge - what we were able to do and not. If we fail, then criticise us, Yunus was quoted as saying by The Daily Star newspaper. "In our democratic as-

pirations, we should not be seen as Muslims, Hindus, or Buddhists, but as human beings. Our rights should be ensured. The root of all problems lies in the decay of institutional arrangements. That is why such issues arise. Institutional arrangements need to be fixed," said Yunus, who was accompanied by Law Adviser Asif Nazrul and Religious Affairs Adviser AFM Khalid Hossain. On Monday, Hossain's ministry set up a hotline asking people to provide information about attacks on temples, churches or any other religious institutions. "If a temple, church, pagoda or any other religious institution is attacked or attacked by miscreants, it is requested to report its information by calling this mobile number 01766-843809 or by sending a small message," Bengali language daily Prothom Alo reported, citing a notification issued by the ministry on Monday. Meanwhile, deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina and six others, including two senior ministers of her cabinet and the sacked police chief, would face trial on murder charges, court officials said on Tuesday. The murder case filed against 76-year-old Hasina is the first so far against her since she resigned. "In line with a case filed by a resident of (Dhaka's) Mohammadpur area, Metropolitan Magistrate Rajesh Chowdhury has asked police to register it as an FIR," a court official said.

Investigating claim about sensitive documents being hacked by Iran: FBI

AP, WASHINGTON: The FBI is investigating allegations that sensitive documents from Donald Trump's presidential campaign were stolen in a cyber intrusion, as well as attempts to gain access to VP Kamala Harris' campaign, days after the Trump campaign declared it had been hacked by Iran. The FBI released a brief statement on the Trump matter reading, "We can confirm the FBI is investigating this matter." The Trump campaign provided no specific evidence of Iran's involvement, but the claim came shortly after Microsoft issued a report detailing foreign agents' attempts to interfere in the US election in 2024. The report cited an instance of an Iranian military intelligence unit in June sending "a spear-phishing email to a high-ranking official of a presidential campaign from a compromised email account of a former senior advisor". People familiar with the matter said the Biden-Harris campaign was also targeted in the suspected Iranian cyber intrusion that is under FBI investigation.

Harris a 'third-rate phoney candidate', Trump tells Musk

Says she is 'more incompetent' than Biden

PTI, WASHINGTON: Donald Trump has described his Democratic presidential rival Kamala Harris as a "third-rate phoney candidate" and "more incompetent" than her boss President Joe Biden, amidst indications that she has erased some of his polling advantage in only three weeks as a candidate. In a much-anticipated audio-only interview with billionaire tech magnate Elon Musk on Monday on his social media platform X which was delayed by more than 40 minutes due to technical difficulties, the 78-year-old former president said, "She is a radical left lunatic," as he alleged that "she wants to be more Trump than Trump". Launching a scathing attack on the 59-year-old US Vice President, Trump, the Republican Party candidate, described Harris as a "third-rate phoney candidate." He reiterated his allegation that Biden being replaced by Harris as a presidential candidate of the Democratic Party was a coup.

She (Harris) had three and a half years, and by the way, they have another five months that they can do something. But they won't do anything. It's all talk. She's incompetent, and he (Biden) is incompetent. And frankly, I think that she's more incompetent than he is, and that's saying something because he's not too good - Donald Trump

Musk agreed with the former president and said, "Her behaviour is far left." Musk has already endorsed Trump and indicated that he wants to see him win a second term. "You are the path to prosperity. And I think Kamala is the opposite," he told Trump. The event was billed as an interview but Trump made a series of unsubstantiated claims that went without challenge. US media outlets said Trump made at least 20 false claims during his conversation with billionaire supporter Musk. Most of the falsehoods uttered by Trump were claims that have been repeatedly debunked before, some of them for years. They spanned a broad range of subjects, from immigration to the econ-

omy to foreign policy to Trump's record in office to Vice President Harris, his Democratic opponent, CNN reported. "She (Harris) had three and a half years, and by the way, they have another five months that they can do something. But they won't do anything. It's all talk," Trump said. "She's incompetent, and he (Biden) is incompetent. And frankly, I think that she's more incompetent than he is, and that's saying something because he's not too good," he said. Trump would face Harris, who is of Indian and African heritage, in the general elections on November 5. He accused Harris of having failed miserably on border security as hundreds and thousands of people entered the country illegally.

India, Australia discuss ways to boost counter-terror cooperation

India and Australia strongly condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and emphasized the need for strengthening international cooperation to combat terrorism in a comprehensive and sustained manner
— Ministry of External Affairs

PTI, NEW DELHI: India and Australia have emphasized the need for strengthening international cooperation to combat terrorism in a comprehensive and sustained manner, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

"They also condemned the use of terrorist proxies for cross-border terrorism," it said.

The MEA said the two sides exchanged views on the domestic, regional and global terrorism threat assessment.

"They discussed counter-terrorism challenges related to the use of new and emerging technologies by terrorists, misuse

of the internet for terrorist purposes, radicalisation and terror financing, and the nexus between organised crime and terrorism, among other issues," it said in a statement.

