

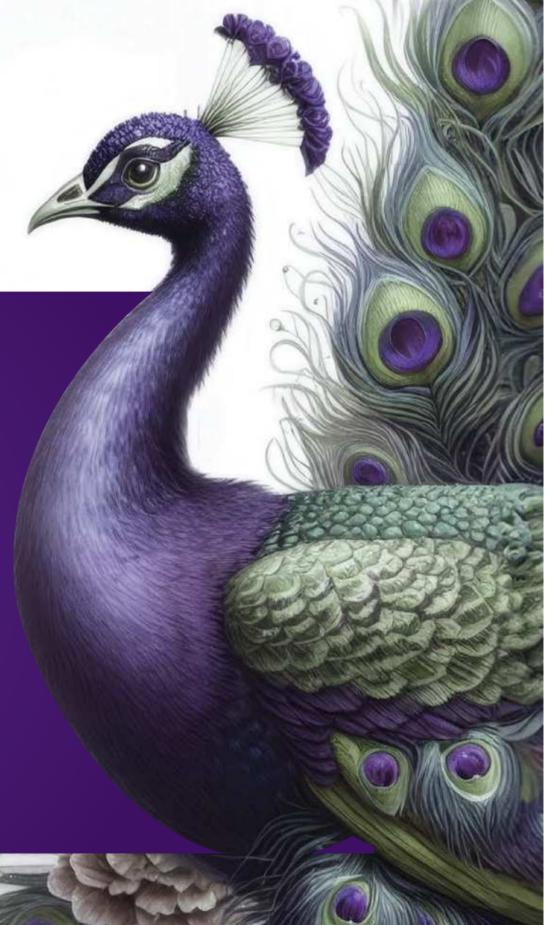


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## Anjuna Police duty master's suspension angers people, say why catch small fry and leave the big fish

Team Herald

**ANJUNA:** Candlelight protesters against loud music in Anjuna and Vagator, the insensitivity of Goa Police who through a media stated the "Anjuna Police Station duty master was suspended following complaints against him alleging misuse of his personal position, complaints relating to colluding with pubs and restaurants to allow loud music beyond permissible hours."

DAY 3

"We never expected the Goa Police to stoop so low. It is difficult to understand the motive behind this statement by the Superintendent of Police (SP) Akshat Kaushal. The people involved are the PI and his superiors and action is being taken against a subordinate who is supposed to assign duties on the police roster," lamented Dr Inacio Fernandes, on the sidelines of the protest that saw old

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and new faces on the third successive day. "In front of MLA Delilah Lobo it was Anjuna Police Inspector (PI) Paresh Naik who promised the MLA and all of us that no music will be allowed after 10 pm and that he would be at the police station from 7 pm on all the days," recollected Agnes D'Souza. "Inspector Naik, did not show his face on the second day for allowing music to start at one am after we left the police station on

the first day. When we gathered at the police station on the second day, we had to go by ourselves and clubs, on seeing us, switched off their music. We protested facing risk as the police were not there to protect us," added D'Souza. "Today, we are outside Diaz, because despite music being heard so far away, the owners want to fool us that their place is sound proof. If it was, we would have been able to sleep in our homes," complained Dwayne Pereira, who lives a hundred-odd metres away. "With the Almighty and the Press by our side, we have decided to take our protest to a conclusion that will see the government mouthing more absurdities through its various departments," stated Ana Fernandes from Anjuna. "The glow of our candle lights seems to be exposing what the government is trying to hide," concluded Fernandes.



FIRM IN THEIR RESOLVE: Protesters outside a club on the third day of their candlelight protest

**“I am not shocked by her (Shamila Monteiro's) statement. Who will be providing the department the number of cases filed? If one goes to the police station, no cases are filed. If they are, just a few cases are booked when around 50 places are breaking the rules. Is she (Shamila Monteiro) trying to change High Court strictures? -Rajesh Sinary, crusader peaceful living through the High Court**

**“The member secretary of the GSPCB has constantly been trying to deceitfully help perpetrators of noise pollution crime by beating around the bush with vague statements. The High Court is clear that permissions should be granted only to units that have live noise monitoring systems - Desmond Alvares, a petitioner in the contempt petition in the High Court on violation of Court directions on Sound Monitoring**

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## HC Amicus Curiae rubbishes GSPCB Secy's claim that only selective clubs need noise monitoring systems

Pollution Control Board member secy had said only units near residential areas and against whom "too many complaints" were registered need noise monitoring systems; High Court petitioners lash out against this remark; ask if she's trying to change High Court strictures

AUGUSTO RODRIGUES

**ANJUNA:** Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) member secretary Shamila Monteiro's claim that live noise monitoring systems have to be installed only in residential areas and places where too many complaints have been logged, has been literally rubbished by Advocate Nigel da Costa Frias, Amicus Curiae for long term prevention and regulation of noise pollution, crusaders against noise pollution and villagers trying to live normal lives.

"The Goa Bench of the Bombay High Court has not said anything like that. They have said the live noise monitoring system has to be put outside all restaurants and establishments that are playing music," shot back advocate Nigel da Costa Frias, the Amicus Curiae appointed by the High Court.

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### WHAT SHAMILA MONTEIRO, MEMBER SECRETARY, GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD TOLD O HERALDO

"It is wrong that four hundred new units have been asked to install noise monitoring systems. Only units near residential areas and in places where too many complaints have been lodged have been asked to install the systems." She also said, "We are issuing notices based on the parameters set by the High Court."

### NIGEL DA COSTA FRIAS, THE AMICUS CURIAE APPOINTED BY THE HIGH COURT DISMISSED MONTEIRO'S CLAIM

"The Goa Bench of the Bombay High Court has not said anything like that. They have said the live noise monitoring system has to be put outside all restaurants and establishments that are playing music," shot back the advocate

### HEAR IT LOUD AND CLEAR: EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY OF VIOLATIONS & DECEIT

▶▶ The Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) has in an affidavit stated that closure directions have been issued to twenty-seven units operating without consent to operate

▶▶ 11 units are operating in Anjuna, nine units in Vagator, four units in Assagao, one unit in Chapora, one in Ozrant and one on Anjuna - Siolim road

▶▶ Raeeth in Vagator, Neomeso Pvt Ltd (Mayan Beach Club) in Anjuna, Ziki Restaurant, Anjuna and M/s Sonic in Anjuna are the four units that GSPCB has written to the Collector

that closure directions be strictly implemented

▶▶ Applications for Consent to Operate of two units - M/s Sake in Assagao and M/s Noah in Ozrant in Anjuna, opposite the Anjuna Police Station - according to the information provided by GSPCB to the High Court, are pending before the Board

▶▶ "I myself have submitted to the High Court videos of places like Noah playing loud music till early morning and the GSPCB is now claiming to the High Court that their application for Consent to Operate is pending," claimed Alvares

## FBI allows cremation of Trump shooter's body

**AGENCIES, WASHINGTON:** The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has allowed the cremation of the body of Thomas Matthew Crooks, who tried to kill Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump last month, a US Congress member has said. Releasing the remains of Crooks to his family

for cremation appears to be a cover-up, US Congressman Clay Higgins has claimed. Crooks was killed by the US Secret Service on July 13 after he opened fire on Trump during a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. He managed to kill one bystander while injuring Trump and two rally-goers.

Higgins is a Louisiana Republican with background in law enforcement, and a member of the congressional Task Force established to investigate the attempted assassination. He travelled to Butler earlier this month to examine the crime scene. His report on the trip was made public on Thursday.

## Kolkata rape-murder: IMA's 24-hr strike cripples OPDs nationwide

Govt to form security panel; IMA seeks PM's intervention in realising their five demands, including a central law to check violence against healthcare personnel and declaring hospitals as safe zones with mandatory security entitlements

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**AGENCIES, NEW DELHI:** Outpatient Department (OPD) services were hit across the country as doctors joined the 24-hour nationwide strike called by the IMA to protest the alleged rape and murder of a trainee medic in Kolkata with the government on Saturday stating that a committee will be formed to propose safety measures for healthcare professionals. (More reports on Pg 6 >>)

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### EX-R G KAR HOSPITAL PRINCIPAL APPEARS BEFORE CBI FOR SECOND DAY

**PTI, KOLKATA:** The former principal of R G Kar Medical College and Hospital Dr Sandip Ghosh on Saturday appeared before the CBI for questioning for the second consecutive day in connection with the rape and murder of a doctor.

On Friday, the agency escorted Ghosh for questioning which continued till 1.40 am on Saturday. Ghosh was made to sit in a room at the CBI's office here at CGO Complex till 9.30 pm on Friday.

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The resident doctors on Saturday hold a protest on the steps of the Immaculate Conception Church, Panjim, against the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Government Hospital

### DOCTORS HOLD SILENT RALLY IN PANJIM; DEMAND JUSTICE TO VICTIM

**PANJIM:** Doctors and other health workers from across the State on Saturday held a protest meet at Azad Maidan, Panjim followed by a silent march in solidarity with 24 hours nationwide strike call given by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and other organisations. Doctors demanded speedy justice to the Kolkata doctor, who was raped and murdered in gruesome manner and most severe punishment to the extent of capital punishment to the culprits.

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## Learning Konkani in Romi script is not restricted in NEP; Forum to explore possibilities

Global Konknni Forum plans to explore practical solutions to incorporate Roman script into the educational curriculum; to collaborate with Govt of Goa and Education Board to facilitate the initiative

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** Making its intention clear to deliberate on the inclusion of Konkani in Roman script in schools, Global Konknni Forum (GKF) said that the new National Educational Policy (NEP) does not specify that only the official language must be taught and added that it plans to explore practical solutions to incorporate Roman script into the educational curriculum. GKF believes that the NEP's guidelines offer flexibility for

introducing multiple scripts, including Konkani in Roman script, and aims to advocate for this inclusion. GKF president Kennedy Afonso, announced that his association plans to meet the board of directors of Diocesan Schools to discuss practical solutions for introducing Konkani in Roman script into the curriculum. He said that GKF plans to collaborate with the Government of Goa and the Education Board to facilitate this initiative. Afonso assured that GKF would offer full cooperation

### EXPLORING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

▶▶ Global Konknni Forum states NEP has opened the doors for public and private educational institutions to teach in any language, practical for students

▶▶ Requests Diocesan School Board in Goa, to allow its schools to teach or introduce Konkani in Roman Script, in a phased manner

and support to help make the teaching of Konkani in Roman script a reality. "GKF would like to state that the new National Educational Policy (NEP) ensures that it is not imposing any language on anyone, but simply suggests use of house language, mother tongue, or

local language as medium of instruction, or one of the 'three' languages. Nowhere does it say that only the official language should be taught in schools," he claimed. He said that with this, the NEP has simply opened the doors for both public and private educational institutions to

teach in any language, practical for the students. "Bearing the above factors in mind, GKF would humbly request the Diocesan School Board in Goa, to seek permission from the Government of Goa, to at least allow all Diocesan schools to teach or introduce Konkani in Roman Script, in a phased manner starting with Class I from next year onwards, upto the Class X," he added. He said this will be a big service to the children of the Catholic community which has been deprived for the

last 36 years, of learning their mother tongue Konkani in Roman script, which is a script of their choice. Devanagari is imposed upon them, and this goes against the new NEP. GKF further said that with over 40 gram sabhas passing resolutions in their respective village panchayats, demanding equal status for Roman Script in the Official Language Act (OLA), shows that the people prefer Roman Script over Devanagari.

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# Fresh scandal hits Margao municipality: Ex-chief officer, clerk implicated in Rs 17,000 'Wi-Fi scam'

**Ironically, Yogesh Shetkar, the clerk who was terminated for allegedly embezzling Rs 17 lakh from the feast fair revenues is also linked to the latest scandal; the funds were deposited into Shetkar's loan account rather than paid to the Wi-Fi company, alleges the Chairperson**

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** A new scandal has emerged at the Margao Municipal Council, involving the misappropriation of Rs 17,000 related to Wi-Fi bills. This latest revelation adds to the growing concerns about financial mismanagement within the council. Ironically, the name of Yogesh Shetkar, the staff member accused in the previous Rs 17 lakh scam, has also surfaced in connection with the new scandal.

The 'passing of the ball' from one court to another has further exposed the inefficiencies and dysfunction within the A-class municipality. Chairperson Damodar Shirodkar has alleged that former Chief Officer Gaurish Sankhwalkar is involved in the scam. Sankhwalkar claims that the file might have been tampered

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— Damodar Shirodkar, MMC chairperson



had filed a police complaint against lower division clerk Yogesh Shetkar, and both the police and the civic body are still working to recover the embezzled money.

The new scam has stunned the citizens of Margao, with the Chairperson alleging that Yogesh Shetkar's name appears on the voucher instead of the concerned company, and the voucher is signed by the former Chief Officer. The Chairperson claims that the funds were deposited into Yogesh Shetkar's loan account rather than being paid to the designat-

ed Wi-Fi company. "Hence, both are responsible for this misappropriation of funds," alleged the Chairperson in a conversation with **O Herald**.

"There are several other cases of mismanagement of funds during the former Chief Officer Sankhwalkar's tenure," alleged Shirodkar. "The former CO has shielded the concerned staff in the case involving Rs 17 lakh."

Responding to the allegations, Gaurish Sankhwalkar told reporters that he had signed the voucher for the Wi-Fi bill after it had undergone the proper and

**The voucher was first signed by the taxation officers and then by the accounts officer. The cashier is also at fault; how did he issue the voucher in the name of Yogesh Shetkar instead of the concerned company? The file might have been tampered with after my signature. There could also be a possibility of the Chairperson's involvement in the matter**  
— Gaurish Sankhwalkar, ex-chief officer, MMC

required procedures. "The voucher was first signed by the taxation officers and then by the accounts officer. The cashier is also at fault; how did he issue the

voucher in the name of Yogesh Shetkar instead of the concerned company?" he questioned.

According to the cashier's explanation, Yogesh Shetkar had claimed that he paid the amount from his own pocket to the concerned company. Gaurish Sankhwalkar stated that the file might have been tampered with after his signature. Additionally, Sankhwalkar alleged that there could be a possibility of the Chairperson's involvement in the matter, adding further complexity to the ongoing investigation. He also alleged that he possesses several pieces of evidence against the Chairperson concerning illegal activities and fraudulent practices.

Sankhwalkar added that a memo was issued to Yogesh Shetkar soon after the issue came to light.

## Afghani college student injured in scooter accident succumbs at GMC

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** Mohammad Sarwar Anwari, a 26-year-old Afghan national and student, succumbed to his injuries at the Goa Medical College and Hospital, (GMC) Bambolim after being involved in a scooter accident at Nuvem.

According to the Maina-Curtorim Police, Afghan national Usman Mohamed Sidai was riding a scooter with the deceased youth Anwari riding pillion, when he collided with a car driven by Girish Prabhudessai, near the signal.

The police reported that the rider was wearing a helmet, but the pillion rider was not, and sustained head injuries. Both Afghan nationals are college students and used to travel together on a scooter.

The Maina-Curtorim Police have registered an offence against Girish Prabhudessai for driving his car in a rash and negligent manner, endangering

human lives.

On Saturday, PSI Praful Giri and ASI Hemant Gaude visited GMC after receiving news of Mohammad Sarwar Anwari's death. They conducted an inquest panchanama over the dead body in the presence of two panch witnesses, students Gulam Mohammad Ansari and Barialai Nawabi.

The doctor, Anush Patil, certified the cause of death as cranio-cerebral damage consequent to blunt force impact. After the post-mortem examination, the doctor preserved the viscera of the deceased person for further analysis.

As per the request of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Anwari's body was handed over to Hemat Ramsh Malik. The Funeral and Ambulance Services Pvt Ltd issued an acknowledgement receipt and NOC for the transport and disposal of the dead body. PSI Praful Giri is investigating the case.

## REWARDED WITH A WHOPPER

SAGUN GAWADE



A traditional fisherwoman proudly displays her prized catch, after local Ramponnkars netted their first bumper haul at Caranzalem beach, on Saturday

## Court acquits six accused in attempt to murder case

Team Herald

**PANJIM:** The North Goa Additional Sessions Court, Mapusa acquitted six persons from Tivim, Bardez from the charges of wrongful restraint and attempt to murder.

The Mapusa police chargesheeted history sheeter Sagar Shirodkar, his father Suresh Shirodkar, Mahesh alias Nagin Kerkar, Sitaram alias Aajo Shirodkar, Sushma Shirodkar and Ulhas alias Babi Shirodkar, all residents of Tivim, under Sections 143, 147, 148, 504, 341, 307, 379 and 506 (i) read with 149 of Indian Penal Code (IPC).

According to the prosecution, on November 26, 2010 night near Pond Sondi, Tivim, the six accused

along with juvenile offender, with their common object formed an unlawful assembly and wrongfully restrained, abused with filthy words, threatened, and assaulted the complainant Johnson Braganza with fist blows, kicks and wooden dandas thereby causing grievous head injury with pneumocephalus with fracture skull with intention to kill the complainant and further stole articles like mobile phones, purse, debit cards, credit cards, cash of Rs 6,500 from the complainant and thus all the accused have committed an offence.

Arguing on behalf of the accused, Adv Vinayak Porob said that none of these witnesses had seen the incident and had only corroboration

**After hearing both the parties, Additional Sessions Judge Sharmila Patil acquitted all the accused, stating that there was no sufficient evidence to prove and establish that all the accused with their common object abused the complainant**

rated injuries which cannot be attributed to the acts of the accused. The contradictions and omissions were marked in the evidence of one of the witnesses, which he said, go to the root of the prosecution case.

He brought to the notice of the Court that the IO Rama Redkar had not produced the Station Diary to show that he had accompanied then PSI Uday Gaude to the spot. Different ver-

sions were deposed by Redkar and Gaude with respect to the dandas, which were attached at the spot.

Public Prosecutor Jennifer Santamaria said that although the complainant had expired the prosecution had examined eye witness Paul Fonseca and he had identified all the accused persons and had deposed about the assault committed by the accused on Johnson Braganza. She said the evidence of eye-witness corroborated with the evidence of the investigating officer was sufficient to prove and establish that all the accused formed an unlawful assembly and with their common object armed with wooden danda assaulted the complainant,

who suffered injuries on account of such assault and therefore offences stands proved and prayed that all the accused be convicted.

The prosecution examined eight witnesses in support of its case.

After hearing both the parties, Additional Sessions Judge Sharmila Patil acquitted all the accused, stating that there was no sufficient evidence to prove and establish that all the accused with their common object abused the complainant with filthy words. Also there was no evidence on record that all the accused wrongfully restrained the complainant and that committed criminal intimidation by threatening the complainant with injuries.

## Hospicio doctors protest against Kolkata rape and murder

**Join nationwide protest demanding justice for victim resident doctor of RG Kar hospital; ensure medical services not disrupted**

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** Taking serious note of the rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee physician at RG Kar Hospital in Kolkata, doctors at South Goa District Hospital (Hospicio) staged a protest on Saturday to express their solidarity while ensuring that medical services were not disrupted.

The protest aimed to honor the victim and draw attention to the urgent need for enhanced safety measures for medical professionals. The doctors were committed to raising awareness about this critical issue while maintaining their dedication to patient care.

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physician in Kolkata. They emphasized the necessity for greater protection and safety measures for medical professionals.

"We are bound by conduct rules, but we expressed our solidarity without interrupting medical services at the hospital," said Dr Edward D'Melo. He highlighted the importance of improving workplace security, noting that such incidents could happen anywhere.

Dr D'Melo also pointed out that healthcare workers often operate in hostile and stressful environments, underscoring the need for robust security mechanisms to ensure their safety.

## AAP launches Women's Safety Dialogue campaign in Goa

**Aims to empower, create safer environment for women; condemns brutal rape and murder of medic in Kolkata**

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** In response to the increasing atrocities against women, AAP Benaulim MLA Captain Venzy Viegas on Saturday announced the launch of a state-wide Women's Safety Dialogue campaign across State's 40 constituencies. This campaign, spearheaded by the AAP women's wing and coordinated by Capt Venzy, aims to empower women and create a safer environment.

On Saturday, AAP Goa organized a protest in response to the brutal rape and murder of a second-year medic at RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata. The demonstration called

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for justice for the victim and demanded severe punishment for the perpetrators.

The Women's Safety Dialogue campaign will kick off in Benaulim on Monday, August 19, and will continue in Velim on August 20. AAP will collaborate with alliance parties and opposition MLAs to extend these dialogues across various constituencies.

Criticising the BJP government for failing to ensure a safe environment for women in the state, Capt Venzy Viegas announced the appointment of a female representative in each

village to address the challenges faced by women.

AAP Goa State President Adv Amit Palekar, emphasized the urgent need for all political parties to unite against the rising incidents of sexual assault, rape, and violence against women across India.

He stressed the importance of creating safer workplaces in both government and private sectors and called for unresolved cases in Goa to be transferred to the CBI if local police fail to deliver justice.

Expressing concern over the increasing heinous crimes against women, AAP MLA Cruz Silva advocated for capital punishment as a deterrent to such offences.