It said both sides also discussed cooperation in regional, global and multilateral fora such as the UN, FATF (Financial Action Task Force), Quad and the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).

Joint Secretary for Counter-Terrorism at the MEA K D Dewal and Richard Feakes, Ambassador for Counter-Terrorism, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia, led the respective delegations at the meeting.

Separately, India and Australia also deliberated on ways to boost cooperation in the maritime domain.

The two sides discussed the issue at the sixth India-Australia Maritime Security Dialogue that took place in Canberra on Tuesday.

The MEA said the two sides conferred on ways to sustain a safe and secure maritime environment conducive for inclusive growth and global well-being.

"They exchanged views on various topics of mutual interest, including the maritime security environment in the Indo-Pacific region, maritime domain awareness, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) co-

ordination, regional and multilateral engagements and sustainable use of marine resources," it said.

"This included cooperation in Search and Rescue (SAR), pollution response, blue economy and Port State control," it said in a separate readout.

The MEA said the two sides also discussed ways and means of further strengthening their bilateral cooperation in these areas. "They also conferred on the way ahead for collaboration in the maritime ecology pillar of the Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative (IPOI)," it said.

'Bail is rule and jail an exception' principle applies even to offences under special statutes like PMLA: SC

PTI, NEW DELHI: The "bail is the rule and jail is an exception" legal principle is applicable even to offences under special statutes like the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday while granting bail to a man accused of harbouring suspected terrorists.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih said once a case has been made out for the grant of bail to an accused, the court cannot decline the relief.

"When a case is made out for a grant of bail, the Courts should not have any hesitation in granting bail. The allegations of the prosecution may be very serious. But, the duty of the Courts is to consider the case for grant of bail in accordance with the law. 'Bail is the rule and jail is an exception' is a settled law," the bench said.

The top court said even in cases like the present one where stringent conditions have been laid down for the grant of bail, the same rule holds good

with the only modification being that bail can be granted if the conditions in the statute are satisfied. "The rule also means that once a case is made out for the grant of bail, the court cannot decline to grant bail. If the Courts start denying bail in deserving cases, it will be a violation of the rights guaranteed under Article 21 (right to life and personal liberty) of our Constitution," the bench said.

The verdict came while ordering the release of a retired police constable Jalaluddin Khan, who was booked under the stringent provisions of the anti-terror law and those of the now defunct Indian Penal Code for renting out the upper floor of his house to alleged members of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI).

According to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the probe revealed that a criminal conspiracy was hatched with an intention to carry out acts of terror and violence, leading to an atmosphere of terror

and endangering the unity and integrity of the nation.

In furtherance of the alleged conspiracy, the accused arranged rented accommodation in Ahmad Palace in Phulwarsharif (Patna) and used its premises for imparting training in acts of violence.

The NIA claimed that the Bihar Police had received information about their plan to cause disturbance during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit in 2022.

On a tip off, a raid was conducted by the Phulwarsharif Police on July 11, 2022 at the house of Khan.

The apex court said there is nothing in the charge sheet to show that Khan took part in or committed unlawful activities as defined in the UAPA.

The SC said even assuming that the co-accused were indulging in terrorist acts or were planning to commit such acts, there was absolutely no material on record to show that Khan was a party to the conspiracy.

RETURNED TO THE LORD

JESUINA FERNANDES

Born: 28/03/1971 Died: 13/08/2024
Seraulim

Loving Daughter of Inacio/late Antonetta, Daughter-in-law of late Manuel Caitano/Rosa Emilia Fernandes, Beloved Wife of Xavier Fernandes, Affectionate Mother/Mother-in-law of Jenira/Newton, Julanda & Jewella, Sister/Sister-in-law late Marcel/Eliza, Betty/Magdalena, Fulao/Vailana, Rosario/Sofiya & Elmira/Albert, Sister-in-law of late Joaquin Agnelo/Sabina Fernandes, Alberto/Brigida Fernandes, Agusta/Evaristo Noronha, Rosalin/Viju Rodriguez.

Funeral cortege will leave her residence today, 14th August 2024 to Our Lady of Pilar Church, Seraulim, for Eucharistic Celebration at 4:00pm followed by burial.

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

Rebello Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992

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TRINDADE PONTES
(PEDDA MARGAO)

Daughter of late Menino Pontes and late Etelvina Pontes Sister / Sister-in-law of late Agnelo/Riva, Joao/Belinda, late Andrew/Guilhermina, Flora/Alex, Milagres/Carma Aunt of Meurel/Salil, Melry, Kevin, Kezia, Mariani, Melvy, Mark, Alliston, Ashford

Great Aunt of Zephani, New born Twins

Funeral Cortege will leave her residence at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday (Today) 14th August, 2024 to Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

Fearful Farewell to a Beautiful Soul

CIPRIANA PEREIRA e CORREIA
(Goulley, Nuvem / Canacona)

Beloved wife of Alberto Correia, Loving Mother / Mother-in-law of Lenhart / Arcanj, Natcole. Caring grandmother of Narelle, Aderlynn & Leathan. Beloved Aunt of Tancy / Diago, Monica & Grandaunt of Abigail, Aiden and Stanford.