### shorttakes

#### TWO HACKED WITH 'SWORD' IN MIDNIGHT ATTACK AT RESTAURANT IN AGONDA

**MARGAO:** A brutal assault was reported in Canacona on Friday, where two residents, Badal Pagi and Kunal Pagi, were attacked with a sword-type weapon, resulting in serious injuries. According to the Canacona Police, the accused, Jitendra Haliyal alias Jitu, assaulted Badal Pagi on the forehead, left and right hand, and also attacked Kunal Pagi on the head with the intention to kill him.

The police reported that the incident took place at a restaurant in Dhavalkhajan, Agonda, around midnight on August 16. Based on Badal Pagi's complaint, an offence under Section 109(1) of BNS 2023 has been registered. The police have visited the spot, conducted a panchanama, and said they will recover the weapon used in the assault. The motive behind the assault is currently unknown, and further investigation is underway and the victims are being treated for their wounds.

#### UNIDENTIFIED RAGPICKER FROM KTC-MARGAO DIES AT SOUTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL

**MARGAO:** A 60-65 year old unknown male, described as medium built, was found lying unresponsive near the KTC bus stand in Margao and later died at the South Goa District Hospital while undergoing treatment in the male medicine ward.

The Fatorda Police have registered an offence under Section 194 BNS as an unnatural death.

Preliminary inquiries revealed that the deceased was a rag picker and used to loiter around the KTC bus stand, Margao, under the influence of alcohol. The body has been preserved at the morgue.

#### MAN ARRESTED FOR KIDNAPPING MINOR, OUTRAGING MODESTY OF HIS MOTHER

**MARGAO:** Marcos Menino D'Souza, a resident of Betalbatim, has been arrested for confining a mother and her son in his house and demanding Rs seven lakh from her. He has been discharged from the South Goa District Hospital and remanded to five days police custody.

The police have attached two guns they seized from him and will send them for analysis to the Forensic Lab in Verna. The licences of the guns will also be verified. The accused has been charged with outraging the modesty of the woman, and the police have registered an offence under various Sections of the BNS and the Goa Children's Act. According to the complaint filed by the woman, also a resident of Betalbatim, the accused had latched the door of his house and wrongfully confined her and her minor son inside, at around 2 am on August 8. He then took her minor son away from her lawful guardianship, abused them with filthy language, and threatened them with dire consequences. The police said that when the complainant went to pay, the accused inappropriately touched her and outraged her modesty. The accused also used the minor son for trading in cryptocurrency.

## Police tighten grip on tobacco violations, but schools, colleges still vulnerable

**South Goa police stations collect over Rs 7 lakh in fines for public smoking from January to July this year**

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** In the past seven months, the South Goa police have strictly implemented the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, booking 3,765 cases in until July 21 and collecting Rs 7,53,000 in fines.

Despite Section 6(b) of the Tobacco Control Act restricting the sale of tobacco products within a 100-yard radius of educational institutions, sales continue in these areas. Display boards prohibiting tobacco sales to minors are required at

points of sale and outside educational institutions, but few have complied.

Police stations in South Goa have been ramping up action against COTPA violations, booking 1,938 cases until May in 2023, a significant increase from the previous year's 1,206 cases during the same period. By December 4, 2022, South Goa Police had already registered 3,401 cases under COTPA.

The highest number of cases were booked by Dabolim Police (516), followed by Margao (388), Vasco Railway Police (382), and Colva Police (240). Other



police stations that booked a significant number of cases include Maina-Curtorim (176), Cuncolim (251), Fatorda (164), Quepem (88), Curchorem (169), Sanguem (203), Canacona (182), and Verna (133).

A police inspector in South Goa noted that the

Act restricts smoking in various locations, including auditoriums, movie theatres, hospitals, public transport, restaurants, hotels, bars, government and private offices, courts, post offices, markets, and educational institutions.

In 2022, Maina-Curtorim Police accounted for 263 cases, while Vasco Railway Police and Margao Police filed the highest number of cases (505 and 428, respectively). Fatorda and Cuncolim Police booked 273 and 232 cases, respectively, and Colva Police registered 155 cases during the same period.

## Two Uganda nationals arrested with cocaine worth Rs 20.5 lakh

**Duo arrived in Goa at Mapusa bus stand from Pune; found in possession of 205 grams of cocaine**

Team Herald

**MAPUSA:** The Mapusa police arrested two Uganda nationals on the charge of possessing narcotic drug suspected to be cocaine, worth around Rs 20.50 lakh in the international market.

The police gave the names of the accused as 29-year-old Sistamo Elvis and 27-year-old Umar Lucwago. Sistamo was found in possession of 103 grams while Umar had 102 grams of suspected cocaine, all totally valued at Rs 20.50 lakh. The duo who stay in Pune were apprehended by the police from new Mapusa bus stand when they

landed in the State on Friday late evening. Both the accused have been remanded in police custody by the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Mapusa.

Meanwhile, investigation is underway to understand their forward and backward linkages. As per the initial investigation, it has been revealed that the said contraband substance was being brought from Pune to Goa.

The Mapusa Police have registered Crime No. 115/2024 U/Sec the case against both the accused under Section 21 (c) of Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

# DKA vows to continue fight against stepmotherly treatment meted to Romi Konkani in Official Language Act

Argue that despite few benefits, Roman script still lacks official recognition and parity with Devanagari; say recent statements made by supporters of Devanagari Konkani were false and misleading

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** Lamenting that Konkani in Roman script was not getting the due place it deserved in the Official Language Act, the Dalgado Konknni Akademi (DKA) on Saturday vowed to fight to take the battle forward to get equal status for mother tongue in Roman script in the Act.

Refuting the claims made by the supporters of Devanagari that no injustice was done to Konkani in Roman script, Dalgado Konknni Akademi (DKA) on Saturday stated that all the discrimination and injustice can be prevented only if equal status is given to Konkani in Roman script along with Konkani in Devanagari script in the Goa official language act.

At a press conference, Tomazinho Cardozo (former President of DKA and former Speaker of the Goa Legislative Assembly) along with Celso Fernandes (President), Fr Myron Barretto, Secretary of the Dalgado Konknni Akademi (DKA), William Fernandes (Vice-President), Premanand Lotlikar, Vinay Quadros (both former Presidents of DKA), and others addressed the ongoing issue of script discrimination.

They emphasized that the few benefits provided by the government do not equate to granting equal status to Konkani in Roman script and argued that despite these benefits, Roman script Konkani still lacks official recognition and parity with Devanagari script Konkani.

The statement made by



one prominent supporter of Konkani in Devanagari script in an interview to local TV channel that Konkani in Roman script was given official status since long in Goa are false and misleading, said Cardozo.

DKA further made their stand clear that their fight to get equal status to Roman script in the official language act will continue and wished the Global Konkani Forum best of luck in the movement

started by them.

"When Goa Konkani Academy was established, the committee formed to run the affairs included about 16 members. Only two were followers of Romi Konkani while the remaining 14 members were the supporters of Devanagari. Is this justice?" questioned Cardozo.

He further questioned that when the advisory committee for Konkani at the Sahitya Academy, New

Delhi formed of the 11 members, it included only 1 follower of Romi Konkani.

"When staff for GKA was appointed for the first time, not even 10 percent were the followers of Konkani in Roman script. Can we call it justice? Observe the pattern of how employment is provided in departments like Art and Culture, Tiatr Academy of Goa or the Goa Kala Academy where protagonists of Konkani in Ro-

man script can be appointed. Not even 10 percent of staff in these departments are from the field of Konkani in Roman script?" questioned Cardozo.

He said that the recent statements made by supporters of Devanagari Konkani are false and misleading. In fact, the Goa Official Language Act of 1987 does not even make a mention of Roman script of Konkani in the act while it categorically states that 'Konkani language in Devanagari script shall be the official language of Goa and Marathi shall be used for all official purposes.'

"There is no status whatsoever for Konkani in Roman script in the act and hence the above statement made in the press conference of Konkani Bhasha

Mandal is mischievous and deceitful," said Cardozo.

Claiming further, the strength and might behind the Konkani language agitation were the followers in Roman script.

"Even seven followers of Konkani in Roman script sacrificed their lives for the cause of Konkani in the agitation, and yet they were betrayed by denying the right of giving equal status to Roman script along with Devanagari," said Carozo.

DKA also listed several attempts made by them in demanding equal status for the Roman script in the past and stated that they failed to get success, but wished the best wishes to Global Konknni Forum in their movement for the cause of Roman script.

"The statements made by political leaders that the language issue has been settled long back is false," said Premanand Lotlikar, former president of DKA.

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## FESTIVE FISHERWOMAN



A participant dressed as a fisherwoman at the Bonderam float parade, at St Mathias, Malar-Dirvar, on Saturday

## Cops book Karnataka native for allegedly raping minor niece

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** The Colva police on Saturday arrested a man for allegedly raping his 14-year-old niece.

According to the police, both, the accused and the victim along with her parents were staying in a rented room. Both the brothers are working as cooks in a hotel. Currently the victim's parents had gone to their native place in Karnataka leaving their three children in the room. Taking advantage of the situation, the accused allegedly raped the victim.

The girl who had gone to school complained of pain in the abdomen during class hours and following enquiry, the school authorities immediately informed the police, who also recorded the victim's statement in the presence of NGO. The victim was also taken for medical examination at the Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC), Bambolim. The police are waiting for victim's parents to return from Karnataka. The Colva police have registered a case against the accused under Sections 65 (I) and 76 of BNS, Section 8 of Goa Children's Act and the under relevant Sections of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act of 2012. Lady PSI Varshada Naik Dessai is conducting investigations.

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## Nightclubs pay haftas to govt, police, alleges ex-Calangute MLA

Team Herald

**CALANGUTE:** "No ordinary nightclub can pay the kind of haftas these nightclubs are paying. Some of these parties start at 4 am and wind up at 6 am. No party starting at that time will have alcohol. There must be drugs there because of which they can afford to pay such huge haftas," former Calangute MLA Agnelo Fernandes said following protests by locals against the Independence Day holiday parties in Anjuna-Vagator.

"This is completely illegal. You cannot have outdoor parties after 10 pm because there are High Court orders. Holding all-night parties despite high court orders against such events is a complete abuse of power," Fernandes said while talking to reporters.

Fernandes said the owners of these party venues are "obviously paying a lot of haftas to the government and police. Siolim MLA (Deiliah Lobo) on Thursday went with the locals who were protesting against these parties to the Anjuna police and gave an assurance that there would be no music after 10pm. Yet the parties started at 1 am and went on till morning. One party in Morjim went on till 10 am," Fernandes said.

"Most of these places are owned by outsiders who have come and started these big clubs in Anjuna-Vagator with capacity for 3,000 and charge Rs 5,000 entry and play music day and night. Anytime there's a holiday there's a party. It's totally illegal. If the government and police are not taking action even with the High Court having passed strictures, then it's a very dangerous situation," the former MLA said.

## CM holds review meeting with mines dept

Discusses resumption of iron ore and sand mining

Team Herald

**PANJIM:** Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Saturday discussed issues such as resumption of electronic-auctioned mines, new e-auctions, resumption and regulation of sand mining and other minor minerals with the officials of the Directorate of Mines and Geology.

Head of Departments from other related departments such as Department of Environment, Water Resources Department (WRD),

and the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) also attended the review meeting.

Sawant also discussed grievances and issues faced by the Directorate of Mines and Geology.

Last week, the Supreme Court allowed the Goa government to auction iron ore, abandoned at different locations in the State and to deposit the proceeds from the e-auctioned iron ore in the State treasury and not to part with, by the private miners.

The Apex Court had also allowed

the Goa government to auction 1.94million tons of iron ores lying at different locations across the State, through e-auction.

Meanwhile, the State government has identified three mineral blocks of iron ore mineral for e-auction and has invited bids for the grant of mining lease. These mineral blocks are Onda mineral block in North Goa and Curpem and Sulcorna and Codli mineral blocks in South Goa district. The last date to submit bids is October 4.

## Repairs on potholed Talaulim, Kavlem roads in Ponda begin



Team Herald

**PONDA:** Following the news report in O'Heraldo on August 15, regarding the bad road condition at Talaulim, Kavlem in Ponda, contractors began repairs and patchwork on potholes. O'Heraldo had highlighted the difficulties faced by motorists due to potholed roads in the villages and Ponda town.

The newly tarred roads, which were completed in May and June, suffered significant damage during heavy rains in July this year. Locals have alleged that the work was substandard and

that the hot mixing was conducted at an inappropriate time, without allowing sufficient drying time in the sun or proper setting of the tar.

However, despite the resumption of repair work, locals feel that the roads have not been adequately restored and that contractors need to improve the quality of their work. Motorists and pedestrians are complaining about dust pollution caused by the gravel and powder used in the repairs. Residents have expressed that the only viable solution is to re-tar the roads with proper quality materials.

## HC dismisses Chowgule's plea to transfer cheating case to CBI

Team Herald

**PANJIM:** The High Court of Bombay at Goa dismissed criminal writ petition filed by Chowgule and Company Private Limited seeking to transfer investigation of First Information Report (FIR) into Rs 1,075 crore cheating case registered by the Economic Offences Cell (EOC) of Goa Police to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

The petitioner had also sought direction to the CBI to conduct fair and impartial investigation and submit report in a time-bound manner.

In June this year, the EOC had registered a case against five persons including the then director of Chowgule and Company Pvt Ltd Vijay Chowgule, Pradip Mahatme of Altinho, Pratap Shirke from UK and known and unknown associates of Fort Group based in Ireland and Maria Christine Pucher of Leichtenstein for allegedly cheating the European shipping company of over Rs 1,000 crore.

A complaint in this regard was filed by CCPL through its authorised representative Harsh Shah, a legal executive at the company.

Arguing on behalf of the petitioner, Adv Rizwan Merchant said that the manner

in which the application for anticipatory bail applications filed by the accused was handled by the investigating officer (IO), free and impartial investigation by the IO can never be expected and hence this was a fit case for transfer of investigation to CBI. He submitted that the FIR was registered after a delay of two months from the date when the petitioner had first made a complaint to the IO. Even after registration of FIR on June 14, 2024, there had been no progress in the investigation.

Additional public prosecutor Nikhil Vaze told the Court that the EOC was a specialised unit and conducting investigation of non-banking financial cases and cases which are directed by the higher authorities. There are 36 criminal cases which were pending with EOC Police Station and 15 different high profile and technical cases were investigated by the EOC Police Station.

APP Vaze further said that considering the complex nature of the investigation and despite the complainant not cooperating, every possible effort is being made to investigate into the FIR and that the investigation will be conducted in a free, fair and impartial manner.

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## India's poor record in women's safety, upholding their dignity

**T**he brutal rape and murder of the 31-year-old resident doctor at the RG Kar Hospital in Kolkata has sparked a global debate once again over safety of women in India. In addition, this time it has also thrown up yet another problem, safety of public sector professionals at work place, especially medical staff.

As far as safety of women is concerned, India has been black listed by foreign media and countries time and again, even issuing specific advisories for women travellers coming to India. From the rape of a woman biker in Jharkhand to the molestation of a Korean vlogger in Pune, Indian cities have become notorious despite these cases being isolated incidents which have received social media traction. However, what should concern the public and the governments of the day in India, Centre as well as States, is the growing number of cases of crimes - specifically, crimes against women.

After the Nirbhaya case of 2012, the country witnessed massive protests across the country and everybody joined, cutting across social divides and party lines, in demanding stringent laws, capital punishment, etc. According to data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), when the horrific Nirbhaya incident happened in 2012, police were recording up to 25,000 rape cases a year across India. The number in the subsequent years spiked and largely remained above 30,000, except during the Covid-19 pandemic year of 2020, which saw a sharp decline. However, the number of cases peaked to nearly 39,000 in 2016. According to government reports, in 2018, on average of one woman was reportedly raped every 15 minutes across the country. In 2022, there were more than 31,000 rapes cases reported.

There have been numerous cases that received media attention nationally. In 2018, a 26-year-old man in Indore was sentenced to death three weeks after his arrest on charges of rape and murder of a three-month-old baby girl. In 2019, police officers shot dead four men suspected of raping and killing a 27-year-old veterinarian near Hyderabad. Police said they were shot when they tried to snatch weapons from officers. Public celebrated the encounter. The 2020 gang-rape of a 19-year-old girl in Hathras district once again drew nation's attention and her death weeks later in a hospital triggered nationwide outrage. Political heavy weights were prime accused in the case.

The list is very very long to even mention some of the most brutal and inhuman rape and murder cases.

Turn to Goa, just within the last year cases of teachers molesting students in school were reported and these girls stopped going to school while the teachers continued to remain in position until media highlighted the issue. The country should not forget the sight of the women being paraded naked in Manipur. And while even protests are being held across the country against the Kolkata incident, nearly 100 rape cases are being reported everyday in India. But these are cases that are being reported, the ones that go unreported due to family and social pressure is unaccounted.

Between 2012 and 2024, laws have been amended and punishments made more severe, but the net achievement of the course of action does not seem to translate into a sharp decline in the number of crimes against women. One of the biggest flaws is the differential treatment to every case. Sometimes, social, like the Hathras case, as the girl belonged to socially backward caste and the accused was from a higher caste. Sometimes political, like the BJP remained on the backfoot when Manipur was burning and women being raped because the party was in power. Compare this to the ongoing spontaneous protests by the BJP currently because it is the TMC in power in West Bengal.

On the other hand, every such incident is followed by "words of wisdom" to educate the girl child about a 'good touch' and 'bad touch', lessons in self defence, etc. However, the problem is much deeper and perhaps a decade of dedicated schooling of both boys and girls about good touch and bad touch, respect for each other's gender and the sense of moral accountability towards being a better human, will bring a change for the future. In the meanwhile, the system needs to introspect the genuine efforts in bringing to justice the criminals involved in outraging women's dignity.

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**BY INVITATION**  
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## AGE IS JUST A NUMBER!...COMING HOME IN THE AUTUMN OF ONE'S LIFE

**F**or the Goan diaspora the world-over, the thought of returning to the homeland to enjoy the twilight of a retired life, has always been entrenched in the recesses of their minds. Goa's once scenic environs---palm-fringed beaches, vast green paddy-fields, cashew, mango and coconut groves, that sprawled across a verdant landscape fed by waters from a plethora of rivers, rivulets, lakes and innumerable fresh water springs, at the foot of a canopy of green made up of tropical forests that form part of the rich flora and fauna of the Western Ghats ----has not been lost on those sons-of-the red soil who for economic stability and greater job-opportunity have ventured to travel for better prospects and seek fortune in First World Countries.

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Fed with nostalgic memories of a happy childhood in Goa, persons like my father and his compatriots born in the early 1900s who had migrated abroad chose to 'hang their boots' in their motherland after setting aside a neat nest-egg, which they used to refurbish their ancestral homes---with the minimum of modern amenities---aimed at pure comfort and well-being in their advanced age.

And, believe me, many a retiree from my parents' generation who chose to relish the pristine tranquility of 'a simple existence' back in the land of their birth, rather than the fast-paced materialistic and now Artificial Intelligence (AI) inspired lifestyle experienced in First World Countries have had no regrets before embarking on their eternal Journey. But the euphoria of enjoying a serene and blissful retired lifestyle in Goa is slowly evaporating as the 'dreaded' 'wheels of change' mounted on bulldozers and steamrollers, mash up the State's pristine face spreading a concoction of concrete and glass high-rise 'modern' structures that have forever altered the Goan landscape sculpted by 'right-wing' politicians riding rough-shod on the saddle of power.

Says a retired Goan businessman based in London, on condition of anonymity, who has been religiously visiting Goa during the 'hot' months of March, April and May, to visit relatives and friends and see to the upkeep of his ancestral properties, "Goa has excellent and tolerable weather that attracts as a final destination. But, sadly important health-care issues or benefits ---especially for the elderly --- have yet to be streamlined and leave much to be desired. Complex areas such as eliminating 'social isolation' problems that act as a barometer to a retiree's well-being has yet to be tackled



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Echoing similar sentiments was another "niz goemkar" (true Goan?)---a musician and retired businessman from the UK, who hails from Aldona, Bardez in North Goa. The businessman while condoning a need for infrastructural changes that has thrown an ugly concrete blanket over an unspoiled luxuriant canopy that once described his homeland, rues the fact that in the recent past too, owing to a conservative political ideology, Goa's harmonious secular and peaceful multi-cultural social fabric is in danger of being torn forever.

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Studies conducted in first world countries reveal that with proper care one could enjoy 'the autumn' of one's life to its fullest. The key was finding a balance between use of modern technology and accepted practice of a pristine past. Writes Brennen Jensen in an article published in the summer of 2023, "for many, a brimming email inbox has become a chore. Although for older adults, access to tools such as email and texting may help them stay socially engaged and reduce their chances of developing dementia." Citing the National Institute of Aging (American), Jensen reveals that "a quarter of older adults are experiencing social isolation defined as ---having a lack of social contacts and a few people with whom to interact regularly! Extensive research, one understands, unearthed that several health issues, such as

heart disease, obesity, depression and dementia that afflict older adults can be connected to "Social Isolation". Since 2011, when studies on the effects of 'Social Isolation' were first undertaken, from zero percentage suffering of dementia, partakers in research experiments apparently showed in 2020 a marked "28% higher risk of dementia" over the nine-year study period as observed by lead author, Alison Huang, a senior researcher at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health".

It is unsure, exactly why 'social isolation' increases the risk of dementia, but researchers believe that 'it is more likely that people who are socially isolated would tend to allegedly engage in unhealthy habits like poor diet, poor personal hygiene or smoking --all of which have been shown to increase the risk for dementia. "If you're more socially isolated, you're not getting as much cognitive engagement through talking to people or being involved in activities. This reduced engagement can also lead to the cognitive decline we see in dementia", reveals Jensen quoting Huang.

Unravelling findings of Mfon Umoh ---a postdoctoral fellow in geriatric medicine at the School of Medicine ---who believed that "Just ensuring that older adults have access to very basic technology may be a protective factor against social isolation", Jensen opined that 'simple technologies studied are a stark contrast to the sophisticated artificial intelligence---powered robots some tech companies were developing to offer companionship to isolated older adults!'

He cites as examples, the Israel-based Intuition Robotics AI companion ElliQ--- billed as the "sidekick for healthier, happier aging"--- or Buddy from France's Blue Frog Robotics designed to combat feelings of isolation and

loneliness in its users.

It may seem far fetched, but Goa too, may soon be subjected to the sultry effects of this psychological phenomenon of "Social Isolation" afflicting older adults in developed Countries. Nestled in the lap of the Western Ghats kissed by the Arabian Sea on India's western coastline, Goa--- has just about three decades ago--- offered a salubrious atmosphere certainly devoid of social isolation. Senior citizens and retirees enjoyed a mundane lifestyle spiced up with cordial recreational activities, such as weekly card games of 'Bridge', 'Troom', or Rummy, Bar-b-ques, Get-togethers, Birthdays and other parties or perhaps, just a daily ramble to exercise aging muscles with family, neighbors, friends or compatriots. Social activity knew no bounds as one shared an open-house existence sans 'Boundary or Compound' walls that have now crept up around residences that dot villages of the Goan hinterland---throwing up 'barriers' of 'isolation'.

With Goa undergoing a drastic transformation as Planning officials chalk-out ostensible 'infrastructural' projects with callous alacrity---shedding off the State's bio-diverse primeval beauty, its younger inhabitants too, unable to secure 'gainful' employment or compete with the influx of investors from across the borders, think nothing of leaving their parents or older dependents to fend for themselves in ancestral houses or nursing shelters, in pursuit of greener pastures abroad!! These senior citizens prefer to suffer in silence the absence of their offspring in hope that the latter 'make a success of their lives' overseas. And, thus the seed of the dreaded 'social isolation' 'malaise' and its inherent ugly unhealthy off-shoots are sown.

A ray of hope, however, through crusading priests like Fr Valmiki Dias, who has gained popularity for his state-of-the-art 'Daddy's' old-age homes, and some NGO's committed to the cause of our aged and aging fellow citizens, does lie on the horizon. And mercifully one may enjoy the inevitable greying process in the autumn of one's life with a smile as one 'grows old gracefully' in Goa, soothed by its 'hot and humid' tropical climes.

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## Stop adding insult to Vinesh Phogat's injury please

**M**uch water has flown down the Ganges since India's top wrestler Vinesh Phogat was disqualified for being overweight by just 100 grams. That was heart-breaking enough; the rejection of her appeal against disqualification was the final straw.

What's very disheartening is the reaction of officials, particularly women in power who, as if to rub salt to the wound, made unpleasant remarks against their own countrywoman.

To the uninitiated, Phogat was disqualified from competing for the gold medal at the Paris Olympics for being overweight by 100 grams during the standard morning weigh-in. Shattered by this sudden outcome, Phogat filed an appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), seeking a joint silver medal alongside Yusneylis Lopez of Cuba, who, having lost to Vinesh, was elevated to the final. The appeal has been dismissed by CAS, media reports said on 14 August.

Much has been said and while most people commiserated with the wres-

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tler, some seemed to take sadistic delight in her loss.

**Here's a sample.**  
Hema Malini, a Member of Parliament (MP): "It is very surprising, and it feels strange that she was disqualified for being 100 gm overweight. It is important to keep the weight in check. It is a lesson for all of us. I wish she could lose that 100 gm quickly, but she won't get it now," she told PTI. The actress also appeared to smile at the camera before walking away.

Not surprisingly, Hema Malini was slammed on social media for her "disgraceful" remarks.

Another female MP, Kangana Ranaut, said on Instagram:  
"Fingers crossed for India's first Gold Medal... Vinesh Phogat at one point took part in protests where she raised the slogans of 'Modi teri Kabr khudegi'. Yet she was given the opportunity to represent the nation and receive the best training, coaches, and facilities. This is the beauty of democracy and the mark of a great leader."

**UPFRONT**  
**It has been an agonising few days since Phogat was disqualified and one can imagine what this feisty wrestler is going through. Despite her injuries, the harassment and ordeal she underwent in the run-up to the Olympics, she rose phoenix-like to wrestle her way to the semi-finals in Paris, the first Indian woman wrestler to achieve such a feat**

Needless to say, Ranaut too received brickbats on social media for her inappropriate comments for seemingly trying to politicise the issue and diminish Phogat's individual efforts and achievements.

The latest reaction came from none other than PT Usha, the president of the Indian Olympics Association (IOA) who pointed a finger at Phogat and her coach. "...the responsibility of weight management of athletes in sport like wrestling, weightlifting, boxing and judo is that of each athlete and his or her coach

and NOT that of the IOA-appointed Chief Medical Officer Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala and his team," Usha said in a statement. "The hate directed at the IOA medical team, especially Dr Pardiwala, is unacceptable and worthy of condemnation."

While only a thorough enquiry can determine the cause of Phogat's weight gain, Usha's statement clearly alludes to collective responsibility - the athlete and the coach - for what happened.

Contrast this with Prakash Padukone's outburst after Lakshya Sen lost in the bronze medal match. "They (the

Federations and government) have done whatever they can. Ultimately, the responsibility is on the players to go and deliver when it matters the most," he told media persons.

So, here are two of the country's top sportspersons holding important positions with different views on where the onus lies when an athlete loses.

Clearly, a lack of uniformity in thinking among officials when it comes to significant matters relating to sports and sportspersons.

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What she needed was empathy, words of comfort, encouragement and support. Instead, you have the likes of Hema Malini, Kangana Ranaut and P T Usha making indecorous remarks that can have an adverse impact on the morale of not only Phogat but other

sports persons too. If women in power behave in such a manner towards one of their own, what hope can athletes such as Phogat harbour?

Is this empowerment of 'Nari Shakti' that is banded about so frequently by our politicians? Did these women compliment her when she reached the semi-finals? And, ironically, many who remained silent during the days of protests by wrestlers and the humiliation they suffered, were quick to post syrupy messages of sympathy and shed crocodile tears when she was disqualified!

Any wonder why Phogat was compelled to take the ultimate step of retiring from the sport? "Wrestling has won Mother, I have lost, my dreams and spirit are broken, please forgive me," she wrote.

What a tragic end to the glorious career of a 29-year-old!  
Will the likes of Usha, the female MPs, the wrestling federation and the sports ministry make a concerted effort to ensure that Phogat does not retire? Will the sports federations and the government recognize her near-gold-medal winning performance at Paris and honour her fittingly?

# Collem tourist guides oppose steep fee hike imposed on trekkers visiting Dudhsagar Falls

**Demand immediate rollback; say it is unjust; will discourage people from trekking; fear for their livelihoods**

Team Herald

**PONDA:** Around 100 tourist guides from Collem protested on Saturday against a sudden and exorbitant fee hike imposed on trekkers visiting Dudhsagar Falls during the monsoon season.

The Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC) has increased its fee to Rs 177, while the Goa Forest Development Corporation (GFDC) has added a fee of Rs 50, resulting in a total hike of Rs 227 effective from August 16. The guides expressed that these fees are being imposed without providing any facilities

for trekkers, which threatens their livelihoods.

The guides, who accompany trekkers on a challenging 24 km trek that takes about 8 hours round trip, currently charge Rs 200 per tourist. However, with the government fees rising from Rs 100 to Rs 327, they fear that this increase will discourage trekking and negatively impact their income. They are demanding an immediate rollback of the Rs 227 fee hike and want the forest entry fee to remain at Rs 100 per tourist.

Due to the protest, trekkers who arrived in Collem to enjoy the monsoon beauty of Dudhsagar Falls found themselves stranded at Collem Bazaar. In addition to opposing the fee hike, the local guides made several other demands. Currently, the fee structure includes Rs 200 for the guide, Rs 100 for the Goa Forest entry fee, Rs 177 for the GTDC, and Rs 50 for the GFDC, totaling Rs 527 per trekker. Out of this, the government collects Rs 327 while the guides receive only Rs 200.

The guides emphasized that they work hard to accompany tourists on this demanding trek, and the increased fees could severely impact their livelihoods, as many of them have no other jobs. They are calling for the fees



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imposed by GTDC and GFDC to be rolled back immediately, allowing only the forest department to charge Rs 100 as the entry fee.

Additionally, they requested that trekking hours be adjusted to start at 6 am and end at 6 pm, and that trekkers be allowed to reach the bottom of Dudhsagar Falls. They noted that simply viewing the waterfall from a distance via a watchtower does not provide the satisfaction that trekkers seek. Previously, trekkers were allowed to access the bottom of the waterfall.

Currently, one tourist guide

can accompany up to 8 tourists, but they are requesting an increase to 10. Hundreds of trekkers from Maharashtra, Karnataka, and other states visit Collem to experience the full glory of Dudhsagar Falls during the monsoon season, which officially begins trekking on June 15 each year. The local guides reiterated that the revised fee structure is unjust, as they receive only Rs 200 while the government collects Rs 327 per tourist. They fear that the hike in fees will discourage trekking altogether.

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## Chicalim youth revive agriculture in village; transplant paddy seedlings on I-Day

Team Herald

**VASCO:** A farmers club run by youth has embarked upon a new mission to promote green revolution by bringing fallow land under cultivation in Chicalim.

The Chicalim Youth Farmers Club (CYFC) has taken up the challenge and commenced paddy plantation in the fields on the occasion of India's 78th Independence Day.

The event was graced by the presence of South Goa MP Captain Viriato Fernandes, Mentor and Botany Professor Rev Fr Dr Bolmax Pereira, Chicalim panchayat member Roman Vaz, and members of Chicalim Youth Farmers Club and villagers.

The plantation began seeking God's blessings conducted by Chicalim assistant parish priest Fr Peter Fernandes and the new transplanting machinery. Greg Fernandes and his team of farmers from Nagao Agriculture and Art Forum, Nagao, Verna, provided the mechanical support with their two new transplanters.

The CYFC has been cultivating the fields for the past four years, starting from 2020, following PM's Atmanirbhar speech on self-sufficiency.

This year's plantation faced a huge delay due to heavy rainfall, causing flooding of the fields. Usually, by August, the paddy



starts flowering, and the mature paddy crops are cut for the feast of St Bartolomeo (locally known as Konnsanchem Fest) celebrated on August 24.

Captain Viriato enthusiastically participated in the farming, highlighting the importance of revival of agriculture, farmers, food security, and self-sufficiency. He praised CYFC for reviving and cultivating the fields of Chicalim, which weren't being cultivated for 25-30 years.

Fr Bolmax explained the concept of "Atma Nibhartha" and the four pillars of Viksit Bharat - poor (garib), youth (yuva), women (mahila), and farmers (annadaata). He also mentioned the delay in starting paddy cultivation this year due to heavy rainfall and flooding caused by a mismanaged drainage system.

CYFC president Shogun Fernandes explained the working of the Club and the journey in farming. He stated the difficulties faced by the club due to water logging and flooding of fields

good work done by the youth of Chicalim and highlighted the importance of taking care of the lands and fields of the village. He also mentioned the unique Pond ecosystem of Chicalimvillage and the need to address flooding and silting issues.

Greg, the transplanting machinery operator, urged the government and local bodies to maintain the roadside drains well so that young and new farmers turning to agriculture are not discouraged by lack of opportunities and services that the machine operators like him can provide.

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## Mormugao council nets Rs 1.03 cr revenue from Saptah fair

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**VASCO:** The Mormugao Municipal Council earned a revenue of Rs 1.03 crore from the annual Saptah fair that started at Vasco from August 10.

Mormugao chairperson Girish Borker on Friday told mediapersons that it was for the first time in many years that Saptah fair was not granted extension and despite of it, the council earned highest revenue during the 125th year of Saptah festival.

According to Borker, last year the council had collected around Rs 97 lakh

and had set a target to collect more than Rs 1 crore this year. It was a record this year that the Saptah fair received tremendous response from the devotees and people and the council achieved its target within seven days of fair.

Borker refuted the allegations of vendors that the council had charged high rates from them to meet the revenue target. Around 1,000 stalls were permitted during the seven-day Saptah fair and the council gave each of them a good opportunity to earn while it also generated income from the fair.

## Embrace patriotism, look beyond caste and religion, urges Ravi

Team Herald

**PONDA:** India's 78th Independence Day was marked with a celebratory event at Ponda's Kranti Maidan, where Agriculture Minister Ravi Naik paid homage to the sacrifices of the country's freedom fighters. The event commenced with Naik offering a rich floral tribute to the Martyrs Memorial, followed by the hoisting of the National Flag and an inspection of the guard of honour presented by jawans.

In his address, Naik emphasised the importance of unity among the people, urging citizens to look beyond

differences of caste and religion. He highlighted the need for solidarity, particularly in the context of protecting the Bangladeshi Hindus who, he said, are facing injustice. He underscored the significance of remembering the sacrifices made by freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi, whose efforts led to India's independence from British rule on August 15, 1947.

Reflecting on the historical context, Naik mentioned how British rule had stunted India's development and how Goans endured the hardships imposed by the Portuguese.

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BJP leaders during 'BJP National Office Bearers and State Presidents Meeting' at the party headquarters, in New Delhi, on Saturday



Union F M Nirmala Sitharaman with Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund Gita Gopinath, during a meeting, in New Delhi



Women devotees carry holy water as they take part in the 'Kalash Yatra' during 'Shravan' month, in Jaipur, on Saturday

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### BAP MLA's car damaged in stone pelting incident in Rajasthan

**JAIPUR:** Bharat Adivasi Party (BAP) MLA Jaikrishna Patel's car was damaged in a stone pelting incident in Banswara district of Rajasthan, police said on Saturday. A case has been registered in the matter. On Thursday night, unidentified persons pelted stones on Patel's car near Barjadia village in Anandpuri police station area. A rear window of the car was broken in the incident, Assistant Sub-Inspector Jitendra Patidar said. Based on a complaint lodged by Patel, the MLA from Bagidora, a case has been registered in the matter under sections 125 (endangering life or personal safety of others) and 324 (2) (mischievous leading to loss or damage to the amount of Rs 20,000 to 1 lakh) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), he said. Banswara Additional Superintendent of Police Rajesh Bhardwaj said searches are being carried out to nab the accused.

### Scare at Lucknow Airport after 'radioactive' alarm

**LUCKNOW (UP):** Lucknow Airport became a scene of frenetic activity on Saturday after a shipment containing medicines for cancer patients activated an alarm of radioactive material, according to an official statement. The airport officials swiftly responded to the alarm and alerted authorities. The incident did not impact the flight operations. An official statement issued by Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport (Lucknow Airport), read, "A shipment containing medicines for cancer patients activated an alarm for radioactive material in the Cargo area of the Lucknow Airport." It added, "The National Disaster Response Force, called in to ascertain the cause of the alarm, has declared the shipment safe. There was no casualty and there was no threat to life or injury. The Airport operations are running smoothly and have not been impacted," the statement added.

### Police constable kills wife, commits suicide in Lucknow

**LUCKNOW (UP):** A police constable allegedly shot dead his wife before shooting himself here on Saturday. Krishnanagar Assistant Commissioner of Police Vinay Dwivedi said, "The constable was identified as Sarvesh Rawat of 2011 batch, while his wife was identified as Meera Rawat." According to police, Sarvesh was posted in Kanpur and had come to Lucknow for Rakshabandhan. The duo had some argument on Friday night, after which the constable shot his wife and himself. After hearing the gunfire, the neighbours called the police. The duo were rushed to hospital, where the woman was pronounced dead. The constable also succumbed to his injuries during treatment at the hospital.

### Rajasthan: Mechanic beaten to death over old enmity, 10 booked

**KOTA (RAJASTHAN):** A 25-year-old mechanic was beaten to death by some people who attacked him with sticks, iron rods and other sharp weapons in a village in Jhalawar district over old enmity, police said on Saturday. The victim was identified as Satyanarayan Gurjar, a two-wheeler mechanic and a native of Deveriya village, police said. The incident occurred on Friday night when Gurjar was returning home in a car with his friends. Around 9.30 pm, around 8-10 people stopped them near the Deveriya village and pulled Gurjar out of the car, SHO Vijendra Singh said. They thrashed Gurjar with sticks, iron rods and other sharp weapons, while his friends fled, Singh said. Gurjar was later rushed to a government hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries, he said. During the initial investigation, the police found that the accused killed Gurjar over some old enmity, he said. Gurjar also got into a scuffle with a few of the identified accused last year, SHO said.

### Thane: Woman held for chain snatching onboard local trains

**THANE:** The Government Railway Police (GRP) have arrested a 23-year-old woman from Maharashtra's Thane district in connection with six chain-snatching incidents onboard suburban trains, an official said on Saturday. The GRP was probing a complaint of a woman who lost a gold chain while boarding a local train from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus on August 2 and found that several such cases were reported in Kurla and other places in Mumbai, an official said. A police team tracked down the movements of the suspects by relying on various inputs, including CCTVs, GRP crime branch senior inspector Arshuddin Sheikh said. While examining CCTV footage from Thane, Bhandup, Ghatkopar and other stations, the team zeroed in on the accused, Roshni More, and arrested her from the Diwa area, he said.

### Woman set on fire by son in UP village over sale of goats

**SONBHADRA (UP):** A 50-year-old woman was allegedly killed by her son in Bachra village here during a fight over the selling of goats, police said on Saturday. Kamlesh Devi, the victim, was hit on her head by her son with some blunt tool Friday night, they said. The son, Kishun Bihari Yadav, hid her body under a cloth and set it on fire dousing it in petrol, Additional SP Tribhuvan Nath Tripathi said. The neighbours rushed to the house and put out the fire, but by then the woman had died, he said. Police have arrested Yadav in connection with the death. Kamlesh Devi lived in the house with her son and daughter-in-law.

### Four MLAs quit JJP in Haryana

**PTI, CHANDIGARH:** In a jolt to the JJP ahead of the assembly elections in Haryana, four of its MLAs quit the party, sources said on Saturday. Anoop Dhanak, Ram Karan Kala, Devender Babli and Ishwar Singh quit the party citing personal reasons, the sources said. The Election Commission on Friday announced that assembly polls in Haryana would be held in a single phase on October 1 and the results declared on October 4. The Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) had won 10 seats in the 2019 assembly polls. Dhanak, a minister in the Manohar Lal Khattar-led BJP-JJP coalition government, was elected from the Uklana constituency in Hisar.

# RG KAR FIASCO: IMA's nationwide strike hits healthcare services across West Bengal

**PTI, KOLKATA:** Healthcare services across West Bengal remained crippled on Saturday, as senior doctors at public and private medical facilities, responding to a 24-hour nationwide strike called by the IMA, joined the agitating junior medics to protest the alleged rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee.

The body of the doctor was found in a seminar hall of the state-run hospital on August 9.

Separate teams of the central investigating agency also reached the crime scene at the RG Kar hospital and the barrack of the Kolkata Police's Armed Forces fourth battalion in Salt Lake, where the arrested prime accused, civic volunteer Sanjay Roy, was putting up.

At RG Kar hospital, the investigators collected samples and sent those to the Central Forensic Sciences



TMC activists stage a protest march demanding justice for the woman doctor who was allegedly raped and murdered at Kolkata's R G Kar Medical College and Hospital, in Balurghat, West Bengal, on Saturday

Laboratory for testing, an officer said.

"At the KP barrack, the team spoke to the policemen who are staying there and enquired about the accused's movements on Friday morning. They took the details of when Roy returned to the

barrack and what he did after reaching there," he said.

Later, the same team reached Sambhunath Pandit Street in South Kolkata, Roy's rented residence, and spoke to his mother about his recent whereabouts and recorded her written state-

ment, the officer said.

During his first round of questioning, the former principal was asked about his first reaction after getting the news of the doctor's death, who he instructed to inform the family and who contacted the

police, he said.

CBI officials enquired about the weekly roster of the chest medicine department where the victim was seen to be put on duty for a gruelling 36 hours at a stretch or, at times, even 48 hours, the officer said.

"Some of his answers were convoluted. He was grilled till early Saturday and then allowed to leave for home," the officer told PTI.

In an evening development, the Mamata Banerjee government was learnt to have cancelled its bulk transfer order of 43 doctors and 190 female health assistants issued by the state health department on August 16 in the wake of fresh protests that were registered by a section of the agitating doctors.

While the government had initially called the transfers "routine" and insisted that most doctors

were being moved from the periphery regions to the vicinity of Kolkata, the United Doctors Front Association, a nation-wide body of doctors, called the move "unjust" and an "attempt to silence demands for justice and security".

State health secretary N S Nigam told reporters, "The transfer order was issued sometime back. We cancelled it today because had the transfers been brought to effect, it would have further disrupted the services these doctors were providing to patients under the current situation. There's no controversy here."