Funeral Cortege will leave her residence on 15th August, 2024 at 10.15 am to Church of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Nuvem for Eucharistic celebration, followed by burial.

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

RETURNED TO THE LORD

ISAC HILARIO DIAS
(Ex- State Bank of India, Panaji)

21/10/1943 11/08/2024

We hold you close within our hearts & there you shall remain, to walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again.

Beloved husband of late Mata Lucia Dias (D.H.S., Panjim). Son of late Inacio Manoel Dias / late Emerciana Dias. Son-in-law of late Joaquim Santana/late Benedicta Dias. Loving father/father-in-law of Vency/Cherry (U.K.), Merwyn/Sheri (U.K.), Monica (St. Xavier's H.S.S., Mapusa)/Callistus. Most dotting grandfather of Danielle, Keyon & Darius. Affectionate brother/brother-in-law of Sofia/late Hilario, late Olencio/Maria, late Miguel Jose/late Adelaide.

Mortal remains will be brought to Stella Maris Chapel, Miramar, on 14th Aug 2024 at 3:00pm, followed by Mass at 4:00pm & the burial at St. Inez Cemetery, Panjim.

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RETURNED TO THE LORD

WILFRED FRANKLIN DE SOUZA
June 1, 1941 — August 12, 2024
Mangor Hill, Vasco da Gama

SON OF LATE REMEDIOS DE SOUZA /LATE MARIA JOVITA DA COSTA. SON-IN-LAW OF LATE JOSE SANTANA COTA/ LATE PIEDADE DA SILVA. LOVING HUSBAND OF FAUSTINA COTA E DE SOUZA & FATHER OF IVAN DE SOUZA.

BROTHER/ BROTHER-IN-LAW OF APOLONIA/ LATE JOAO MANUEL VAZ, WILSON/LUCRENCIA, OLINTO/ PHILOMENA, BERNADINA / LATE PETER ANTAO, LYDIA/NATIVIDADE D' COSTA, BONIFACIO/ NELLY, LATE MENINO/NILDA, ASSUNCAO/ESPERANCA, LATE NELSON, LATE JULIE, LATE SAMSON, MARTINA, THEMIS AND ARAMITA. BROTHER-IN-LAW OF LATE BRUNO/ BEATA, SR. MARIA FHC, FILOMENO, LATE LUIS/JENITA, LATE TIMOTEO/ HILDA, SR. HELENA FHC, FR. BERNARD, ALEXANDRE/LATE LILY, PASCOAL/GRACY.

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Eucharistic Celebration and Burial on AUGUST 14, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M. ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, VASCO DA GAMA.

RETURNED TO THE LORD

VICENTE FERRAO
(PATEAPUR - NUVEM)

Born: 28/08/1972 Died: 12/08/2024
Forever in our hearts you will stay, every passing day.

Beloved husband of Manuelina Ferrao; Loving Father of Manvill Jason Ferrao & Mervincia Valanka Ferrao.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence (Today) 14th August 2024, for Eucharistic celebration at 10:00 a.m. at Jesus Maria Jose Church, Nuvem followed by burial.

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

LORD I AM COMING HOME

CONCEICAO FERNANDES
(ALESTIN)

1ST WARD TELAULIM - NAVELIM

Born: 23.12.1932 / Died: 12.08.2024

Wife of late Mariano Pereira. Mother/mother-in-law of Xavier/late Filomena, Fatima/Joao, Elizabeth/Inocent, Felizberta/Fernando. Grandmother of Mancinni, Madrick, Madonna/Wilton, Mikado, Mackenzie, Tito Frazel, Fayzia. Great grandmother of wilona

Funeral Cortege will leave her residence on 14.08.2024 (Today) at 3.45 pm to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel, Telaulim for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

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

DEATH

DOMINGO ALBUQUERQUE
Varikvaddo - Curtorim

Born: 21.02.1936 Died: 13.08.2024

Husband of Late Conceicao Fernandes
Father & Father-in-law of:
Joanita / Francisco, Mario / Gracy / Cristina / Michael. Grandchildren:
Melban / Franzel / Russel / Jolin / Joel / Maevel / Maiwa.

Funeral Mass will be held Today, 14th Aug, 2024 at 3.30 pm at St. Alex Church, Curtorim for followed by burial.

Relatives & friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation

LORD I AM COMING HOME

PASQUINA NUNES
(DURGAWADI - TALEIGAO)

Born: 18/05/1944 Died: 13/08/2024

Beloved wife of late Domingos Alberto Ribeiro; Loving mother/mother-in-law of Luis (P.W.D., Div. IV)/Reena (G.M.C.), Martin/Catherine (U.K.), Joseph (P.W.D., Div. IV)/Olivia (Ireland), Marta/Jose (Ex-Doordarshan) and Maria/Francisco (Bermuda); Grandmother of Kevin, Kezia, Nizana, Beyonce, Welton, Hayden, Isaiah, Tanika and Silana.