The Kolkata Police, which is probing the large-scale vandalism at R G Kar hospital in the early hours of August 15, meanwhile, confirmed that the arrest figure in connection with the violence currently stands at 30.

### GUJARAT DOCTORS STAY AWAY FROM OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENTS

**PTI, AHMEDABAD:** Healthcare services in Gujarat were affected as doctors from government and private hospitals took to the streets on Saturday amid the 24-hour nationwide protest over the rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee doctor at a Kolkata medical college. Doctors stayed away from the outpatient departments (OPDs) and did not conduct elective surgeries in several hospitals across the state as part of a strike call given by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Gujarat Junior Doctors' Association.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTINUE IN RAJASTHAN

**PTI, JAIPUR:** Health services in Rajasthan were affected on Saturday due to the Indian Medical Association's call for a one-day strike in protest against the rape and murder of a resident doctor in West Bengal. Doctors boycotted OPD services in almost all government hospitals in Rajasthan though emergency services continued. A representative of IMA Jaipur said that after the call for a national-level strike by the IMA, doctors in all districts of Rajasthan, including Jaipur, boycotted work on Saturday.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES REMAIN FUNCTIONAL ACROSS TRIPURA

**PTI, AGARTALA:** Healthcare services were affected in Tripura on Saturday as doctors in the northeastern state joined the nationwide cease work protest, demanding justice for the alleged rape and murder of a woman doctor at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. However, the emergency services remained functional in all the medical colleges and hospitals in the state. To express solidarity to the family of the victim of the heinous crime at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9, we joined the nationwide withdrawal of services at all medical colleges and hospitals on Saturday. We have already organised a rally against the ghastly incident, IMA Tripura chapter's officiating president Dr Damodhar Chatterjee told PTI.

### 2,000 HEALTHCARE WORKERS GO ON CEASE WORK ACROSS ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

**PTI, PORT BLAIR:** Over 2,000 healthcare workers went on cease work across the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on Saturday, protesting the rape and murder of a doctor at a hospital in Kolkata. The protest that will continue for 24 hours affected healthcare services across the islands. "We condemn the incident that happened in Kolkata.

### PROTEST ACROSS MANIPUR AGAINST RAPE, MURDER OF KOLKATA DOCTOR

**PTI, IMPHAL:** Healthcare services were affected in Manipur on Saturday as doctors went on cease work in protest against the rape and murder of a medic at a hospital in Kolkata. Outpatient departments were shut at all hospitals, including the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) and Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS). "We stand in solidarity with our colleagues against the tragic incident as well as the hooliganism unleashed on the protesting students. We demand justice for the heinous crimes as well as safety at the workplace," said doctor Heisnam Angamba, who took part in a sit-in demonstration at the state-run JNIMS.

### MORE THAN 4,500 CHHATTISGARH DOCTORS JOIN NATIONWIDE PROTEST

**PTI, RAIPUR:** More than 4,500 doctors in Chhattisgarh on Saturday went on a 24-hour strike as part of the nationwide protest against the brutal rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata. The protest which started at 6 am affected medical services except the emergency ones in major hospitals across the state.

## Mobile internet suspended in Udaipur after school stabbing sparks communal tension

**PTI, JAIPUR:** Mobile internet was suspended for 24 hours in several areas of Rajasthan's Udaipur and all schools were ordered to remain shut after a Class-10 student allegedly stabbed another boy at a government school, triggering communal violence in the city, officials said.

The incident took place on Friday, they said, adding that the student injured in the attack is undergoing treatment at the district hospital while the accused is under detention.

The house of the accused boy has been razed by the district administration using JCB machines, the officials said. The demolition was carried out in the presence of police personnel.

"Fear of the administration is necessary for someone who commits a crime. It was found in an investigation that the house of the accused was built on forest land and action was taken in accordance with rules. A notice was



Police personnel try to douse a fire in vehicles during violence erupted after a student was allegedly stabbed by his classmate at a government school, in the Rajasthan's Udaipur

served and action was taken," Udaipur District Collector Arvind Poswal said.

All government and private schools in Udaipur have been ordered to remain shut until further orders in view of the law-and-order situation, he said.

A team of three doctors has been sent from state capital Jaipur to Udaipur by a special plane for the treatment of the injured boy, the collector said, adding that his condition is stable.

Friday in Udaipur city and the Bedla, Badgaon, Bleecha, Debari, Eklingpura, Kanpur, Dheekli and Bhuwana areas.

The collector appealed to people not to pay heed to rumours.

A mob set cars on fire on Friday amid communal tension following the stabbing incident outside a government school at Bhattiyani Chohatta.

Prohibitory orders banning the assembly of people were imposed in the city.

According to police, members of some Hindu outfits gathered at Madhuban in the city to protest against the incident. The mob pelted stones and set three-four cars on fire, police said.

As the tension escalated in the evening, markets were shut in Babu Bazar, Hathipole, Ghanta Ghar, Chetak Circle and nearby areas.

Some violent elements also pelted stones at a shopping mall, shattering the glass windows of shops, the officials said.

## BJP making recruitments in manner keeping SCs, STs, OBCs away from reservation: Kharige

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Congress president Mallikarjun Kharige on Saturday alleged the BJP is deliberately making recruitments in jobs in a manner that the SC, ST, OBC classes can be kept away from reservation, the Congress president alleged.

He asserted it is necessary to fully implement the provisions of economic, social and political justice contained in the Constitution and that is why the Congress is demanding a caste census for social justice.

In a post in Hindi on X, Kharige said, "BJP, which has ripped apart the Constitution, has made a double attack on reservation!"

"Today the Modi government has issued an advertisement to fill at least 45 posts of Joint Secretary, Directors and Deputy Secretary at the Centre through lateral entry. Is there SC, ST, OBC and EWS reservation

in this?" Kharige alleged.

"Under a well-planned conspiracy, the BJP is deliberately making such recruitments in jobs so that SC, ST, OBC classes can be kept away from reservation," the Congress president alleged.

The "reservation scam" in the appointment of 69,000 assistant teachers in Uttar Pradesh has now been exposed by a decision of the High Court, he claimed.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had raised the voice of the deprived candidates by writing a letter to the Prime Minister in the "reservation scam" in Dalit and backward classes in March 2024, he said.

"The Yogi government had filled these posts by doing injustice to the candidates in which the constitutional right of reservation of Dalit and backward classes was snatched from them," Kharige alleged.

## Panel to be formed to suggest measures for ensuring healthcare professionals' safety

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The Union health ministry on Saturday said a committee will be formed to suggest all possible measures for ensuring the safety of healthcare professionals.

Representatives of all stakeholders, including the state governments, will be invited to share their suggestions with the committee, it added.

The ministry has requested the doctors agitating across the country over the alleged rape and killing of a

resident doctor at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata to resume their duties in the larger public interest and in view of the rising number of dengue and malaria cases.

Representatives of the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA), Indian Medical Association (IMA) and resident doctors' associations of government medical colleges and hospitals of Delhi met the Union health minister in the wake

of the Kolkata incident.

The associations have put forth their demands regarding the safety and security of healthcare workers at their workplaces, the ministry said in a statement.

The ministry has heard the demands and assured the doctors' associations of all possible efforts to ensure the security of healthcare professionals. The representatives of the associations were informed that the government is well

aware of the situation and sensitive to their demands, the statement said.

It was also observed that 26 states have already passed laws for the protection of healthcare workers.

"In view of the concerns expressed by the associations, the ministry assured them of constituting a committee to suggest all such possible measures for ensuring the safety of healthcare professionals.

"Representatives of all

stakeholders, including the state governments, will be invited to share their suggestions with the committee," the statement said.

Reacting to the development, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) said it is studying the statement released by the health ministry assuring doctors of all possible efforts to ensure their safety and offering to form a committee to suggest measures for the same.

The IMA said it will re-

spond to it after careful consideration of all aspects and consultations with its state branches.

"IMA recalls an Office Memorandum dated March 23, 2017 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI, co-signed by the ministry officials and IMA, assuring to explore the possibility to initiate the process to bring a central Act on the said issue in line with those in vogue in other states," it said in a statement.



President Joe Biden boards Air Force One at Philadelphia International Airport, in Philadelphia, on his way to Hagerstown, Maryland, on Saturday



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian speaks in an open session of parliament to debate on his proposed ministers, in Tehran, Iran, on Saturday



High waves hit a beach in Choshi, Chiba prefecture, east of Tokyo, as Typhoon Ampil moved past the area, on Saturday



Dancers of the Ballet Folklorico of Mexico perform during a gala event at the Bellas Artes Fine Arts Center in Mexico City, on Saturday

# Interim govt in B'desh committed to hold free, fair elections: Yunus

PTI, DHAKA: The caretaker government in Bangladesh is committed to ensuring a transition to inclusive and pluralistic democracy and creating an environment in which "free, fair and participatory elections" can be held, its head Mohammad Yunus assured the international community on Saturday.

Yunus, the Chief Advisor of the interim government, said while addressing the third Voice of Global South Summit which was hosted by India in a virtual format. "You all are aware that Bangladesh witnessed a Second Revolution" on 5th August 2024, through a mass uprising spearheaded by our valiant students and joined by the masses," the 84-year-old Nobel laureate said, referring to the political turmoil in



College students paint graffiti on a wall at Dhaka university in the capital. Students who led the weeks of protests that toppled autocratic premier Sheikh Hasina are back on the streets to give the capital Dhaka a makeover

his country and the resignation of prime minister Sheikh Hasina on August 5.

Noting that the current interim government led by him was sworn in on August 8, Yunus said, "Our government is committed

to ensuring a transition to inclusive and pluralistic democracy and creating an environment in which free, fair and participatory elections can be held." Yunus assumed charge of the interim government amid

**NEARLY 650 PEOPLE KILLED IN RECENT SPATE OF VIOLENCE IN B'DESH: UN REPORT**  
PTI, DHAKA: Nearly 650 people have been killed in the recent unrest in Bangladesh between July 16 and August 11, the UN Human Rights Office has said in a preliminary report, suggesting a thorough, impartial and transparent investigation into reports of extrajudicial killings, arbitrary arrests and detentions. According to the 10-page report titled Preliminary Analysis of Recent Protests and Unrest in Bangladesh, nearly 400 deaths were reported between July 16 and August 4 while around 250 people were reportedly killed following the new wave of protests between August 5 and 6, leading to the ouster of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina.

ongoing violence and vandalism, including against the minorities.

"Our task is now to carry out vital reforms in our electoral system, judiciary, local government, media, economy and education," Yunus said at the summit being attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"I invite you to visit Dhaka soon. Otherwise, you may miss something important. Much of Dhaka has turned into the graffiti capital of the world. Young students and children aged as young as 12-13 have been painting the walls of this 400-year-old city with images of a New Demo-

## Hundreds evacuated amid raging forest fire in Turkey

AFP, ANKARA: Firefighters are battling a strong forest fire in the Aegean resort city of Izmir for a third day, Turkish media and officials said Saturday, with hundreds more people evacuated overnight. Helicopters and water bombers which were grounded due to strong winds continued their fight against the flames on Saturday morning, the NTV news channel reported.

The fire started Thursday and was quickly spread to residential areas by winds blowing at 50 kilometres (30 miles) an hour. Turkish Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said that 900 residents in five affected districts were evacuated overnight in Izmir.



Participants prepare a kite during Denpasar international kite festival in Sanur, Bali, Indonesia

## Sharifs' PML-N rules out any talks with Imran Khan's party

PTI, ISLAMABAD: The ruling PML-N of the Sharifs on Saturday ruled out any talks with the main opposition party led by Imran Khan, saying the jailed former prime minister needed to approach it with seriousness.

Irfan Siddiqui, a senator from the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) was speaking with Dawn News channel when he was asked about Khan's Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party.

"We repeatedly said, 'Fine, you have entered the House (Parliament) - in whatever way you have - then at least sit together on that level and try to solve your matters' ... [But] they do not want to talk, and we have also thought that now we will not repeatedly call out to them from our rooftops that 'Come, talk to us,'" Siddiqui said in the inter-

view aired on Friday night.

However, he went on to say that the PML-N and its coalition partners would "consider whether to open the door or not" for talks with the PTI if that party "approached it seriously." The Pakistan government last month announced a ban on Khan's PTI. Khan, 71, has been incarcerated at Adiala Jail for a year now in connection with multiple cases against him.

## Senegal's first satellite successfully launched

AFP, DAKAR: Senegal's first satellite has been successfully launched into orbit, President Bassirou Diomaye Faye said, adding the move marked a major step towards the West African country's "technological sovereignty."

The GAINDESAT-1A satellite was launched at 18:56 GMT Friday from the Vandenberg base in

California, Faye wrote in a post on X late Friday.

"The result of five years of hard work by our engineers and technicians, this advance marks a major step towards our technological sovereignty," Faye said.

"I would like to express my pride and gratitude to all those who made this project possible," he added.

## Bolivia bus crash kills 14, leaves 18 injured

AFP, LA PAZ: At least 14 people were killed and 18 injured in a bus crash in southern Bolivia, police said Saturday.

The accident occurred on Friday night, when a bus swerved and crashed into a cliff on a busy road connecting the city of Tarija, about 880 kilometers (546 miles) south of the capital La Paz, with the central city of Santa Cruz.

One survivor told the Tarija Conecta news outlet it appeared that the vehicle's brakes had failed.

Tarija police chief Jose Illanes said 14 people died at the scene and 18 received treatment for injuries.

According to government data, road accidents kill about 1,400 people on average every year in Bolivia, a country of about 12 million people.

Most accidents are due to driver error or mechanical failures.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public is hereby put on notice that my client desires to purchase, the below described plot, from its owner, MR. SHEIKH MOHAMMED SHARIF, s/o D. K. Ahmed, r/o 17-17-1335/189, Flat no.1001/1101, Ivory Towers, S. L. Mathias Road, Attavara, Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka.  
ALL THAT PLOT of land admeasuring 330 square meters, identified as PLOT No. 2, bearing Survey No. 120/10(Part) of Parra Village, along with a dwelling house in dilapidated condition, located within the limits of Village Panchayat of Parra, Taluka and Sub District of Bardez, District of North Goa, State of Goa, forming part of the larger property described in the Land Registration Office of Bardez under No. 13939 at page 91 of Book B-56 (new) and enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office under No. 454 of first circumscription, known as UNDEEM BATTIA, surveyed under Survey No.120/10 of Village Parra, Taluka, Bardez, totally admeasuring 1600 square meters and the Said Plot No. 2 is bounded as under:  
On the North: by property bearing survey no. 120/10-A of Parra Village  
On the South: by property bearing survey nos. 120/8 of Parra Village, On the East: By property bearing survey no. 120/10 of Parra Village, On the West: By the property bearing survey no. 120/6 & 120/7 of Parra Village.  
That it has been represented by Mr. Sheikh Mohammed Sharif to my client that he has acquired absolute and exclusive ownership of the said plot from late Mr. Raphael Eusebio Rodrigues, vide a Will dated 11/03/2024, duly executed and registered at the Office of the Senior Sub Registrar Mangalore Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District, Karnataka under No. MGT-3-00427-2023-24 dated 12/03/2024, by the said Mr. Raphael Eusebio Rodrigues, and that he is presently the sole, absolute and exclusive owner of the said plot.  
Any person/s, Banks, Firms, Financial Institutions, Legal Entities, etc. having any right, interest, title, demand or claim of whatsoever nature to the AFORESAID PLOT, are hereby notified to make the same known in writing to the undersigned, along with supporting documents, within a period of 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which my client shall be entitled to presume that no such right/interest/title/claim/demand or objection exists to the AFORESAID PLOT and/or its Sale and/or the same has been waived and discharged and my client shall be entitled to proceed with the execution of the Deed of Sale, for the purchase of the AFORESAID PLOT.  
Place: Mapusa Goa. Sd/- Mr. SAVIO X. SOARES [Advocate]  
Date: 17/08/2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, # 312-E, Block E, Saldanha Business Towers, Nr Civil & Criminal Court, Mapusa, Bardez, Goa. Tel. : 0832 6630262

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
All that property known as "GAULAN" also known as "PILIMBICHEM BAATTA", situated at Village Siolim, within the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat of Siolim, Bardez Taluka, Bardez Sub-District of Registration District of State of Goa, North District, described in the Land Registration Office under No. 51303 at page 149 overleaf of Book B 108, enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office under Matriz No. 2458 of 2<sup>nd</sup> circumscription surveyed under Survey No. 26777, admeasuring an area of 2100 sq. mtrs. and which is bounded as follows: on the East: by the property surveyed under survey no. 2678, on the West: by the property surveyed under survey no. 2676, on the North: by the property surveyed under survey no. 2677A and on the South: by the property surveyed under survey no. 26773 and 26731.  
All that property known as "GAULAN" also known as "PILIMBICHEM BAATTA", situated at Village Siolim, within the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat of Siolim, Bardez Taluka, Bardez Sub-District of Registration District of State of Goa, North District, described in the Land Registration Office under No. 18111 at page 32 of Book B 47, inscribed under No. 13050 at page 50 reverse G19, enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office under No. 2458 of 2<sup>nd</sup> circumscription, bearing old cadastral survey number 3843, surveyed under Survey No. 26731, admeasuring an area of 350 sq. mtrs. and which is bounded as follows: on the East: by the property surveyed under survey no. 26732, on the West: by the property surveyed under survey no. 26730, on the North: by the property surveyed under survey no. 26777 and on the South: by public road.  
The above referred properties are owned and possessed by Mr. Ganesh Rohidas Nagvekar, son of Mr. Rohidas Nagvekar, businessman, R/o. H. No. 712/3/6-B, Sonar Villa, St. Anthony Wado, Guirim, Mapusa, Bardez, Goa, as the said properties were purchased by him vide Deed of Sale dtd. 26/04/2024 duly registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar of Bardez at Mapusa under No. BRZ-1-2073-2024 dtd. 02/05/2024 and Deed of Sale dtd. 28/05/2024 duly registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar of Bardez at Mapusa under No. BRZ-1-2557-2024 dtd. 30/05/2024 from Mr. Judas Baptista Fernandes alias Judas Baptist Fernandes and his wife Mrs. Melanie Fernandes, Mr. Cleto Tito Fernandes alias Cleto Fernandes and his wife Mrs. Andrea Rose Monteiro.  
My clients intend to purchase the above referred properties from said Mr. Ganesh Rohidas Nagvekar, R/o. H. No. 712/3/6-B, Sonar Villa, St. Anthony Wado, Guirim, Mapusa, Bardez, Goa, since the said properties now belong to him and it is evident that the same are in his possession and enjoyment of the same by virtue of said Sale Deeds referred to above.  
Any person/persons including Banks, Financial Institutions, corporate sectors etc. having right if any, claim, interest, title and/or demand or objections to the sale of said properties by way of ownership/co-ownership, possession, lien, charge, mortgage, sale, tenancy, lease, gift, Agreement, and/or any other lawful claims are hereby called upon to file their objections, if any, with the documentary evidence in writing to the undersigned, within 10 days from the publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that the said seller have clear and marketable title to the said properties and accordingly the undersigned shall proceed with the sale on behalf of my client and the objections and claims, if any shall be considered and deemed to have been waived thereafter and no further claims and objections received shall be entertained thereafter which may please be noted.  
Sd/- (Madhumita A. N. Salaty), Advocate  
Mapusa, Goa, (M) 9049834428

cratic environment-friendly Bangladesh," he said.

"There is no central planning or guidance for that. No budget support from anybody. It is just an outpouring of their emotions and commitment to the goals of the Second Revolution," the noted economist said.

## 20 Nigerian students abducted by gunmen

PTI, ABUJA: At least 20 Nigerian university students were abducted by gunmen who ambushed their vehicles in the country's north central region, police said Friday.

The students were travelling to the south for a conference of medical students when they were ambushed in Benue state on Thursday evening, according to

Benue police spokesperson Catherine Anene. The attack happened along Benue's Otukpo road, a notorious hot-spot for kidnappings.