Funeral cortege will leave her residence on Thursday, 15th August, 2024 (tomorrow) at 10.15 a.m. to St. Michael's Church, Taleigao for Eucharistic Celebration, followed by burial.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Greece: Drop in winds offers hope as firefighters battle huge wildfire

AP, ATHENS: A major wildfire has raged across the northern suburbs of Athens, leaving at least one person dead and triggering multiple evacuations as swirling winds hampered the efforts of hundreds of firefighters and dozens of water-dropping planes.

The fire department said shortly after midnight that firefighters found a body in a burnt building in the suburb of Vrillissia, but was unable to immediately provide further details.

The blaze started Sunday near Lake Marathon, about 35 kilometres northeast of Athens, coursed across Mount Pendeli and reached the capital's northern suburbs. It burnt several homes and businesses in the city suburbs and in communities near the lake.

Greece went on high alert but by late night Monday, a drop in winds offered hope and officials reported progress against the massive, fast-moving blaze that spawned flames over 25 metres high.

Fire Department spokesperson Col Vassileios Vathrakogiannis said firefighters were longer battling a single front but many active localized blazes", mostly around Marathon and Pendeli.

The Marathon area was the

site of a famous battle between Greeks and Persians in 490 BC and hosts a museum and archaeological site, but there were no immediate reports of damage from the blaze to either.

Greek firefighters were to be boosted by forces from other countries as early as Tuesday, after Athens sought international assistance, activating Europe's mutual civil protection mechanism.

A blanket of smoke and ash shrouded central Athens while power cuts hit parts of the Greek capital and affected traffic lights at major central junctions. Authorities said at least 18 people were injured, mostly due to smoke inhalation as the blaze reached outlying sections of a suburb. Greece's National Observatory said late Monday that satellite images show the blaze has affected about 10,000 hectares.

France would provide a helicopter and 200 firefighters with 28 fire trucks, Italy two water-dropping planes and the Czech Republic 75 firefighters and 25 vehicles, officials said, while Serbia and Romania were also readying aid. Neighbouring Turkey's Foreign Ministry said it would dispatch two firefighting planes and a helicopter, while Spain was also finalising reinforcements to send to Greece.

Crocodile run over by train

PTI, SHAHJAHANPUR (UP): A crocodile was fatally struck by a train Tuesday morning here near Rouza Railway Station, an official said.

"The crocodile was found in two pieces, having been severed by the train," Forest Department Deputy Ranger Ajay Singh Rana said.

Rana said that the crocodile, a female, was approximately three-feet in length and estimated to be around one and a half years old.

Two rivers, Garra and Khannaut, pass through Shahjahanpur district in western UP. Rana said there are no crocodiles in these rivers here.

"However, there are chances that this crocodile may have entered the river upstream during the ongoing monsoon season and somehow lost its way before ending up at the railway track," he added.

18th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

MANDAR DEEPAK SURLAKAR

Born: 6th October 1988 Died: 14th August 2006

We pay tribute to a man who was the best Brother, Brother-in-law, Uncle and Grand Uncle. A gift delivered by God to us! We pay tribute to the kindest, most gentle and soft hearted person we know! We miss you and you'll live in our hearts always!

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Grand Nephew: Crenzer Ferrao

Tearful Farewell

ISAC HILARIO DIAS
Poriebhath-Verna/Miramar

Born: 21.10.1943/ Died: 11.08.2024

We pay tribute to a man who was the best Brother, Brother-in-law, Uncle and Grand Uncle. A gift delivered by God to us! We pay tribute to the kindest, most gentle and soft hearted person we know! We miss you and you'll live in our hearts always!

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French national of Goan descent Ulysse set to make a mark at FC Porto U-17 squad

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PANJIM: There is no doubt about the talent. Now, Ulysse de Vergie Fernandes, all of 15 had been selected to be part of the FC Porto U-17 squad in Portugal.

This French national of Goan descent will be leaving on August 16, from Goa to make his initial steps in the big world of professional football.

A player on the left wing, he has been playing for the last eight years. He started playing in Goa in his first team which was the Green Meadow School in Saligao. At a young age, he stood out with his propensity to score goals.

For this, he received an award in the Little Goa's league. His love for the game came after he watched his dad and cousins playing the game. Interested, he joined them and soon learned the basics. He was attracted by the mesmerising skills of his favourite player Lionel Messi.

He said, "Even though he is getting old he is still



Ulysse de Vergie Fernandes along with Dominique Rocheteau at a summer camp in France

very good."

The credo of any young player is practice. Ulysse practices everyday to shoot and he goes for a jog to work on his stamina. He was candid when he said, "I would like to go to France and play. Right now I am selected for the U-17 squad. It does not guarantee me a place in the first squad. I have to show them my skills and justify

my place. I don't see myself coming back to Goa."

On the selection process, he said that he had to train with the squad for a week and they ran several statistics and gauged him.

He admitted he was a bit nervous because he knew it was a big step for his career. When asked what he had to work on he said he would have to work and get to

know his distractions and work harder.

Ulysses, who was born in Paris in 2009 has a long way to go. His father Gilbert, a restaurateur in Morjim is very proud of his son.

He said this step was taken after his club in Goa, Dempo Sports Club informed him that since he was a Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) he would not

be able to play in the national league.

Gilbert, his French wife and his son flew to Andorra and were introduced to the owners of Inter Escalade but the problem was that the school instruction was in Spanish.

He was then instructed by the Goa Football Association President Caitano Fernandes to go to FC Porto.

He met the concerned person and Ulysse practiced for two weeks with FC Porto. They found that he had potential and gave him the ok.

Gilbert said they also found an international school to finish his Class X education. It helps in such a demanding atmosphere. He is a good student who scores A Plus in all his subjects. His potential also came to the fore when he would go to camp in the summer in France which was organised by former French international Dominique Rocheteau. He received the best player's award for two summer camps. He will be accompanied by his mother on his trip to FC Porto.

Perpetual Convent HS to face Mae dos Pobres HS in final

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PANJIM: Perpetual Convent High School, Navelim, defeated Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Cortalim, 3-2 to move into the final of Independence Cup - 1st All-Goa inter-school U-17 football tournament organised by Verna Sports Club, at Verna church ground, on Tuesday.



Mohammad Taufique Gunder of Perpetual Convent High School receives the man-of-the-match award from Assistant Parish Priest of Verna Church Fr Royal Raposo



Social worker of Raia Laurent Coutinho presents the man-of-the-match award to Wayne Stalin Colaco of Mae dos Pobres

vent High School was awarded the man-of-the-match award by Assistant Parish Priest of Verna Church Fr Royal Raposo.

In the second semi-final, Mae dos Pobres High School, Nuvem, edged past Bethany Convent High School, Sao Jose de Areal, 5-4 via tie-breaker to book the final berth. There was no score at full time. Wayne Stalin Colaco of Mae dos Pobres was awarded the man-of-the-match by Laurent Coutinho, social worker of Raia. There was a huge crowd to witness both the matches.

Peddem Bomm down FC Siolim

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MAPUSA: Peddem Bomm SC started their campaign of the GFA's Division III League on a winning note as they defeated FC Siolim by a 3-0 margin at Mandrem Panchayat ground, on Tuesday. Peddem Bomm colts scored twice in the first session through the boots of Taniel Pereira (11th minute) and Pratik Dhargalkar (47th minute).

Both the teams played almost on equal footing in the second session only to find Collin Steiro score the third goal in the 87th minute.

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Director General of Police Alok Kumar in the presence of Inspector General of Police Omviri Singh Bishnoi, Superintendent of Police (Sports) Sunita Sawant, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Sports) Shivram Vaigankar, Police Inspector (Sports) Raia Naik felicitated the Goa Police Athletics team, which participated in the Goa Athletics Association Championship held at the Athletic Stadium, Bambolim, recently. The team won one silver and three bronze medals - Police Constable 9569 Alister D'Souza secured the second place and won a silver medal in the 100m run, Police Constable 9631 Divesh Gaude secured the third place and won a bronze medal in 400m run, Lady Police Constable 9265 Priyaksha Gawde secured the third place and won a bronze Medal in 200m run, Police Constable 9569 Alister D'Souza secured the third place and won a bronze medal in 200m run

Fatorda Veterans move ahead

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RAIA: Fatorda Veterans downed Bardez Veterans 2-0 to move ahead in the Pogo Boys Veterans football tournament played at Mercedes church ground, on Tuesday.

VETERANS FOOTBALL

Both teams were tied goal-less at the breather. Mithun Carvalho gave the lead to Fatorda Veterans, while Francis Colaco doubled the lead for Fatorda Veterans.

The scoreline was 1-1 at half time. Mohammad Taufique Gunder netted a brace, Vernon Cardozo scored a goal. Edwin Souza and Declan Monteiro scored one goal each for Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

Mohammad Taufique Gunder of Perpetual Con-

Navelim SC in quarters

RAIA: Navelim Sporting Club downed Sporting Club of Davorlim 3-0 to march into the quarter-finals of Cana-Benaulim Super Soccer inter-village football tournament organised by Cana-Benaulim Sporting Association at St John Baptist football ground, Benaulim, on Tuesday.

Travis D'Souza netted a brace and Noah Luis netted a goal in the 45th, 53rd and 60th minute respectively.