Such kidnappings have become common in parts of northern Nigeria.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Public in General are hereby informed that my client desires to purchase from MRS. SHILPA SHAHIKANT SAWANT, MS. PRACHI SHASHIKANT SAWANT, MR. SHAHSHANK SHASHIKANT SAWANT, MR. JAYESH BABAY VERNEKAR, MRS. JASMITA JAYESH VERNEKAR, MR. SALIL MADHU FADTE, MRS. ADITI SALIL FADTE, MR. SAMIR T. DHARGALKAR, MRS. PRITI SAMIR DHARGALKAR, the said properties which is more particularly described in Schedule-I, II, and III written below, claiming to be its sole and exclusive owners in possession.  
**SCHEDULE I**  
ALL THAT parcel of plot admeasuring an area 678 Sq. mtrs of the property by name "MURMASE" @ "MURMAXEM FALI SAVI" @ "MURMAXEM" admeasuring a total area 1356 sq. mtrs. bearing survey no. 321/6-A situated at Pernem Goa within the jurisdiction of the Pernem Municipal Council, Taluka Pernem, Sub-District Pernem, District North Goa, state of Goa, and is bounded as under: ON THE NORTH: By nallah, ON THE SOUTH: By plot B of the same survey number., ON THE EAST: By 6.00 mtrs wide road, ON THE WEST: By property bearing survey no. 321/7-A and 321/7-B.  
**SCHEDULE II**  
ALL THAT plot "B" admeasuring an area 346 sq. mtrs. which is part and parcel of plot admeasuring an area 678 Sq. mtrs of the property by name "MURMASE" @ "MURMAXEM FALI SAVI" @ "MURMAXEM" admeasuring a total area 1356 sq. mtrs. bearing survey no. 321/6-A situated at Pernem Goa within the jurisdiction of the Pernem Municipal Council, Taluka Pernem, Sub-District Pernem, District North Goa, state of Goa, and is bounded as under: ON THE NORTH: By remaining property bearing survey 0.321/6-A, ON THE SOUTH: By plot A of the same property, ON THE EAST: By 6.00 mtrs wide road, ON THE WEST: By property bearing survey no. 321/7.  
**SCHEDULE III**  
ALL THAT SAID PLOT admeasuring an area 332 sq.mts. which is part and parcel of plot admeasuring an area 678 Sq. mtrs of the property by name "MURMASE" @ "MURMAXEM FALI SAVI" @ "MURMAXEM" admeasuring a total area 1356 sq. mtrs. bearing survey no. 321/6-A situated at Pernem Goa within the jurisdiction of the Pernem Municipal Council, Taluka Pernem, Sub-District Pernem, District North Goa, state of Goa, and is bounded as under: ON THE NORTH: By remaining part of the same property ON THE SOUTH: By the Road ON THE EAST: By the 6.00 mtrs wide Road ON THE WEST: By property bearing survey no. 321/7.  
That any person / persons, or public in general having any claim, right, title, interest in the Said Properties whether by way of inheritance, gift, usufruct sale, exchange, mortgage, lease, tenancy, charge, lien, attachment or including banks, financial institution and any other organization, are called upon to file their objections supporting with documentary evidence with the undersigned Advocate within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that the above said owners have a clear and marketable title in the said properties and the sale transaction between my client and the said owners will be completed which take note of.  
Sd/-  
ADV. SAICHANDRA TALAMRAJU  
204, Ambrosia Corporate Parks, Patto, PANAJI, GOA-403001  
Mob.: 9168392945

**SUMMONS FOR SETTLEMENT OF ISSUES TO DEFENDANT**  
(0.5 Rule 20 (1A) of CPC) U/O XXXVII of C.P.C.  
**IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE, JUNIOR DIVISION**  
**'D COURT', MARGAO-GO.**  
CNR No:- GAGS02 001159 2023  
Summary Suit No. 14/2023/E  
Canara Bank,  
A Body Corporate constituted under the Banking Companies (Acquisition & Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970, having its Head Office at 112, J. C. Road, Bangalore-560002, Karnataka, And having Branch Offices amongst other Places at Marvel Branch, H.No. 566, Bldg Meneses Bhat, Main Road Goa-403601, Represented by its Authorised Officer Holding Letter of Authority, Mrs. Kavita Patidar, W/o Mr. Sandeep Patidar, Aged 36 years, Residing at Margao Goa 403601 .....Plaintiff Versus  
Mr. Siddeshwar Kanaki, Prop. of M/s Shradha Auto Parts, Age 37, R/o Ground floor, Shop No. 2/B, Muddassar Manzil, Tolleban, Davorlim, Salcete Goa. 403709  
Also having address at : Mr. Siddeshwar Kanaki, Prop. of M/s Shradha Auto Parts, Age 37 R/o Ground floor Shop No. 1, Yeshwant building, Gudi Paroda, Quepem Goa-403705  
Mr. Siddeshwar Kanaki, Prop. of M/s Shradha Auto Parts, Age 37 R/o G-1, Louis Nora Mansion, Near Church Aquem Alto, Margao Goa-50360 .....Defendant To.  
Defendant-  
Mr. Siddeshwar Kanaki, Prop. of M/s Shradha Auto Parts, Age 37, R/o Ground floor, Shop No. 2/B, Muddassar Manzil, Tolleban, Davorlim, Salcete Goa. 403709. Also having address at : Mr. Siddeshwar Kanaki Prop. of M/s Shradha Auto Parts, Age 37 R/o Ground floor Shop No. 1, Yeshwant building, Gudi Paroda, Quepem Goa-403705  
Mr. Siddeshwar Kanaki, Prop. of M/s Shradha Auto Parts, Age 37 R/o G-1, Louis Nora Mansion, Near Church Aquem Alto, Margao Goa-50360  
WHEREAS, the above named plaintiff have filed a suit against you in this Court for recovery of Money of aggregating to Rs. 5,02,514.31 consisting of Rs. 2,25,072.94 outstanding as on 31.01.2023 outstanding under Loan Account No. 5242261000030 along with agreed future interest @ 9.15% p.a.+2% p.a. penal interest and other charges cost, etc from 01.02.2023, Rs. 22,877.00 outstanding as on 31.01.2023 under loan Account No. 5242710000008 along with agreed future interest @ 11.05% p.a + 2% p.a. Penal Interest and other charges, cost, etc from 01.02.2023, Rs. 69,793.35 outstanding as on 31.01.2023 under Loan Account No. 5242755000022 along with agreed future interest @ 9.40% p.a.+ 2% p.a. penal interest and other charges, cost, etc from 01.02.2023 and Rs. 1,84,770.02 outstanding as on 31.01.2023 under loan Account No. 5242759000001 along with agreed future interest @ 15.80% p.a + 2 % p.a. penal interest and other charges, cost, etc from 01.02.2023, till its actual realization under order XXXVII of C.P.C. Summary Suit. (Copy of which may be collected from the office of this Court on any working day during working hours.)  
AND WHEREAS, summons sent to you through Bailiff of this Court at your last available address have been returned unserved with bailiff's report that said Defendant "has left the shop and where about is not been known" and thereafter he inquired with the people but "he has left and staying somewhere else were about not been known to them" the said defendant neither they were able to locate the House number.  
AND WHEREAS Plaintiff has made an application to this Court praying that you be served by way of substitute service by publication in the local daily Newspaper circulating in the State of Goa and this Court is satisfied that this is a fit case for ordering such a service to be served by way of publication.  
NOW, THEREFORE, Summons is hereby given to you under Order-5, Rule 20(1A) of CPC to appear before this Court in person, or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such question, on 04<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. to answer the claim and further you are hereby directed to file on that day a written statement of your defence within 30 days from the date of service of summons by publication and to produce on the said day all documents in your possession or power upon which you base defence or claim for set-off or counter-claim and where you rely on any other document whether in your possession or power or not, as evidence in support of your defence or claim for set-off or counter claim, you shall enter such documents in a list to be annexed to the written statement.  
TAKE notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.  
ALSO take notice that, in default of filing an address memo for service on or before the date mentioned above, you are liable to have your defence struck off.  
GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Court, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2024.  
SEAL (Neeta Prabhudessai) Superintendent, By Order of the Court.

**VILLAGE PANCHAYAT CURCA BAMBOLIM & TALALUIM**  
TISWADI, GOA  
Ref. No. VP/CST/2024/251852 Date: 16/08/2024  
**ORDINARY GRAM SABHA MEETING NOTICE**  
The Gramsabha members enrolled in the electoral rolls of Village Panchayat Curca, Bambolim & Talalium, Tiswadi, Goa, are hereby informed that the Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting of Village Panchayat Curca, Bambolim and Talalium, Tiswadi, Goa is fixed on 25/08/2024 at 10.00 am onwards in premises of Govt. Primary School at Gawali-Moula, Tiswadi, Goa to discuss the following agenda points.  
The Agenda for the Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting is as under:  
1. To read and confirm the proceedings of the last Gram Sabha Meeting held on 19/11/2023. 2. To place the administrative report of 2023-24. 3. To place the audit report for the year 2020-21 & 2021-22. 4. To place the proposals only on developmental works received from the Villagers/Gramsabha Members.  
Any proposal from the Villagers only on developmental works to be placed before the Gram Sabha Meeting should reach to this office on or before 22/08/2024 upto 11.30 am as per section 10 of Goa Panchayat (Gram Sabha Meeting) Rules 1996.  
N.B: If there is no Quorum for the Gram Sabha Meeting, the adjourned Gram Sabha will be held half an hour later on same day and place. Sd/- (Sarpanch)  
V. P. Curca, Bambolim, Talalium

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My client proposes to purchase from Edward Victor Fernandes and his wife Mrs. Maria Fernandes, all that Plot bearing no. 10 admeasuring 306 sq.mts. forming part of the property known as 'SINGOLDA SMLDAD' also known as 'SINGOLDA' having an area of 11,400 sq. mtrs. surveyed under no. 22/2 of Village Revora, situated at Revora, within the limits of Village Panchayat of Revora, Taluka and Registration Sub-District of Bardez, District North Goa, in the State of Goa, described in the Land Registration Office under No. 11345 of Book B-29 and enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office under Matriz no. 224 of First Circumscription of Revora.  
The SAID PLOT is bounded as under: Towards the North: By 6mts. wide road, Towards the South: By property bearing Sy. no. 22/10, Towards the East: By Plot no. 11, Towards the West: By Plot no. 9  
Any Person / Persons / Firm / Company / Bank / Financial Institution having any claim or interest in the said property is hereby called upon to put the claims along with supportive documents before the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice failing which the transaction shall be concluded and no objections shall be entertained thereafter.  
Sd/- Adv. Fatima Silveira  
3rd Floor, Velho Building Panaji, Goa

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My client proposes to purchase from Aniceto Fernando Fernandes and his wife Mrs. Theroza Fernandes, all that Plot bearing no. 11 admeasuring 324 sq.mts. forming part of the property known as 'SINGOLDA SMLDAD' also known as 'SINGOLDA' having an area of 11,400 sq. mtrs. surveyed under no. 22/2 of Village Revora, situated at Revora, within the limits of Village Panchayat of Revora, Taluka and Registration Sub-District of Bardez, District North Goa, in the State of Goa, described in the Land Registration Office under No. 11345 of Book B-29 and enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office under Matriz no. 224 of First Circumscription of Revora.  
The SAID PLOT is bounded as under: Towards the North: By 6mts. wide road, Towards the South: By property bearing Sy. no. 22/10, Towards the East: By Plot no. 12, Towards the West: By Plot no. 10  
Any Person / Persons / Firm / Company / Bank / Financial Institution having any claim or interest in the said property is hereby called upon to put the claims along with supportive documents before the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice failing which the transaction shall be concluded and no objections shall be entertained thereafter.  
Sd/- Adv. Fatima Silveira  
3rd Floor, Velho Building Panaji, Goa

**VILLAGE PANCHAYAT CHODAN - MADEL**  
TISWADI, GOA  
Ref. VP / CM / 682 / 2024-2025 Date: 16.08.2024  
**GRAMSABHA NOTICE**  
All the voters in the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat Chodan-Madel are hereby informed that the Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting of the Village Panchayat Chodan Madel is convened on Sunday, 25th August 2024, at 10.00 a.m. in Village Panchayat Community Hall to discuss the below mentioned subject. Therefore you are requested to attend the same in time.  
**AGENDA**  
1. To observe silence for a minute in memory of departed souls of this village  
2. To read and confirm proceedings of the previous Gram Sabha Meeting of 3. To read and approve Annual Income & Expenditure (Form X) of 2023-24. 4. To place administrative report for the year 2023-24. 5. To place Audit Report for financial year 2018-19 to 2022-23. 6. To place and discuss the proposals received from Gram Sabha Members on developmental works of this village.  
Any person desiring to send proposals on developmental activities to be placed in the Gram Sabha Meeting may send to the undersigned or in my absence to the Dy. Sarpanch on or before 21/08/2024 during working hours.  
If there is no quorum till above mentioned time, the meeting will be adjourned and will be held after half and hour on the same day and place.  
Sd/- Ravindra R. Kinalekar (Sarpanch)  
Village Panchayat Chodan - Madel

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Offerings are burned for dead ancestors on a street during the Hungry Ghost Festival in Hong Kong on Saturday. The festival is celebrated in the seventh lunar month of the lunar new year calendar among communities in southern China, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan, and marks the belief that the 'Gates of Hell' are opened to let out the hungry ghosts who then wander in the land of the living while foraging for food

**Nepal flood caused by glacial lake outburst**

**KATHMANDU:** A devastating flood that hit a village in Nepal's Everest region was caused by a glacial lake outburst, local government officials and experts said Saturday. Climate change experts said it was a clear example of the "catastrophic impacts" increasing global temperatures were having on people who had done the least to contribute to the greenhouse gases driving it. At least 14 buildings, including seven homes, five hotels, one hostel and one clinic, were completely swept away by the flood that hit Thame village Friday afternoon. No deaths were reported, but the scale of the brown and muddy flood waters surging through the village of Thame was shocking, videos posted on social media by the local authorities showed.

**Pilot dies after aerobatic plane crashes in south France**

**PARIS:** A small aerobatic plane crashed into the sea Friday during an airshow off the coast of southeast France with the pilot trapped inside, officials said. The Fouga Magister aircraft was performing at Le Landou just before a demonstration by the French air force's elite acrobatic flying team, a French air force spokesman told AFP. Built after World War II, the Fouga Magister was for many years used by the French army as a trainer jet and aerobatic plane. It has no ejection seat. A rescue operation quickly found the body of the 65-year-old pilot, the prefecture and officials said. The show was cancelled due to the "tragic circumstances", military officials said.

**Colombia boosts Supreme Court security over attack plot**

**BOGOTÁ:** Colombia on Friday boosted security at the Supreme Court in Bogota after uncovering an alleged plot to attack it, officials said. The court's president Gerson Chaverra told journalists police had found a model of the Palace of Justice with ammunition and explosives in a raid conducted on Tuesday. The presidency announced it was reinforcing security with anti-explosives teams, drones and specialized units in an operation Chaverra said was meant "to prevent a terrorist attack." Houses targeted in the raid were near the seat of the court in the heart of Bogota, where the presidential residence and Congress are also based. Neither Chaverra nor the presidency said anything about the alleged motive.

**UN urges rethink on Bulgaria's LGBTQ promotion ban in schools**

**GENEVA:** The United Nations said it was deeply concerned by Bulgaria's parliament changing its education laws to ban LGBTQ "propaganda" in schools. The amendment to the law passed by a large majority this month. It bans the "propaganda, promotion or incitement in any way, directly or indirectly, in the education system of ideas and views related to non-traditional sexual orientation and/or gender identity other than the biological one". The UN human rights office urged Bulgaria to reconsider the move. In 2021, Hungary passed a similar law, banning LGBTQ "promotion" to minors.

**Three crew on Chinese boat missing after collision off Taiwan island**

**TAIPEI:** Three crew members from a Chinese fishing boat were missing on Saturday after their ship collided with an unidentified vessel and sank off the coast of a Taiwanese island, Taiwan's coast guard said. China claims self-ruled Taiwan as part of its territory and relations between the two have deteriorated in recent years. A series of fishing boat incidents occurring along the narrow waterway separating Taiwan and China have heightened tensions. The latest incident occurred early on Saturday when the Chinese-flagged boat "Min Long Yu 60877" sank after crashing into an unidentified vessel about 6.5 nautical miles off the coast of the Kinmen islands, Taiwan's Coast Guard Administration said in a statement.

**Thai king pardons ex-PM Thaksin in birthday amnesty**

**BANGKOK:** Thailand's controversial former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra has been granted a royal pardon, his lawyer said Saturday, a day after his daughter became the kingdom's new premier. The 75-year-old billionaire is one of thousands granted amnesty by King Maha Vajiralongkorn in a gesture of clemency to mark his birthday. Thaksin was jailed for eight years on graft and abuse of power charges dating back to his time in power when he returned to the kingdom almost a year ago after 15 years of self-exile. But his sentence was cut to one year by the king and he was later released on parole because of his age and poor health. The amnesty was announced in the official Royal Gazette.

# Indian doctors in UK pen open letter to demand justice

**PTI, LONDON:** A group of Indian doctors and medical students in the UK have issued an open letter this weekend demanding justice for the postgraduate trainee doctor who was brutally raped and murdered at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata.

**KOLKATA RAPE CASE**

The letter condemns the "brutal rape and murder of an on-duty female doctor at the hospital and the inaction of the West Bengal government in its response to the incident last week.

The letter follows a peaceful protest staged outside India House in London and similar gatherings in UK cities such as Edinburgh and Leeds in solidarity with the doctors protesting in India.

This incident is a symptom of the rising violence



Indian doctors and medical students held peaceful protest outside India House in London in solidarity with the doctors protesting in India, on Saturday

against women and the negligence of the state towards its citizens, reads the open letter.

The absence of investment in public infrastructure and safety measures has a disproportionate impact on women, who are already marginalised by the patriarchal social conditions. Instead of supporting their empowerment by

creating safe workplaces and efficient judicial mechanisms, government leaders, including Mamata Banerjee, have historically indulged in victim-blaming and misogynist responses, it notes.

The death of the female doctor at RG Kar Medical College is an indication of the urgent necessity to implement public safety measures and internal

complaint mechanisms in all workplaces in the country, it adds.

On August 9, a 31-year-old woman trainee doctor was raped and murdered at Kolkata's R G Kar Medical College and Hospital, leading to protests across India where demonstrators demanded justice for the victim.

Further protests are planned in the UK, with a peaceful demonstration by British Indian women doctors at Parliament Square in London near the Mahatma Gandhi statue, scheduled for August 22.

We stand in solidarity with our fraternity. Justice delayed is justice denied is the collective refrain of the doctors who have reached out to me from across the UK, US, Canada and the UAE, said Dr Dipti Jain, a National Health Service (NHS) gynaecologist based in Brighton.

## Sudan's paramilitary fighters kill 85 people in an attack on a central village, say residents

**PTI, CAIRO:** Fighters from Sudan's paramilitary group rampaged through a central village, looting and burning and killing at least 85 people, including women and children, authorities and residents said Saturday, the latest atrocity in the country's 18-month devastating conflict.

The paramilitary Rapid Support Forces began attacking Galmi in the central province of Sennar late in July and last week RSF fighters indiscriminately opened fire on the village's unarmed residents after they resisted attempts to abduct and sexually assault women and girls, Sudan's Foreign Ministry said in a statement. More than 150 villagers were wounded, it said.

The RSF has been repeatedly accused of massacres, rapes and other gross violations across the country since the war started in April last year, when simmering tensions between the military and the group

exploded into open fighting in the capital Khartoum and elsewhere.

Describing the hourslong attack, three residents said hundreds of RSF fighters stormed the village on Thursday, looting and burning houses and public properties.

The offensive came after the residents put up resistance and repelled an attack by a small group of RSF fighters, according to a health care worker at the local medical centre who spoke to The Associated Press.

The group retreated but hundreds of RSF fighters in dozens of pickup trucks with automatic rifles and heavy weapons returned, according to the worker and another resident.

As of Friday, the medical centre had received at least 80 bodies, including 24 women and minors, said the worker, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of fears for his safety.

## Hurricane Ernesto makes landfall on Bermuda as category 1 storm

**PTI, SAN:** Hurricane Ernesto made landfall on the tiny British Atlantic territory of Bermuda early Saturday as residents hunkered down.

The wide category 1 storm was directly over the wealthy territory at 6 a.m. on Saturday, with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph (140 kph). The US National Hurricane Centre warned of strong winds, a dangerous storm surge and significant coastal flooding.

It said some 6 to 9 inches (150-225 millimetres) of rain was expected to fall

on Bermuda. This rainfall will likely result in considerable life-threatening flash flooding, especially in low-lying areas on the island, it said.

Due to the large size of the storm and its slow movement, hurricane-strength winds are expected to continue until Saturday afternoon, with tropical storm-strength winds continuing well into Sunday, the Bermuda government said. Ernesto is moving toward the north-northeast at around 9 mph (15 kph).

## Missile sparks blaze in Ukraine as Kyiv's troops push into Russia's Kursk region

**PTI, MOSCOW:** Russia kept up its assault on Ukraine Saturday even as Ukrainian forces pushed into Russia's Kursk border region.

A Russian missile sparked a blaze in the city of Sumy that injured two people and also damaged cars and nearby buildings, said Ukraine's State Emergency Service. It said that the hit had involved an Iskander-K cruise missile and an aerial bomb.

Ukraine's air force also said it had shot down 14 Russian drones overnight, including over the Kyiv region. Meanwhile, fighting con-



A firefighter works at the site of a Russian missile strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Sumy, Ukraine

forces said they had seized the town of Sudzha, 10 km (6 miles) from the border. With a prewar population of roughly 5,000, it is the biggest town to fall to Ukraine's troops since the incursion began.

Associated Press journalists travelled to the area Friday on a Ukrainian government-organised trip. Artillery fire had blown chunks out of a statue of Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin in the town's central square, while the bright yellow facade of a local administration building was scorched and pockmarked with bullet holes.

tinued in Russia's Kursk region, where Ukrainian troops have been deployed since Aug 6 in a bid to di-

vert the Kremlin's military focus away from the front line in Ukraine. On Thursday, Ukrainian

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**HC AMICUS CURIAE RUBBISHES GSPCB SECY'S CLAIM THAT ONLY SELECTIVE CLUBS NEED NOISE MONITORING SYSTEMS**

The Amicus Curiae could not have been more explicit. There is no cherry picking allowed. Anyone playing music, has to have a live noise monitoring system, and not just unite in residential areas or in places where too many complaints have been lodged.