Our Lady of Rosary Higher Secondary School, Dona Paula, won the U-19 Girls Inter-Higher Secondary School Sepaktakraw tournament organised by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs at indoor hall, Campal-Panjim, recently. In the Zonal level final, Our Lady of Rosary HSS defeated Fr Agnel Higher Secondary School, Pilar. The team along with the officials (sitting left to right) Abdul Shaikh (technical official), Sanjay Shirodkar (ZSO-DSYA), Chandrakant Raikar (PE teacher) and Lehala Gomes (official)

Auxilium HS, Regina Martyrum HS, OL of Carmel HS move ahead



The King's School (Blue) and Our Lady of Carmel High School colts vie for the ball at The King's Sports Academy ground, Sao Jose de Areal, on Tuesday

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PANJIM: Auxilium High School won against Our Lady of Succour High School to move into the next round of the U-10 Mixed Boys and Girls 5-a-side Futsal Next Gen League 2.0 organised by The King's Sports Academy along with The King's School at The King's Sports Academy ground, Sao Jose de Areal, on Tuesday.

Match was Abira Pathan (Auxilium High School). Regina Martyrum High School overcame St Jude High School.

Player-of-the-match was Vaifan Fernandes (Regina Martyrum High School).

Our Lady of Carmel High School won against The King's School (Blue).

Cleavon Gomes (Our Lady of Carmel High School) and Sofia Siclari (The King's School (Blue)) were declared player-of-the-match.

Former England cricketer Thorpe killed by train: Inquest

AFP, LONDON: Former England batsman Graham Thorpe died after being struck by a train at a railway station, an inquest into his death heard Tuesday.

The 55-year-old took his own life, his wife Amanda revealed on Monday in an interview with The Times.

Thorpe died on the morning of August 4 having suffered "traumatic injuries" during the incident at Esher railway station, southwest of London, Surrey Coroner's Court in Woking was told.

The area coroner for Surrey, Simon Wickens, recorded Thorpe's cause of death as one of multiple injuries during the short hearing.

The coroner offered his "sincere condolences" not just to Thorpe's family, but to "all those touched by his life and career".

A date for the full inquest will be fixed at a later time. Thorpe's death plunged the cricket world into mourning for the popular star. He enjoyed an impressive England career as an elegant batsman from 1993 to 2005, before spending 12 years in various coaching roles.

But Thorpe was hospitalised in May 2022 and declared "seriously ill".

Amanda Thorpe told The Times that the former Surrey batsman attempted suicide two years ago before taking his own life.

TODAY'S SPORTS

2nd edition of Bhausaheb Bandodkar Memorial Trophy: Guardian Angel SC vs Clube de Salgaocar, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 4 pm. Pax of Nagao SC vs Cortalim Villagers SWSC, at Chowgule ground, Margao, 4 pm
GFA Third Division League 2024-25 (Bardez Zone) Group A: Holy Cross SC, Arambol, vs ABC SC Arambol, at Mandrem Panchayat ground, 4 pm
Batora United Cup: Novowaddo vs Corjem, at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, 4.30 pm
45th Cana-Benaulim soccer tournament: Canacona Social and Cultural Club vs Guardian Angel SC, at St John de Baptista ground, Benaulim, 4.30 pm
Pogo Boys Cup: Varca Veterans vs Vasco Veterans, at Mercedes church ground, 5 pm

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- Lifetime Contribution to Tiatr Awards (Non-Commercial)** (For eligibility, the age of the tiatr artiste should not be less than 60 years as on 02-01-2025)

The contribution of the artisite should be in various aspects of khell-tiatr, tiatr like acting, direction, live band music, singing, stage setting, makeup, etc.

The prescribed application forms along with the detailed rules and regulations are available at the office of Tiatr Academy of Goa 2nd Floor, Campal Trade Centre, Campal, Panaji Goa. Ph.: 0832 2230738/39 Mob. 9158044466

The last date to submit the duly filled application form along with documentary evidence i.e. certificates, citations, handbills, photos of performances, etc. is 18th September 2024 during office hours.

Forms will be available on the website: <https://tiatracademyofgoa.com> and also in the office of TAG

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Manu Bhaker may skip New Delhi World Cup in October

NEW DELHI: Paris Olympic double medallist Manu Bhaker may skip October's World Cup here as the ace pistol shooter has decided to take a three-month break, her coach Jaspal Rana said. The 22-year-old Bhaker scripted Olympic history for India in Paris as she won a bronze each in the women's 10m air pistol and 10m air pistol mixed team event, in which she had paired with Sarabjot Singh. After the feat, the ace pistol shooter, who returned from Paris in the wee hours on Tuesday, is set to take a three-month break from the sport. "I am not sure whether she will be at the Shooting World Cup in October because she is taking a three-month break." "It's a normal break, she has been training for a long time," Rana told PTI Videos. The shooting World Cup is scheduled to take place in New Delhi from October 13 to 18. Rana, who played a pivotal role in Bhaker's twin bronze medals after the agony of returning empty-handed from Tokyo Games three years back, said they will work to peak at the 2026 Asian Games and Commonwealth Games after her break.

I will meet hockey team before Sept 10 to chalk out future plans: Sports Minister

NEW DELHI: Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday informed that he will hold a meeting with the bronze medal winning Indian men's hockey team before September 10 to chalk out future plans in its endeavour to clinch the gold medal in 2028 Los Angeles Games. Mandaviya on Tuesday felicitated star custodian PR Sreejesh, defender Sanjay, Amit Rohidas and striker Abhishek after their return from Paris on Tuesday morning. "It's been a wonderful performance from you guys, we didn't get the gold but we came very close to it and the way you guys inspired after the semifinal loss is commendable," Mandaviya said. "But it's not the end of the road and I will sit with you by September 10 and churn out future course of action so that we should return with nothing less than gold from Los Angeles. I will seek your opinion how to go about it and try to provide you all possible support from the government." The minister also said he was satisfied with the performance of the Indian contingent even though they couldn't match last edition's result.

BFI invites application for new foreign coach

NEW DELHI: After a disappointing campaign at the Paris Olympics where the country's pugilists returned empty-handed, the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) on Tuesday invited applications for a new foreign coach. Indian boxers fell short of expectations at the Paris Games with all six pugilists, including reigning world champions Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain, returning without any medal. India had won a medal -- a bronze -- in the Tokyo Olympics through Borgohain in 69kg. "The Boxing Federation of India is looking for a foreign boxing coach for their elite national team in the upcoming four years of period," the BFI advertisement stated. "The main goal in India is to achieve a top result in the upcoming Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth and other major competitions." Among the desirable skills, the best candidate could have the best boxing qualification, previous top experience in high performance with elite or youth national teams, produced medals in Olympic, Asian, European or World level, furthermore physically fit to demonstrate the technique to the athletes," it added.

Like Dravid, I want to coach juniors before gradual progression: PR Sreejesh

NEW DELHI: Legendary PR Sreejesh is a big fan of former India head coach Rahul Dravid's coaching philosophy and would similarly like to mentor the talented juniors with an aim to create a solid feeder system for national hockey team. Just like Dravid worked his way up the ranks, first working with India's U-19 boys, followed by rising stars in A team and subsequently the senior team, the 'Custodian of India's dreams' won't mind working in the pathways system before being the chief national coach during the 2032 edition in Brisbane. "I want to become a coach. That was always my plan but now there is a question of when. After retirement, family comes first. I need to talk with them if they are OK with this. Now you have to listen to your wife a little bit," Sreejesh told PTI editors at his headquarters here on Tuesday. If he decides to take up coaching, Sreejesh is clear in his mind how to go about in the new role.

CAS verdict on Vinesh deferred to August 16

PTI, PARIS: Suspense continued on the fate of Vinesh Phogat's appeal against her Olympic disqualification with the ad-hoc division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport extending the time limit to deliver its decision till August 16 without specifying the reasons for continuing to defer the matter. The 29-year-old was disqualified from the women's 50kg free-style final for being 100gm overweight at the time of weigh-in on Wednesday last week. "The CAS ad hoc division president has allowed Hon. Dr Annabelle Bennett, Sole Arbitrator in the Vinesh Phogat vs United World Wrestling (UWW) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) matter, an extension until 6:00 pm (Paris time) on Friday, August 16, 2024," a release from the IOA said.

This is the third deferment in the case and no reasons have been given. In her appeal, Vinesh has demanded that she be given a joint silver with Cuban wrestler Yusneylis Guzman Lopez, who had lost to her in the semifinals but was promoted to the final following the Indian's disqualification. Vinesh's legal team has French lawyers Joelle Monlouis, Estelle Ivanova, Hab-

ence with its president PT Usha and Salve at the exact same time at which the verdict was expected this evening. That invite was withdrawn within minutes of the CAS statement. Vinesh, who was making her third Olympic appearance here, announced her retirement from the sport a day after her disqualification, saying that she doesn't have the strength to continue.

Stokes ruled out of England's Test series against Lanka

AP, LONDON: England cricket captain Ben Stokes was ruled out of the upcoming test series against Sri Lanka on Tuesday because of a torn hamstring sustained in a domestic game at the weekend.



The 33-year-old Stokes suffered the injury while batting for Northern Superchargers in The Hundred competition on Sunday, and was later seen on crutches.

Stokes will miss all three tests of England's series against Sri Lanka which begins on Aug. 21.

"The all-rounder is aiming to return for England's winter test tour of Pakistan," England said in a statement. The first test against Pakistan is on October 7 in Multan.

England vice captain Ollie Pope will lead the team in Stokes' absence against Sri Lanka. England said it isn't adding to the squad for the series.

Sri Lanka Cricket rope in Bell as batting coach

PTI, COLOMBO: Sri Lanka on Tuesday appointed Ian Bell as their batting coach ahead of their tour of England comprising three Tests. "He will start working with the team from August 16 and remain until the conclusion of the three-Test match series," SLC said. SLC CEO Ashley de Silva expressed: "We appointed Ian to bring in a person with local knowledge to help the players with key insights on the conditions there." "Ian has a lot of experience playing in England, and we believe his inputs will help our team in this crucial tour." Sri Lanka's tour of England begins with the first Test at Manchester from August 21-25.