"The member secretary of the GSPCB has constantly been trying to deceitfully help perpetrators of noise pollution crime by beating around the bush with vague statements. The High Court is clear that permissions should be granted only to units that have live noise monitoring systems," insisted Desmond Alvares, who is fighting a contempt petition in the High Court.

Monteiro's statement came after GSPCB scientific assistant Chaitanya Salgaonkar had in the presence of South Goa Member of Parliament Viriato Fernandes stated at Anjuna Police Station, "Apart from the amendments already served to 32 units to install live noise monitoring systems, amendments have been sent to another 400 units and details will be presented to the High Court."

The next hearing of all petitions related to noise pollution is slated for Monday, August 19, 2024. "It is the GSPCB, through their advocate, that is trying to play with time to push the implementation so as to assuage the people who are playing loud music day and night along the northern coastal belt," believes Alvares.

"I am not shocked by her (Shamila Monteiro's) statement. Who will be providing the department the number of cases filed? If one goes to the police station, no cases are filed. If they are, just few cases are booked when around 50 places are breaking the rules," said an amused Rajesh Sinary, who crusades for peaceful living through the High Court.

"Is she trying to change High Court strictures," questioned Sinary.

"Monteiro's subordinate made a statement that they are going to submit a list to the High Court that 400 units have been sent or are going to be sent amendments demanding that they use live noise monitoring systems. But the secretary is telling another story, making us wonder who is actually running GSPCB," wondered Roysal D'Souza, another successful petitioner related to noise pollution from Anjuna.

"As a woman, I expected her to feel our pain, the suffering of our children and the elderly of our villages and do the needful, right the wrong, instead of waiting for the High Court. This is another sad reality I have come to know in our battle to restore our sanity broken by people for whom humanity means making money at all costs," concludes Janie Crasto from Vagator who has been fighting a battle to make life easier for her young differently-abled son.

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**KOLKATA RAPE-MURDER: IMA'S 24-HR STRIKE CRIPPLES OPDS NATIONWIDE**

Resident doctors at government hospitals in different parts of the country, including Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra, and Haryana among others, have been protesting since Monday.

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) had given a nationwide call for the withdrawal of non-emergency services for 24 hours from 6 am on Saturday to protest the gruesome rape and murder at the R G Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata and the subsequent vandalism at the facility.

The IMA also sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention in realising their five demands, including a central law to check violence against healthcare personnel and declaring hospitals as safe zones with mandatory security entitlements.

The Union Health Ministry said representatives of all stakeholders, including the State governments, will be invited to share their suggestions with the committee as it urged the doctors to resume their duties in the larger public interest and in view of the rising number of dengue and malaria cases.

Representatives of the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA), IMA and resident doctors' associations of government medical colleges and hospitals of Delhi met the Union Health Minister in the wake of the Kolkata incident.

Reacting to the development, the IMA said it is studying the statement released by the Health Ministry assuring doctors of all possible efforts to ensure their safety and offering to form a committee to suggest measures for the same.

The IMA said it will respond to it after careful consideration of all aspects and consultations with its state branches. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said evidence was concerned about the rape and murder of the doctor in Kolkata and not just the healthcare fraternity.

Rijiju was speaking to reporters at the Bhubaneswar airport in Odisha.

Meanwhile, doctors in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Assam, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Mizoram, and Nagaland among other States joined the 24-hour strike called by the IMA affecting OPDs and elective surgeries.

**EX-R G KAR HOSPITAL PRINCIPAL APPEARS BEFORE CBI FOR SECOND DAY**

This was followed by the grilling session, an officer said. Ghosh reached the CBI office for the second time a little before 10.30 am on Saturday for his second round of questioning.

During his first round of questioning, the former principal was asked about his first reaction after getting the news of the doctor's death whom he instructed to inform the family and how and who contacted the police, the officer said.

"Certain answers were convoluted. He was grilled till early Saturday and then allowed to leave for home," the officer told PTI.

Ghosh was asked to appear before its officers again on Saturday morning following which he reached the CBI office.

**DOCTORS HOLD SILENT RALLY IN PANJIM; DEMAND JUSTICE TO VICTIM**

They also demanded declaring of hospitals as safe zones, amendment to Goa Medical Act, fast track disposal of cases of violence against doctors, sensitisation of law enforce-

ment towards problems faced by health care workers, constitution of a District Task Force and reviewing of medical facilities in government hospitals.

The 24-hour protest commenced at 6 am and will continue till 6 am on Sunday. Earlier, doctors, including resident doctors of GMC, took out a morcha in the city demanding justice to the victims.

Simultaneously, doctors at South Goa District Hospital, Margao and the Sub-District Hospital at Chicalim observed a one-minute silence in solidarity with the victim, calling for immediate justice.

"We are aghast and dismayed at increase of crimes against medical professionals across the country, the doctors said, demanding justice to the 31-year-old victim from Kolkata.

A delegation of IMA, Goa State branch headed by president Dr Sandesh Chodankar, Bicholim MLA Dr Chandrakant Shetye, Dr Shekhar Salkar and Dr Rajashree Marathe met Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and appealed to him for strict civil and judicial reforms to curb violence and crime against medical professional in the State.

The IMA has urged Sawant to review medical facilities across the State for workplace security and safety of healthcare professionals, and rectification and amendments in laws and guidelines for governing the safety of medical professionals. They have also asked for sensitisation of law enforcement agencies on medical legal jurisprudence and safety of medical professionals, provision to fast-track cases of violence and crimes against medical professionals, and to constitute district-level special Task Force under the police department for handling crimes and violence against medical professionals in the State. On the other hand, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant strongly condemned the shameful mishandling of the horrific incident at R G Kar Hospital in Kolkata by the West Bengal government.

"It is an eye opener. The act is condemnable. I also condemn West Bengal Chief Minister (Mamata Banerjee) who being a woman Chief Minister failed to protect a woman doctor. West Bengal government failed to act swiftly. We are committed to ensure a safe and respectful environment for our doctors and women," Sawant said and added that he was hopeful that the victim will get justice from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Referring to the memorandum submitted to him by the IMA, Goa State branch, the Chief Minister said that a workshop will be conducted soon to sensitise officials of the home department and the government will review the medical facilities across the State for workplace security and safety of healthcare professionals.

**LEARNING KONKANI IN ROMI SCRIPT IS NOT RESTRICTED IN NEP; FORUM TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES**

"GKF states that this demand is basically made by the Catholic community, which uses Roman Script in all religious liturgies, tiatrs, songs and cultural traditions," said Afonso.

He claimed that children from the Catholic community also find learning Konkani in Devanagari script is difficult, as it's a mismatch from the house language and school script, and this affects their academic performance. Parents need their children to learn Konkani in Roman script, as new studies suggest that children learn and grasp better if taught in the house language or mother tongue, as rightly stipulated in the NEP.

Meanwhile, GKF has appealed to the people of Goa and Roman script supporters to attend its first public meeting to demand equal status for Roman script, on Sunday, August 18 at Cardinal Gracias Hall, Navelim, at 3.30 pm.

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THE CLAY THAT MAKETH A MAN: PARASHURAM KUMBHAR

## Capturing the human spirit through photography as AI takes over

World Photography Day is dedicated to the art form that captures the human spirit and other happenings in this world. The emergence of technologies like AI could change this art forever. Goan photographers voice their opinion

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World Photography Day is a day dedicated to those who capture images that evoke thought and emotions. In 1837, Nicéphore Niépce and Louis Daguerre invented the Daguerreotype photographic system. From then on a new chapter in photography began. On August 19, 1839, the first French government declared August 19 as World Photography Day.

In Goa too, there are many photographers who capture the various emotions in life. For several photographers, it has been quite a journey from the times when it was important to learn the techniques of taking a photograph and to the days of today when it is presumed that a digital camera will make life easier. Aatish Naik is a photojournalist but he did not start as one. He started as a photographer at weddings. He joined a course in photography in Mumbai and learned on a film camera and the subtleties involved in making a photo come alive in a dark room. He then studied in the Phil Corporation in Tivim.

He laughs and says whatever he learnt in Mumbai, he did not use. The technology had changed so much, it made his life so much easier. He says earlier in a film roll, you could get a maximum of 36 photos but one would easily waste 6 to 7 shots. At present, thanks to the digital technology, it was possible to gauge the photograph immediately and make the necessary changes. Today, photographers shoot 80-90 shots at an event for one photograph.

That he says, is a big difference.

Speaking about the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) he says, it is being used for captions for photographs. He says, "Today it is possible for a photographer to file a story. That was not the case earlier. It is very useful for those especially in the vernacular press who wanted to send something to the English newsroom. Now, photographers are using mobile phones. Editing is very easy. Earlier, we used to use Photoshop, now with AI, we can change colour tone, improve the brightness. In photojournalism, AI is restricted. You cannot change the background." He uses a Nikon Zed 62.

Narain Divkar is a long time practitioner of the art of photography. He has been at his art for 38 years. He has seen it change from 120 format to the digital format. He says that today people think that digital photography is easy but you have to do a lot of hard work. He says, "Digital is easy, you can see what you are doing but it is not. It requires a lot of colour correction, you should know the angles of photography. There is technique that goes into the art. You need an artistic image in your mind. If you see when one uses the analog camera, it is easy. Earlier, we had to wait till the photograph got processed and you then did the changes. Then there were no mobiles. Now with the mobiles people are doing some photography. Nothing wrong with that. There are a few people who take good photographs with mobiles and even compete with professional photographers. They can do photography with a small investment. Our cameras are very expensive. I use a Nikon."

Speaking about AI, he says it was



the future. He reasons and says that when digital came all the senior photographers would be out. That he says did not happen. More apps would come out, however he did not see himself using AI. Another photographer Adriano Chiquito took a very interesting route to photography. A fan of the film world, he would collect star posters. He would like their poses and their expressions. He liked it immensely. He was always interested in commercial advertising. Photography became his main focus in 1991. He joined the Bachelor of Arts with a focus on photography. He also started taking up part time assignments for weddings. He would take 5 rolls of film and do the entire wedding. There was a competition to take at least 25 photos in one role. People he said started liking his work and he got



PICS: PANTALEAO FERNANDES

totally into wedding photography. He has till date done around 1000 weddings and Baptisms. It is all about perfection. One click and you are done. Today, he says with digital, even if someone comes in the frame it can be corrected. He says, "Today it is immediate. Technology is very helpful. Now mirrorless cameras are now the latest and the best for taking photographs. Something new will keep coming." Speaking about AI, he says he had not used it as yet but was practising it and would definitely use it in the future. It should match the image in your mind.

Pantaleao Fernandes has been clicking photographs since his college days in 1988. It was a hobby then but the shift happened when he was working in construction. He also started experimenting with cameras. He got a great break when he started working

on the photography for a book called the 'Parish Churches of Goa'. This was in 2003 and this book took him all over Goa. He then decided to do another book called '100 Goan Experiences'. That book sold around 13,500 copies. He gave up construction. He did not do any weddings. His work was to document and be a work of education for others. These experiences taught him a lot. He met the real Goans living in the hinterland. His knowledge helped him write 8 books. People called him a visual archivist. The change today was that people were not serious. It was all about taking a photo and flashing it on social media. He also says there was a lack of etiquette. Young photographers would get into the lens of another photographer. This he says was a problem with those with the mobile phone and were focused on being

present on social media. It was few who did this but it was a trend.

World Photography Day will be celebrated by the Photo Journalists' Association of Goa (PJAG) felicitating senior photojournalist Dinesh Ramesh Sakhalkar and senior professional photographer Rozendo Pereira. In addition to the felicitation ceremony, PJAG will also organize a Photo Exhibition featuring works by press photographers from Goa. Around 24 photojournalists will showcase their work at the exhibition, which will be open to the general public on August 19 and 20 from 10 am to 6 pm.

The camera will continue to record human emotions well into the future. One hopes these artists behind these cameras retain their principles and not fall prey to artificial trends or apps that could distort their art.

## Highlight unemployment among educated youth

Pio Esteves

Tiater: 'Goem Ghanntar Viklem Konnem?'

Cast: Sharon, Bhushan, Wilmix, Alina Cunha, Jone Afonso, Franky, Rosario Botelho, Anil Pednekar, Vitorin, Aplon, comedian Joyel, Agnelo, Caetan and others

Director: Anthony Sylvester

Band: Senon/Queter (trumpet), Sheldon (bass), Mikeias (keyboard), Mauvin Mascarenhas (drums)

Stage/Lights: Kapil Chari/Dinesh



PICS: PIO ESTEVES

### Tiater Review Goem Ghanntar Viklem Konnem?'

to vacate. Her sister Sharon is equally hapless as she cannot assist in any way. Had Bushan requested her sister to take care of her house in her absence, then it would have been in safer hands.

There's the landlord Raposo (Wilmix), who steps in occasionally to assist in whatever way he can. And there's the CM (Rosario Botelho) with Constans (comedian Joyel) as his PA.

On the other hand, Franky (Franky), son of Lap'pa (Agnel) and Lamani (Aplon) was born and brought up in Goa. Stanley and Franky are good friends and both are supporters of the minister.

Sharon warns her son not to stay too close to the minister, but



Stanley has high hopes of gaining employment. Stanley is involved with his friend Jenny (Alina), but Franky is equally eyeing her on the sly. By hook or crook, he wants to win her over. But Jenny is unaware that Stanley along with Franky is involved in drugs, with the support of the minister. What follows next is worth the watch during the second half of the presentation.

empowerment of the migrants and haplessness of sons and daughters of the soil.

Sharon and Bhushan share the stage as siblings, while Wilmix stands tall as the landlord with fluency in Portuguese as well. But how many of those 'bhaktars' are still in existence in Goa is a question mark. Botelho has enacted his role as CM with ease. Comedian Agnel, Aplon and Franky

form a family of the migrants and there's good interaction between them. Anil Pednekar projects himself as a social activist and he does it in style. The newcomers on the commercial stage, Jone Afonso and Alina Cunha are quite confident in their respective roles and dialogue delivery and they both have a bright future.

In the comic acts, there's Caetan as the videographer and comedian Agnel, Aplon carries a good dose of laughter pills by their acts and dialogues. The concluding scene could have been more interactive and appealing rather than mere preaching.

In the category of songs, Jones and Alina steps in for the opening song, followed by solos from Anthony San on the subject, Konkani, Avers Pereira highlighting the need to scrap vulgar comedy prevailing in today's tiaters, Succor de Santa Cruz focusing on 'Goencho Saib' and Xavier Gomes. Other songs are by Succor and Avers, Ave, Franky and Succor which is a tribute to Lorna, two duets by Evola/C D'Silva and Wilmix/Sharon on democracy. There's also a song by Anthony San, Ben Evangelisto, C D'Silva, Agnelo and Joyel highlighting the latest issue of 'Sunburn Fest'. Senon and his team have provided good live music offstage. The stage sets are by Kapil Chari and the lights have been handled by Dinesh.

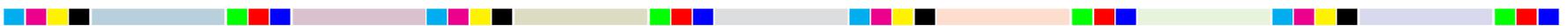
## Maina-Curtorim to celebrate the Feast of Handi Khuris

The Handi Khuris feast or Khandi Khuris, is celebrated annually on August 20. Handi Khuris means the Cross near the sluice gate. The Handi Khuris feast is also associated with the harvest and has been celebrated for centuries in Curtorim. A miraculous cross which is present is visited by scores of devotees every year and prayers are offered. These devotees come with flowers and candles to the granary of Salcete. A brass band will be present at the religious event. On the feast day, August 20, Masses will be held at St Rita's Church, Maina. The Masses are as

follows the first Mass for the day will be at 6.30 am, followed by Masses at 8.30 am and 10.30 am. The evening Masses will be at 3.30 pm and 6 pm. The Handi will be blessed by the priest, Fr Dominic Savio Vaz who will pray over and bless the work on the Sluice gate at 12 noon.

The Rosary is counted on Rosary beads and various people even measure it on one strip of a coconut leaf, which is folded by an inch. As per sources, the importance of the event was to prevent water flowing back into sea/river by blocking it to conserve it for a second paddy crop.

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# There is crying need to reform multilateralism: Jaishankar

PTI, NEW DELHI: India on Saturday said that there is a crying need to reform multilateral institutions and the inability to take forward the process with respect to the United Nations is costing the world each passing day.

The issue figured prominently at the third edition of the India-hosted Voice of Global South Summit which was attended by over 120 countries with a large number of them pitching for reforms in the multilateral institutions.

"There is a crying need to reform multilateralism if we are to revive its credibility. No nation really differs with this assessment," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said at the foreign ministerial session of the summit.

"But an inability to take that forward in respect of the United Nations is costing us more with each passing day," he said. India has been consistently pressing for reform of multilateral institutions including the United Nations, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, arguing that they must reflect the realities of the current world.

"It is an undeniable fact that even as the global order faced critical challenges, solutions did not emerge from the multilateral domain," he said calling for revitalising multilateralism.

"The reason is both the obsolescence and the polarisation of multilateral organisations," he said. "Here too, India has argued for reformed multilateralism and sought reform of Multilateral Development Banks through the G20. As a group, we need to press home our case," Jaishankar said.

In his opening address, the external affairs minister put across his views in four specific areas of strengthening economic resilience, climate change and energy transitions, revitalising multilateralism and democratising digital transformations.

On economic resilience, he said the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, conflicts and climate events have driven home the necessity for reliable and resilient supply chains.

"Not just that, there is also an acute need to diversify production itself in various domains to de-risk the international economy," he said. "What we earlier argued for in terms of socio-economic justice is today an equally compelling logic for the entire world in terms of predictability," he noted.

Jaishankar, delving into climate change, said risks, the cost of transition pathways and accessibility to resources are the three big issues.

"During our G20 Presidency, we strove to highlight 'just energy' transitions. We must work together as a family towards facilitating the flow of low-cost financing and critical technologies to the Global South," he said.

## First meeting of Parliament panel on Waqf Bill on Aug 22

PTI, NEW DELHI: The first meeting of the Parliament's joint committee on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill will be held next week.

The committee, chaired by BJP member Jagdambika Pal, will meet representatives of the ministries of minority

affairs, and law and justice on August 22, a notice from the Lok Sabha secretariat said.

The representatives from the minority affairs ministry are also expected to brief the committee on the "amendments proposed on the Bill", the secretariat said.