Para shuttler Bhagat suspended for 18 months, to miss Paris Paralympics

PTI, NEW DELHI: Tokyo gold medallist para shuttler Pramod Bhagat will not be able to defend his title at the Paris Paralympics after he was handed a 18-month suspension for breaching BWF's anti-doping whereabouts clause, leaving the Indian heartbroken. "The Badminton World Federation can confirm India's Tokyo 2020 Paralympic champion Pramod Bhagat has been suspended for a period of 18 months and will miss the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games," the governing body said in a statement on Tuesday. "In 1 March 2024, the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS) Anti-Doping Division found Bhagat in breach of the BWF anti-doping regulations for committing three whereabouts failures within 12 months." The 36-year-old, an SL3 athlete, said he is saddened by the decision and it was a result of a technical glitch. "It is an extremely hard decision for me. I respect WADA, I understand they are drawing a line for all players, but to ban someone for technical reasons is not right," Bhagat told PTI. "It is not like there is any substance issue, it is a issue of whereabouts failure, which I missed the test twice as I was in a different place but I have all the proof of filing the third time. But they didn't accept my appeal." "It is a big loss for me. I was preparing for Paris, it is such a big thing for every athlete. I would have been a medalist. It is heartbreaking," Bhagat added. Bhagat had appealed this decision to the CAS Appeals Division but it was rejected last month. "On 29 July 2024, the CAS Appeals Division dis-



missed the Bhagat's appeal and confirmed the CAS Anti-Doping Division decision of 1 March 2024. His period of ineligibility is now in effect," the statement added. His suspension is effective till September 1, 2025. "My team and I have been proactive in appealing this decision, citing the technical issues that led to these failures. Unfortunately, despite our efforts, we have not been able to resolve this matter before the upcoming games. "We respect the decision of the authorities and will abide by it, but this has been a challenging and emotional time for me as an athlete who has always competed with integrity."

Ponting backs Australia to hand India 3-1 defeat

PTI, DUBAI: Ricky Ponting believes Australia will have a "point to prove" after two straight Test series defeats at home against India and backed the Pat Cummins-led side to win the five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy 3-1 come November-December.

two series here," Ponting told "The ICC Review". "We are back to (having) five Tests as well, which is the other really important thing about this series. It has only been four Tests the last couple of time. (To have) five Tests, everyone is really excited by that and I don't know if there'd be too many drawn games." "I'm obviously going to tip Australia to win and I'm never going to tip against Australia. There will be a draw somewhere and there will be some bad weather somewhere, so I'm going to say 3-1 to Australia," he added. India and Australia have not played a five-Test series after their bilateral affairs came to be known as the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Before that, in 1991-92, India had toured Australia for a five-Test series.

Ponting backed India's left-arm seamer Khaleel Ahmed, whom he coached in the IPL at Delhi Capitals, to be a part of India's touring party. "Someone like Khaleel Ahmed, I think, could find himself on the Test tour. He has just been over in Zimbabwe recently and played that (T20I) series over there, but a left-arm-er would be ideal for them to have in their touring squad," Ponting said. The former Australia skipper hoped both teams will be deploying full-fledged bowling attacks. "(Mohammed) Shami will be back fit by then, (Mohammed) Siraj we know will be there-abouts somewhere and obviously (Jasprit) Bumrah is going nowhere. Both teams are going to line up really, really strongly," he said.

Praggnanandhaa brings up rear on Day 1

PTI, SAINT LOUIS (USA): Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa missed out twice on cashing in on winning positions, ending up at the bottom of the table after the first day of Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz tournament. Starting off as black against Aronian, the Indian started on a positive note with a draw but subsequently bungled in the endgame against Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France. While there was no denying his superiority in his games against the American or the French, Praggnanandhaa was again subjected to another task wherein the Indian youngster failed to deliver the goods. With six more rounds to come in the rapid section, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave is in the front one five points out of a possible six.

We didn't even get desired coach for Olympics: Ashwini

PTI, NEW DELHI: Indian doubles badminton specialist Ashwini Ponnappa on Tuesday said she received little to no individual financial assistance from the sports ministry in the build up to Paris Olympics and even her request for a coach was turned down ahead of the just-concluded Games. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) had come out with a document, detailing the financial support provided to the Paris-bound Indian athletes. It mentions that Ashwini was provided Rs 4,50,000 under TOPS and Rs 1,48,04,080 under Annual calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC), which included the procurement of Game Ready recovery equipment, international competitions and sparring partner in the Tokyo cycle.

"I'm absolutely shocked.. I don't mind not getting money but telling the nation that I got money is ridiculous. I haven't received it. Like if you're talking about national camp, then that 1.5 crore is spent on all the campers," Ashwini told PTI. "I don't have a specific coach. As for my personalised trainer, I'm paying for him myself. I'm not taking money from anyone. I've played on my own until November (2023). I was included as part of TOPS only after we qualified..." Ashwini, 34, has been one of the top Indian doubles player, having won a gold, a silver and a bronze in the Commonwealth Games 2010, 2014 and 2018 respectively. She has also competed in the London and Rio Olympics with Jwala Gutta.

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