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**RETURNED TO THE LORD**



**CAMILO BORGES**  
-: Murida - Fatorda :-  
BORN: 09.03.1947  
DIED: 17.08.2024

Beloved husband of Rosa Maria Noronha. Loving father/ father-in-law of Piedade/ Jenifa, Francis/ Alisha, Joanita/ Manuelino, Joana/ Saude, Batosina/ Florindo, Gracy/ Diago, Sr. Melvira Borges (SFN).  
Passed away peacefully.  
Funeral cortege will leave his residence at 4.10 p.m. on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (TODAY) to Our Lady of Rosary Church for mass, followed by burial at Margao cemetery.  
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao, Ph. 9823022194

**THREE YEARS WITH THE LORD**  
*In Everloving Memory of*



**FR. PROTASIO SOARES COLACO**  
SINQUETIM - NAVELIM

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Fr. Protasio Soares on 19.08.24 (tomorrow) at 7:15 am at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim followed by prayers at the grave.  
Offered by his sorrowful family

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**



**SARA AFONSO**  
11 February 1956 - 16 August 2024

Most beloved daughter of Late Olympio Afonso & Late Heroína Afonso.  
Sister/Sister-in-law of Late Mariano Afonso (Ex-Staff of Bergesen Shipping Co.) / Luiza Afonso (Ex-GMC), Late Joaquim Afonso, Late Freddy Afonso (Ex- Golf Club) / Perpetual Afonso, Late Estevo Afonso & Mario Afonso (Ex-Casino Pride).  
Aunt/Aunt-in-law of Maclyna Afonso E Lobo / Randall Lobo (Dubai), Olympia Afonso, Rochelle Afonso & Olympio Afonso.  
Grand-Aunt of Mikayla Olympia Lobo (Dubai).  
The Eucharistic Celebration will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 3:30pm at St.Estevam Church, St.Estevam, Goa, followed by prayers at the grave offered by her sorrowful Family.  
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**CONDOLENCE**  
*We deeply mourn the sad demise of*



**Rubano Xavier Dias**  
*and convey our deepest sympathies to Rosevelt, Reynold, Rosendo and his family*

Deeply mourned by  
**CROSS BOYS OF CARMONA**

**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
*In Loving Memory of*



**MARCELINO CARDOZO**  
(Saipem, Candolim)

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved father **MARCELINO CARDOZO** on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024, Monday, at 7.00 am at Our Lady of Hope Church, Candolim, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave.  
Offered by his sorrowful wife Maria Joaquina Filomena Cardozo, children/in-laws Joanita/Jerry, Agnelo/Lavina, Elsa/Michael, Peter Francis/Saviona, grandchildren Joanna, Maeve, Maeron, Lourenco, Ronaldo and Ana Joaquina.  
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY**



**FR. PROTASIO R.I. SOARES COLACO**

*Dearest Rev Fr Protasio, Three years have passed quickly, but the pain of your loss will ever last, Going beyond the call of priesthood, your love and teachings are still our guide, you are and will always be by our side.*

**YOUR WARDS IN LAR DE ESTUDANTES ALTINHO PANJIM (1974 - 1981)**

*In Loving Memory of*



Born: 07/05/1954 Died: 18/08/2022

**Victorio Estanislau Martins**  
(Victor / Beton)  
*Special Dad*

*A smile for all and a heart of gold. One of the best this world could hold. Never selfish, always kind. A beautiful memory left behind.*

*Fondly remembered by: wife, children & family.*

Grande Durga, Chinchinim

**DEATH**



Born: 31/03/1955 Died: 16-08-2024

**JOSE FELICIANO COELHO**  
Damon-West, Raia

Son of Late Minguel Coelho/ Late Maria Benedicta Fernandes, Brother/brother-in-law of Esteve Rosario Coelho/ Julie Alfonso, Late Ana Piedade D'Costa,  
Rosada Conceicao Coelho/ Late Francisco Mascarenhas, (Margao), Joaquina P. Coelho/ Late Antonio Fernandes (Curtorim), Rosada Coelho/ Late Caitano P. Baptista (Benaulim), Claudina Coelho/ Late Manuel Ataide (Raia), Caetana Maria Coelho/ Henry A. Travasso Raia (UK) and nephews and nieces.  
Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 3:15 pm. to Our Lady of Snow's Church, Raia for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.  
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**Condolence**



**Rev. Fr. John Gerald Diniz**  
05/12/1970 - 16/08/2024

*You were truly a gem which can rarely be found. Your sudden death, has left each and everyone in a state of shock and grief. As a good Shepherd you guided your flock spiritually with love & prayers. You thought us to be humble & gentle. You got the village united with your love & care. You would not be afraid of what would come next, As you would always say God will take care. We will truly miss you as you return to the Lord.*

Deeply missed by  
**Polo Boys (Polvaddo, St. Estevam)**

**LORD I AM COMING HOME**



BORN 09/06/1947 DIED 17/08/2024

**EUSTAQUIO BATISTA DIAS**  
SICALDEM - CHINCHINIM

Beloved Husband of Fatima Dias  
Loving Father/Father-in-law of Flington/Jesima, Fallon/Haynes  
Affectionate Grandfather of Janelle, Amberly, Jaden and Anthea  
Brother/Brother-in-law of late Gregorio, Martin/Joaquina and Marcelino/Kitty.  
Funeral cortege will leave his residence on 18th August 2024, Sunday (TODAY) at Our Lady of Hope Church, Chinchinim, at 10.45 am for Eucharist Celebration, followed by burial.  
Relatives, neighbours & friends please accept this as the only intimation.  
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**RETURNED TO THE LORD**



BORN: 01.10.1931 DIED: 16.8.2024

**JOAQUINA DIAS**  
-: Gavona, Carmona :-

Wife of late Francisco Moura. Affectionate mother/ mother-in-law of Josinho/ late Rosaria Lena (Carmona), late Inas/ Magdalena (Assolda), Rosy (Ex. Dy. Sarpanch)/ late Manuel Gomes (Carmona), Mariani/ Antonio (Quepem), Roquezinha/ Gabriel (Raia), Tony/ Felicidade (U.K.). Dearest grandmother of Rubert/ Gladeis, Jesus Lino, Frazer/ Suzana, Henson, Peterson, Fedora/ Marlon, Sheldon/ Mellernie, Aldina, Brian, Tayden, Gaylin. Doting great grandmother of Liam & Gwen Moura.  
Passed away peacefully.  
Funeral mass will be held at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Our Lady of Miracles Chapel, Coprimoddi-Assolda, followed by burial.  
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao, Ph. 9823022194

**CONDOLENCE**

The Management, Officiating Principal, Staff and Students of Vidya Vikas Mandal's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao - Goa.  
*Deeply mourn the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Student (2019 - 2024)*



**MR. MOHAMMAD SARWAR ANWARI**

Our heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved family members and all his near & dear ones that he has left behind.

**THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
*In Everloving Memory of*



**ANGELO CRUZ DE SOUZA**  
22.05.1947 - 19.08.2021  
ZAINO - VELIM

*Deep in our hearts you'll always stay loved and missed everyday.*

Mass on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (Monday) at 8.15 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier's Church, velim, offered by his sorrowful wife Remy de Souza, children Judy/Cruz, Jyoti/Seby & Jofilo/Goretti, and grandchildren Jordan, Jedrick and Jaren  
Relatives and friends accept this as the only intimation

**MONTH'S MIND**



*"A silent thought, a secret tear, Keeps your memory ever near in our hearts so dear."*

*In Everloving Memory of our Dearest*

**RODOLFO LOURENCO DA COSTA**  
Belavista Apts. Margao / Carmona

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Rodolfo Lourenco Da Costa at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Our Lady of Soccorso Church, Carmona, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife, children, grandchildren and family.  
Relatives, friends & neighbors kindly accept this as the only intimation.

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**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**



Born 27 August 1996 Died 19 August 2023

**SHUBAEL GLESTONE FERNANDES**  
(Demani Cuncolim)

*God Said.. A Child Of Mine I Will Lend For You To Cherish For A Little While He Will Be A Beacon Of Love His Radiant Smile Will Gladden Your Hearts But His Stay Shall Be Brief..*

*Son.. Thank God on behalf of us, Thank Him For The Privilege That He Blessed Us With You To Love And Cherish. Our Hearts Bleed In The Sorrow Of Missing You And Never Will It Cease Till We Meet Again In Heavenly Bliss.*

There Will Be A Holy Eucharistic Celebration For The Soul Of Beloved Shubael Gleston Fernandes On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 At 7:30 am At Our Lady Of Health Church, Cuncolim, Followed By Prayers And Blessing Of The Grave. Offered By Sorrowful Father Gleston, Mother Tency, Sister Tamara, Nani Marceline, Tias, Auntas, Uncles, Cousins & Family.  
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**SAD DEMISE**



**JOVINO SOCORRO BARRETO**  
09 August 1967 - 13 August 2024

Son of late Jorge Menino Francisco Bernardino Barreto and late Geraldina Francisca Rodrigues, Brother/brother-in-law of Piolinho/Marta, Norma/John, Libbie (Baby), Sylvia (Bushman)/Sodaran, Ninfa (Baite)/Louis, late Sylvana.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Monday, 19 August 2024 at 3:30 pm, for Eucharistic Celebration at Our Lady of Candelaria Church, Baina at 3:45 pm, followed by burial.

*Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.*

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**



**LIGORIO ESMERALDO D SOUZA**  
(UMBOREM, VERNA)

Husband of late Maria conceicao Almeida.  
Father/Father in law of Francisco DSouza, Jose Maria(Joe boy) /Hilda Fernandes, Joaquim(Electrician)/Perpetua Socorro Goes, Esperanca/Anunciacao Agnel Rebello, Bernardina/Jose Fernandes, Maria Remediana/Antonio Soares.  
Grandfather/grandfather in law of Alisha/Wallancy, Merlin/ Danny, Ashley/Shameen, Macroy/ Ranu, Maiben/Josilina, Anriya and Family.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 3:30pm for Eucharistic celebration at Holy Cross Church, Verna, followed by burial.

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

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**RETURNED TO THE LORD**



**MARIA A. Z. D. CUNHA e FERNANDES**  
(DACI) Band-SANTA CRUZ - GOA

Born: 13.11.1934 - Died 17.08.2024  
"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." Rev 21:4

Beloved wife of Late Pedro R. F. X. Fernandes  
Mother/Mother in Law of Filomena/Augusto, Gracy/Efrem & Paulo/Brenda,  
Sister/Sister in Law of Late Fidelis/Late Andrew, Sr. Doris(HM), Late Jorge, Late Joao/Late Piedade, Fr. Agapito (S.F.X) and Antonio/Emilia.  
Sister in Law of Late Ruzada/Late Rosario  
Grand Mother of Maria/Sujit, Fiona/Aison, Christein/Elvis, Dr. Josephine, Ezven, Larika, Amber, Chantel & Nathan

Funeral cortege will leave her residence on Monday, 19th August 2024 at 3.30pm, for Eucharistic Celebration at Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz-Goa at 4.00pm followed by burial.

Friends and Relatives kindly accept this as the only intimation

**MONTH'S MIND**  
In loving memory of



**JEANETTE MARIE FERRAO (JEANNE)**

Mass for the soul of Jeanette at 7am on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 at Holy Family Church, Porvorim followed by prayers at the grave offered by her sorrowful family.

*Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.*  
GOAN RITES 9822136397

**SECOND DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In loving memory of our Mai



**ANA FRANCISCA FERNANDES**  
Uzro, Raia  
04 DEC 1939-19 AUG 2022

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved mother Ana Francisca Fernandes on Monday, 19th August 2024 at 7:30am at Our Lady of Snows Church, Raia followed by prayers and blessing at the grave.  
Offered by her children, grandchildren & family.

*Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only invitation.*

**Lord I'm Coming Home**



**Teresinha Afonso**  
Modlo Wado, Siridao

Beloved wife of late Goncalino Antonio De Souza.  
Loving mother of Nazareth de Souza, Jose DeSouza, Minguel de Souza, Martinha DeSouza and Guilhermina DeSouza.

Mother-in-law of Severina Fernandes, Mila Marques, Bostiana Rosario, Andre Vas and Silvester Marques.  
Grandmother of Addroy/Larisha, Alinton/Lavina, Milton, Theresa/Inacio, Pearl, Jordan, Kimberley, Naizel, Macberth, Hansel, Mackenzie.  
Great grandmother of Avianna, Trecia & Treena.  
Funeral will be held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Siridao at 3.30 pm followed by burial.

*Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.*

**SAD DEMISE**



**Maria Liberata (Liby) Nunes**

Ex-Teacher  
Abu Dhabi Indian School  
Died on 15.08.2024

Beloved wife of Joao Alberto Nunes (Bert).  
Mother/Mother-in-law of Emy Sharon/Thomas, (late) Augustine, Anthony Savio/Anny.  
Loving Grandmother to Audrey, Ethan & Casandra.  
Funeral cortege will leave her residence at 3:45 pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 to Our Lady of Rosary Church, Caranzalem for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial at Talegiao cemetery.

*Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.*  
GOAN RITES 9822136397

**THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
In loving memory of



**FILOMENA LEITÃO E FORTES**  
-: ORLIM :-  
"But God will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to himself." - Psalm 49:15

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved FILOMENA on Tuesday, 20th August 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church, Orlim, followed by the prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful family.

*Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.*  
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**In loving memory of**



**ANIBAL TOMAS MENDES**  
(Mendes Stores, Mapusa)  
Nagoa, Bardez

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal"

Husband of late Martha Mendes, loving Father / Father-in-law of Anisha / Sherwin Vaz & Aniska / Darton Rego, Doting Grandfather of Aara, Asner, Zaiden  
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Anibal on Monday, 19th August 2024 at Holy Trinity Church, Nagoa, Arpora at 7.00 am followed by prayers at the grave

**MONTH'S MIND**  
In Ever Loving Memory of



**MARIA FATIMA ANINHA VAS**  
UBO DANDO, SANTA CRUZ

"Those we love don't go away, they walk besides us every day."

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Maria Fatima Aninha Vas on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024, at 8:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz followed by prayers and blessing on the grave.  
Offered by sorrowful children: Laveena/Marino, Levino, Lewis/Eufemia and Lyndon. Grandson: Leevon.

**LORD I AM COMING HOME**



**FRANCIS D'SOUZA**  
(MIRAND)  
St. Caitan - Mercés

Most beloved son of Late Manuel & Late Rozina D'souza.  
Beloved Husband of Joanita Gurjao.  
Affectionate brother/brother-in-law of Caitan/Inacinha, Paulo/Maurina, Late Anthony & Xavier. Loving Uncle of Cansio, Milford, Malcolm, Maxwell & Cylvia.  
Funeral cortege will leave his residence on 18<sup>th</sup> August (Today) for the final rites and burial at 3.45 pm to Our Lady of Mercés Church, Mercés.

*Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.*

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**



**RUBANO XAVIER DIAS**

Born: 17th April 1950 - Died: 17th August 2024  
Son of late Caetano Socorro Dias and late Marta Milagrina Luis.  
Loving husband of Severina Furtado.  
Loving father of Roosevelt, Reynold / Roshelle, Rosendo.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence D'mello Ward Carmona, at 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, 18th August 2024 (TODAY) to Our Lady of Succour Church, Carmona, for a Eucharistic celebration, followed by burial.

*Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.*  
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**MONTH'S MIND**  
In Loving Memory of



**AGNELO JOSEPH MACIEL**

Born: 20/03/1954 - Died: 18/07/2024  
Son of (Late) Salvador and (Late) Rosalina. Husband of Jeanette, Father of Anderson & Alison,  
Brother of John, Anita, Casmiro, Brother-in-law of Antonetta, (Late) Elias, Netty, Uncle of Annie, Raymond, Noel, Francis, Mario, Diogo, Nelissa, Rozette.

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of Agnelo Joseph Maciel on August 19, 2024 at 7.00 am at Saviour of the World Church, Salvador Do Mundo, followed by blessing at the grave.

**MONTH'S MIND**  
In cherished memory of



**EUFERMIANA FERNANDES (EFFIE)**  
(Acsona - Perodem, Benaulim)

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Effie on 19th August 2024 (tomorrow) at 7:00 am at Holy Trinity Church, Benaulim, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave.  
Offered by her sorrowful children Patsy/Dioguinho, Anna/Napoleao, Wilson (Vincy)/Pasquelina, Frank/Pratima & grandchildren Floyd, Noraida/Kingsly, Snaden, Luke Liam,Shania and great grandchildren Kairees & Noah.

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**First Death Anniversary**  
In Everloving memory of



**FILOMENA MAXIMAINA DE SOUZA**  
(Cansa-Tivim)

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved mother FILOMENA on Monday 19th August 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel Cansa-Tivim, followed by prayers at the grave

**Offered by her sorrowful family**

*Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.*

**1<sup>ST</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In Ever Loving Memory of



**DELFINA LOURENCO**  
Lourdes Vaddo, St. Inez  
Died: 19/08/2023

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

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Mai, DELFINA on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 7.45 am at St. Agnes Church, St. Inez, Panaji, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave.  
Offered by her sorrowful children and grandchildren.

*Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.*

**MONTHS MIND**  
In loving memory of



**DOMNIC D'SOUZA**  
(AUGUSTINE)  
Cunchelim -Mapusa

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our brother on Monday, 19th August 2024 at 8 am at Our Lady of Flight Church, Cunchelim, followed by prayers at the grave offered by his sorrowful family.

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

**A TEARFUL FAREWELL**

**JOANITA ESTELA VAS e D'SILVA (JANET)**

-: Elnet Mansion, Godinho Ward, Majorda :-  
Born: 5<sup>th</sup> May 1957 - Died: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024

You never said I'm leaving  
You never said good bye.  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why.

In life we loved you dearly  
In death we love you still.  
In our hearts, we hold a place  
That only you can fill.

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone.  
A part of us went with you  
The day God took you home.



Beloved wife of late Eliazar (Babush).  
Loving mother / mother-in-law of Elly / Sanjay (Australia), Evita / Ilcid (Sharjah), Evelon / Shuller (Margao).  
Dearest grandmother of Kiaan, Niall, Ivan, Leanza and Darren.  
Loving sister / sister-in-law of late Aristo / Mina, late Oliver / Philomena, Daniela / Joe, Joseph, late Johnson, Vienna / Troy, Godfrey / Rachel.

Funeral cortege will leave her residence at 4.00 p.m., for Eucharistic Celebration to Mae De Deus Church, Majorda, on Sunday, 18th August 2024 (TODAY) followed by burial.

*Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.*

**NO CONDOLENCE VISITS PLEASE.**

*Confident Advtg. & Funeral Service, Margao 9823022194*

**ADEUS AMIGO**



**Padre John Geraldo Diniz**

You will be MISSED profoundly...but TREASURED eternally...!  
THANK YOU for BEING a WONDERFUL Companion and Friend...!  
GRATITUDE for the manifold and memorable shared moments of Joy, Pain, Success, Failure, Support, Counsel, Solidarity, etc....etc...!  
PAINED deeply that your Temporal Journey ended suddenly...!  
CONSOLED, however, that we will Rejoin in Paradise Heavenly...!  
MAY YOU REST IN ETERNAL BLISS knowing well that you have "...fought the good fight...finished the race... kept the faith..." (2 Timothy 4:7).

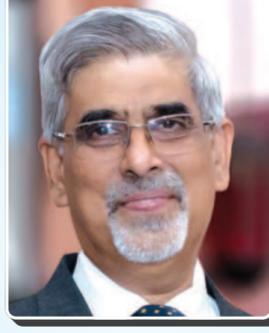
**FARE-WELL, MOGACHEA IXTTA...**

Tribute of Love from:  
Fr. Albano Fernandes, Fr. Anthony Fernandes, Fr. Edmund Barretto, Fr. Francis D'Souza, Fr. Freddy Braganza, Fr. Jeronimo D'Silva, Fr. Stanley D'Souza and Fr. Victor Ferrao.




*Aquila Advt. 9421377771 / 942157777*

**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In Ever Loving Memory of



**ANTONIO POLICARPO HERLUINO CARVALHO**  
Cortalim / Panjim / Taleigao

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved HERLUINO on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 4.00 p.m. at St. Michael's Church, Taleigao, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his ever-loving wife Urmila and his beloved family.

*Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.*

*Aquila Advt. 9421377771 / 942157777*

**AFTER SUPERHIT TIATR ISRAEL WE ARE COMING BACK WITH A WONDERFUL SHOWPIECE**



**TAJ MAHAL Kosolitoem Kai?**

Wri. by: Willy Silveira  
Dir. by: Scully D'Souza

Contact: 9921448516 / 8806503634 Music: Norman Cardozo and Senon

**RELEASING ON 10th SEPTEMBER**

**RELEASING IN OCTOBER 2024**

With the blessings of St. Anthony

Comedian **Joyel** Presents

Directed by: JOYEL



**GOLD MEDAL**

Joyel : 8698592978 / 88887 61817  
Music: QUETER & HIS BOYS Lights: RATNA

FOR VILLAGE SHOWS CONTACT: 8698592978/8888761817

**ITS TODAY**

**18th AUG 3:30 PM PONDA**

AMUL ICECREAM upper Bazar HANSEL 9637743718 MINGUEL DE PONDA 97649196870 ROSE ENTERPRISES 8180008766SAVIO QUEIROZ 9960609920

**ANTHONY SYLVESTER'S A TRADITIONAL TIATR**



**GOEM GHANTTAR VIKLEM KONNEM?**

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**24th AUG 7:30 PM MARGAO**

BY PUBLIC DEMAND 2ND REPEAT SHOW

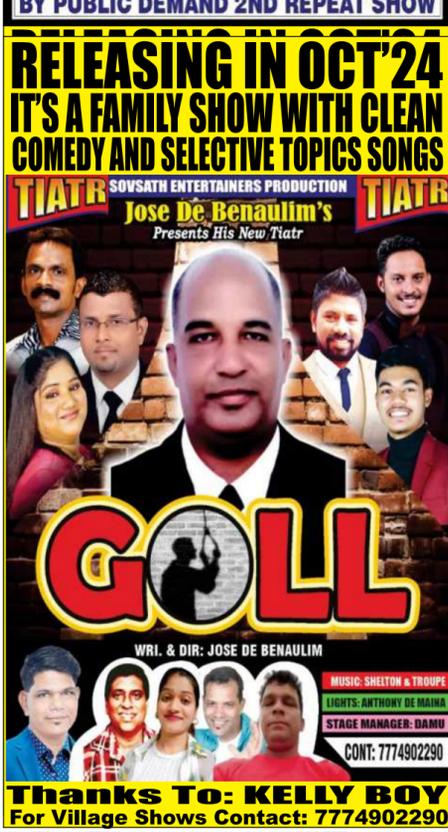
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**IT'S A FAMILY SHOW WITH CLEAN COMEDY AND SELECTIVE TOPICS SONGS**

SOVSATH ENTERTAINERS PRODUCTION

Jose De Benaullim's

Presents His New Tiatr



**GOLL**

WRI. & DIR: JOSE DE BENAULLIM

MUSIC: SHELTON & TROUPE  
LIGHTS: ANTHONY DE MAINA  
STAGE MANAGER: DAMU  
CONT: 7774902290

Thanks To: KELLY BOY  
For Village Shows Contact: 7774902290

**IT'S TODAY**

**SECOND REPEAT SHOW AT 3.30PM G. V. N. HALL MARGAO**

CHIEF GUEST SIR ANTHONY D'SILVA (Social activist)

**14 SEPT. 7PM DANDO HALL CANDOLIM**

Thanks to **ALLY RODRIGUES AND ESMERALDO LUIS TAMBDEG CARMONA**

FOR TKTS CONTACT DAMU (09881337847)

SPACE COURTESY: **ALLY RODRIGUES, Alemao Xiro Carmona (Renowned Musician and Sound Engineer)**

**RELEASING ON 20TH OCTOBER 2024**

WITH THE BLESSINGS OF OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI

**ULHAS TARI** Presents 6th Production

**Konn Nhoi Konnacho**

WRI & DIR: ULHAS TARI

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27th PRODUCTION

**DOMNIC CARVALHO** Presents

**AMKAM BALLGUN DOVOR**

COMEDIAN

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RELEASING IN OCT 2024

**Roseferns TIATR**

The King Of Centuries & The King Of Parables

105th PRODUCTION

**SONVSAR TUMCHO, AMCHEM KITEM?**

MUSIC: ALLOY JAYNE (V.O. JOSHIEY & ELVIS) SM: STEVEN & JUVENILE LIGHTS: SANYO  
M: 9822169696 / 8830076618

**5th REPEAT SHOW**

**24th AUG. (SATURDAY) 3:30PM**

**24th PAI HALL MARGAO**

WITH THE BLESSING OF OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI & ST. ANTHONY

**ALISON DE CURTORIM** Presents

2nd Tiatr

**Ghorcho Bhedi... Bhailo Chor**

A Completely Fictitious Story  
WRI. & DIR: ALISON DE CURTORIM

M: 9545222346 / 9021711398 / 9765858716

BY ROBERTA BEMANI 2ND REPEAT SHOW

**26th AUG. (SUNDAY) 9:30PM**

**26th KALA ACADEMY PANJIM**

# Sparsh, Shane, Dimple, Aaryaa, Sudhanva and Saanvi march into semi-finals

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**PANJIM:** Young rising talents Sparsh Kolwalkar, Shane D'Souza, Dimple Revankar, Aaryaa Metry, Saanvi Audi and Sudhanva Udupa moved into the

## BADMINTON

semi-finals of Yonex Sunrise All-Goa Major Ranking Badminton Tournament organised by Salcete Badminton Club, Vision Goa under

the aegis of Goa Badminton Association and Sports Authority of Goa, at Manohar Parrikar indoor stadium, Navelim, on Saturday.

The tournament witnessed exciting matches in the U-15, U-17 and non-ranking U-11, U-13 categories, drawing top talent from across the State.

In U-15 boys singles, Aarush Pawaskar, Sparsh Kolwalkar, Sudhanva Udupa, and Shane D'Souza have sealed their berths into the semi-finals. Ritika Chelluri, Saanvi Audi, Dim-

ple Revankar and Aaryaa Metry have secured their places in the U-15 girls singles semi-finals.

The U-17 boys singles semi-finals will feature top-seeded Advait Balakrishnan, Aarush Pawaskar, Rutav Kanabar and Soham Naik.

Meanwhile, in the non-ranking categories, Krithik Reddy, Anav Kanekar, Mihir Chafadkar and Ayansh Sanke have moved into the U-11 boys singles semi-finals, with Amaira Dhumatker, Komal Kothari,

Aditi Dhargalkar and Kani-ka Pai Vernekar advancing in the U-11 girls singles.

The tournament was inaugurated by entrepreneur Chirag Datta Naik (Vision Goa), in the presence of Goa Badminton Association President Manoj Patil, Secretary Praveen Shenoy, Salcete Badminton Club officials Sidharth Rivonkar (president), Santosh Lotlikar (secretary), Sharmad Mahajan (tournament director) and Satya Kolwalkar among others.

# FC Goa held to 1-1 draw by Shillong Lajong FC, exit

**AGENCIES, SHILLONG:** FC Goa's campaign in the Durand Cup 2024 came to a heartbreaking end as they were held to a 1-1 draw by Shillong Lajong FC in their final group stage match, at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Shillong, on Saturday.

## DURAND CUP

Despite a valiant effort by the young Gaurs, the draw was not

enough to secure a spot in the quarter-finals, with Shillong Lajong progressing on goal difference. The match saw Shillong Lajong take the lead in the 30th minute when Marcos Rudwere Silva found the back of the net. However, FC Goa responded almost immediately with De-ventra Murgaokar equalising just three minutes later.

In doing so, Murgaokar etched his name in the history books, becoming his Club's all-time top-scorer

with his eighth goal in the tournament since 2021.

Both teams fought-hard in the second half, but neither could find the decisive goal. The draw meant that both FC Goa and Shillong Lajong finished the group stage with seven points each, having secured two wins and a draw. However, Shillong Lajong's superior goal difference saw them advance to the next round, leaving the Gaurs to exit the competition.

# YSC Colvale edge past Sodiem Siolim SC

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**MAPUSA:** YSC Colvale managed to edge past Sodiem Siolim SC by 2-1 margin in the GFA's Division III League Bardez Zone match played at Duler Stadium, here, on Saturday.

It was Sodiem Siolim colts that opened their account in the 61st minute

through the boots of Kashinath Salgaocar who scored with a neat placement 1-0.

YSC Colvale unit did not take long to level terms as they equalised through Cyrus D'Cruz in the 69th min and Pratik Gaonkar scored the match winner in the 85th minute. Sodiem Siolim's Kevin D'Souza and Agnel Fernandes received cautions, while Vaibhav Govekar

of Sodiem Siolim was given marching orders in the 81st minute having received his second caution of the match.

YSC Colvale's custodian Vivek was in superlative form blocking at least six sure goals and denying Sodiem Siolim strikers from scoring. YSC Colvale's striker Cyrus was a constant threat to the Sodiem Siolim's defence.

# Sao Jose de Areal in last eight

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**RAIA:** Sao Jose de Areal edged past a spirited Goa Velha Sports Club 8-7 to march into the pre-quarters of 49th Chandor Seamen football tournament played at Chandor ground, on Saturday.

## CHANDOR SEAMEN FOOTBALL

Goa Velha Sports Club's Satish Kankonkar scored in the 21st minute with a powerful grounder. The Sao Jose Areal boys huffed and puffed looking for parity but to no avail.

Goa Velha Sports Club led 1-0 at lemon break.

On resumption, both teams played with a sense of urgency when finally Francis Afonso tapped the ball into the rival goal from a long pass, giving Goa Velha Sports Club a 2-0 lead.

It looked as though the Sao Jose de Areal boys lost steam, but to the pleasant surprise of the spectators, suddenly gained renewed vigour after Darryl pulled one back for Sao Jose de Areal in the dying minutes. Myron Silva brought parity in the add-on time for Sao Jose de Areal taking the score to 2-2 draw at the end of the regulation time.

In the penalty shootout that ensued, Frazer Viegas, Vanael Travaso, Aron Andro, Aryan Carvalho, Darryl Costa and Dezi Oliveira were on target for Sao Jose de Areal. For Goa Velha Sports Club, Francis Afonso, Prasil Kankonkar, Sairaj Chodankar, Vikram Mangeshkar and Krishnab Madkaikar were on target.

Satish Kankonkar of Goa Velha Sports Club was awarded the man-of-the-match award.

## GOA DIARY

### Hockey selection trials for junior and sub-junior boys on August 19

**PANJIM:** Goan Hockey will be conducting hockey selection trials for the junior and sub-junior boys teams - to participate in the Hockey Junior Men National Championship at Jalandar, Punjab, from September 9 to 19 and Sub-Junior Men Championship at Chandigarh from September 23 to October 3 - on August 19, at the sports complex, Peddem, Mapusa, at 3.30 pm. Interested players should report to Riyaz Kamblil and Aviraj Madgaonkar, at the venue. Cut off date for junior boys is January 1, 2005 and January 1, 2008 for sub-junior boys. The selection will be monitored by Candida Fernandes and Inacio Fernandes.

## TODAY'S SPORTS

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**GFA Division III League 2024-25 (Bardez Zone) Group A:** ABC SC, Arambol, vs Xetrapal SC, at Mandrem panchayat ground, 4 pm

**XLIX Chandor Seamen rolling trophy football:** Curtorim Gymkhana vs Dramapur SC, at Chandor ground, 4.30 p m

**45th Cana-Benaullim Super Soccer:** PVC Association Parra vs Guardian Angel, at Dando ground, Benaullim, 4.30 pm

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**Frustrated Alcaraz smashes his racket in 3-set loss to Monfils at Cincinnati Open**

CINCINNATI: Carlos Alcaraz repeatedly smashed his racket on the court in a rare show of frustration, and the four-time Grand Slam winner fell to Gael Monfils 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 at the Cincinnati Open. In a match that was suspended by rain on Thursday night with the players in a second-set tiebreaker, the 37-year-old Monfils advanced by taking the last two sets from the second-seeded Alcaraz, who called the loss his "worst match." "I felt like it was the worst match that I've ever played on my career," Alcaraz said. "I've been practicing really well. I was feeling great. But I couldn't play. I want to forget it and try to move on to New York." The US Open begins there on August 26. In women's action, top-ranked Iga Swiatek advanced to the quarter-finals with a convincing 6-2, 6-2 win over Marta Kostyuk. No. 3 Aryna Sabalenka also advanced with a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Elina Svitolina, but No. 5 Jasmine Paolini, the runner-up at the French Open and Wimbledon, lost to Mirra Andreeva 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova upset No. 7 and Olympic gold medalist Zheng Qinwen 7-5, 6-1. Spaniard Paula Badosa defeated Yulia Putintseva 6-4, 6-4.

**Grand Chess Tour: Praggnanandhaa finishes last, Firouzja wins Saint Louis leg**

SAINT LOUIS: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa produced an improved effort in the blitz section but it did not help him avoid a last place finish in the Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz tournament. On the last day of the event, Praggnanandhaa ended up with eight points in blitz, an improvement from the four points he logged in Rapid category earlier. He finished the Grand Chess Tour event with a total of 12 points, as Alireza Firouzja of France emerged as the winner tallying 23 points in all -- 11 points in rapid and 12 points in the blitz. It was a dominating performance from Firouzja who won the event with two rounds to spare. Firouzja, who has 30.58 points, is well ahead of Caruana who has 26.75 points. Praggnanandhaa who started the event on third spot in tour ranking slipped to fifth on 17.25 points and needs a miracle for a podium finish in the last event -- the Sinquefeld Cup that starts in just two days' time. The Indian will be joined by World Championship challenger D Gukesh in that event. Final standings: 1. Alireza Firouzja (France) 23; 2. Wesley So (USA) 20.5; Hikaru Nakamura (USA) 19.5; 4-5. Levon Aronian (USA), Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (France) 19 each; 6-7. Ian Nepomniachtchi (FID), Fabiano Caruana (USA) 18 each; 8. Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzbekistan) 16; 9. Lenier Dominguez (USA) 15.5; 10. R Praggnanandhaa (India) 12.5.

**Vinesh returns to grand welcome after Paris heartbreak**

NEW DELHI: Celebrated wrestler Vinesh Phogat received a grand welcome on her return to the country with hundreds of supporters gathering outside the IGI airport, showing immense solidarity with her here on Saturday. Stars such as Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and panchayat leaders received Vinesh, who endured a heartbreaking exit at the Paris Olympics where she was disqualified for being overweight on the day of her 50kg final. Heavily garlanded, Vinesh stood in an open Jeep and thanked all the supporters. "I thank the entire country," she said, her hands folded in humility. There was a thick security cover as Phogat, who was found 100 grams overweight, landed in the national capital. The huge caravan will follow Vinesh to her village Balali in Haryana.

**Slot starts with Liverpool win, Arsenal beat Wolves to launch Premier League title bid**

AFP, LONDON: Arne Slot got off to a winning start as Liverpool manager with a 2-0 win at newly-promoted Ipswich on Saturday as Arsenal began their Premier League title challenge by beating Wolves by the same scoreline.

Newcastle defied an early red card for Fabian Schar to edge past Southampton 1-0, while Brighton ran riot under new manager Fabian Hurler in a 3-0 victory at Everton. Slot has huge shoes to fill at Anfield after the departure of Jurgen Klopp, who restored the Reds to the top of the English game.

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The Dutchman was left less than impressed by his side's first 45 minutes at Portman Road as Ipswich flew out of the traps on their return to the Premier League for the first time in 22 years. However, Liverpool were a different side after the break as goals from Diogo Jota and Mohamed Salah barely reflected their dominance to get Slot off to the perfect start.

Arsenal have finished second to Manchester City in each of the past two seasons and are highly-fancied to be the champions' closest challengers again.

Kai Havertz opened the scoring at the Emirates from Bukayo Saka's cross to reward the Gunners' early



Arsenal's German midfielder #29 Kai Havertz celebrates after scoring the opening goal of the English Premier League match against Wolverhampton Wanderers at the Emirates Stadium in London on Sunday

dominance. However, Mikel Arteta's men needed a vital save from David Raya to deny Jorgen Strand Larsen and Matheus Cunha missed a huge chance to level before Arsenal made the points safe. The roles from the first goal were reversed as this time Havertz teed up Saka to lash home. Newcastle's hopes of a winning start to the sea-

son looked to have been undone when Schar was sent off after just 28 minutes for what the referee deemed a headbutt on Ben Brereton Diaz despite limited contact between the pair. Southampton had dominated even the early exchanges against the Magpies' full compliment but failed to convert from 19 shots and nearly 80 per-

cent possession. By contrast, Newcastle were clinical as Alexander Isak teed up Joelinton for the only goal just

RESULTS

**Arsenal 2 (Havertz 25, Saka 74) Wolves 0, Everton 0 Brighton 3 (Mitoma 25, Welbeck 56, Adingra 86), Ipswich 0 Liverpool 2 (Jota 60, Salah 65), Newcastle 1 (Joelinton 45) Southampton 0, Nottingham Forest 1 (Wood 23) Bournemouth 1 (Semenyo 86). Friday: Manchester United 1 (Zirkzee 87) Fulham 0**

before half-time. Everton's final season at Goodison Park got off to a nightmare start as 31-year-old Hurler enjoyed a dream start to life in the Premier League.

Kaoru Mitoma fired Brighton in front on his return from injury that saw the Japanese international miss much of last season.

Danny Welbeck added a second after the break before Everton were reduced to 10 men when Ashley Young saw red. Simon Adingra made it 3-0 late on and only a VAR review denied Brighton a fourth through Yasin Ayari.

Antoine Semenyo stepped into the void left at Bournemouth by the departure of Dominic Solanke with a late equaliser to salvage a 1-1 draw at Nottingham Forest. Aston Villa travel to West Ham in Saturday's late match. City begin their defence of the title in the stand-out fixture of the weekend at Chelsea on Sunday.

Manchester United got their campaign off to a winning start on Friday when debutant Joshua Zirkzee came off the bench to grab a late winner in a 1-0 victory over Fulham.

**Double trap applies for shooting coach post**

PTI, NEW DELHI: Legendary double trap marksman Peter Wilson of Great Britain, who guided country-mate Nathan Hales to trap gold at the recently-concluded Paris Olympics, has shown interest in the Indian team coaching job and wants to train the shooters for the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

Wilson, 37, was the youngest competitor in double trap at the 2012 London Olympics to win a gold medal. He holds the world record in double trap and took up shooting after a snow-boarding accident left him unable to play cricket.

After double trap was removed from the Olympic curriculum, Wilson started coaching Nathan in trap, with the crowning glory coming in Paris where his ward won gold with an Olympic record to break a 12-year-long wait for the country in the event.

"I have e-mailed my CV to the National Rifle Association of India and am waiting to hear from them," Wilson told PTI from UK.

"I want to work with the senior team to prepare them for the LA Games and the juniors to prepare them for the next 8-12 years," said Wilson, adding that he only aims for "success" and nothing less.

**Let's just leave it to the gods: Chopra on 90m and beyond**

PTI, NEW DELHI: Having missed out on breaching the elusive 90m mark at the Paris Games, two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra has left that widely debated matter "to the gods".

After all, Chopra has been chasing that milestone for years and the

**Confirms participation at Lausanne Diamond League**

wait got longer when his only legal throw of 89.45m got him a silver at the Paris Olympics earlier this month. A back-to-back medal at the Summer Games was a monumental feat for an Indian athlete but it

was way short of Arshad Nadeem's sensational 92.97m that comfortably secured a historic gold for the Pakistani. Nursing a long-standing groin injury, Chopra managed to be on the podium and now he will

be seen in the Lausanne Diamond League starting August 22.

After a busy couple of days post the Olympic final on August 8, Chopra started training in Switzerland and is determined to finish the season on a high despite being restricted by the injury. "I need to leave it

to gods now," he said when asked about his target throw in the foreseeable future. "I just want to prepare well and see where the javelin goes. There has already been talk about 90m, now I feel just let it be. In Paris, I thought it would happen and it could have happened.

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## POTHoles, PERILS AND PUBLIC OUTRAGE: MONSOON UNMASKS GOA'S FAILING INFRASTRUCTURE

Goa's roads are crumbling under the weight of the first monsoon rains, exposing the shoddy workmanship and substandard materials that have turned once-smooth highways into treacherous, pothole-ridden paths. As the rain-soaked streets become battlegrounds for commuters, the cracks in the State's infrastructure reveal a deeper fissure in accountability and governance. Citizens are raising urgent questions about the integrity and oversight of public works.

VITHALDAS HEGDE reports



Two weeks ago, Shyam Govekar, a bus driver, staged a desperate protest by sitting in a massive water-filled pothole in front of the Assagao village panchayat, demanding immediate repairs to the Assagao-Mapusa road. Bus drivers have reported that their vehicles have sustained significant damage, with broken panels, malfunctioning gears, and burst tires, pushing them into debt.

Taking serious note of the deteriorating roads, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has warned that PWD engineers will also be held accountable if accidents occur due to potholes.

Over 100 contractors have been issued show-cause notices for substandard work after potholes surfaced on roads they had hot-mixed.

The PWD has now launched an aggressive campaign to repair and patch up these damaged roads using a Jetpatcher machine, taking advantage of the current dry spell across the state.

Citizens have accused the government of using substandard materials in road construction, leading to premature deterioration. The rapid erosion has caused significant inconvenience, with damaged surfaces posing risks to both motorists and pedestrians.

Frustration is growing among citizens over the poor quality of the hot-mixed roads, which have begun to wash away with the first rains.

Notably, several roads across the state, including those in Salcete, were hot-mixed just before the monsoon, and roads leading to the Margao KTC bus stand were resurfaced with a new layer of asphalt.

"The government often announces large amounts spent on development works, but whether these works last through even one monsoon season is evident all around," said Savio Coutinho, Congress leader and former Margao chairperson.

Coutinho also criticized the recent "Viksit Bharat Viksit Goem" event during the Prime Minister's visit at Energy Week, stating that roads along the route were not properly hot-mixed, while some roads in good condition were unnecessarily given an additional layer of asphalt.

He claimed that inquiries with the PWD revealed that these works were carried out without following proper procedures, with handpicked contractors receiving work orders on a "nomination basis." Coutinho alleged that these irregular practices led to substandard work, including roads receiving only a single coat of asphalt instead of the estimated two coats.

Francisco Fernandes highlighted that the hot-mix on roads at Arlem and Manora had already started to wash away, causing major difficulties for commuters. "Due to a lack of streetlights and potholes on these washed-away roads, two-wheeler riders face significant risks," he said.

In Margao, too, roads have been severely affected by the rains, including those behind the Margao municipal building.

The condition of the two-kilometre road from Udir to Ramnathi has worsened, making it difficult for motorists. This road was dug up for laying sewage and electricity cables.

In Ponda and Madkai, roads were dug up for development works, including laying sewerage networks, underground power cables, and natural gas pipelines. However, not all roads were properly restored, and the condition of many has deteriorated to such an extent that motorists are experiencing bumpy rides on uneven surfaces, with two-wheeler riders suffering accidents that have led to injuries and fractures.

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had directed PWD officials to repair and restore roads before the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi festival, emphasising that taxpayers deserve good roads.

Tulshidas Naik, a senior citizen from Bokadbag-Ramnathi, commented, "The two-kilometre stretch of road from Ramnathi to Bandora has gone from bad to worse after it was dug up for sewage and power cables. With more than half of the road's width dug up, little is left for public use. Accidents have been reported, with many riders now suffering from back pain."

Another local recalled a tragic incident where a two-wheeler rider died in a self-accident on this pothole-ridden road.

In addition, roads at Kavlem, Talaulim, and Ponda were hot-mixed before the onset of the monsoon but were washed away during the rains, causing hardships for commuters who have complained about the substandard work. The hot-mix work started late due to tenders being delayed by the election code of conduct for the Lok Sabha polls. Locals have questioned why the work was done during the monsoon instead of after it subsided. Now, the roads are being repaired using a Jetpatcher machine.

Meanwhile, the Public Works Department has issued a notice to the contractor responsible for substandard hot-mix work from Varkhandem bus stand up to Ponda market. The work done in early June had already been washed away, making the road bumpy and dangerous, resulting in accidents, some of them fatal. If the contractor does not respond to the notice, appropriate action un-

der the relevant clauses of the contract will be taken, according to a PWD official, who added that repair work had commenced on this stretch.

Bandora Sarpanch Ramchandra Naik noted that the road condition from Udir to Ramnathi had deteriorated after it was dug up for sewage and power cables. A fresh tender has already been invited to repair it, and once the monsoon subsides, the road will be hot-mixed and restored.

This year, many villages in Bardez and Pernem taluka are particularly suffering due to bad roads, as the government has taken up the work of laying underground cables, divided into two categories: 11 kV and 33 kV lines. In many villages, where this work is being carried out, the roads are in poor condition. Additionally, the PWD has also dug up roads in some villages, like Assagao and Siolim, to lay underground water pipelines. All of this has led to widespread damage to roads, making them nearly unmotorable.

The contractors responsible for these digging works had no government supervisors from any department, resulting in a lack of accountability and communication with local bodies, leaving residents in a state of despair.

Siolim-Marna Panchayat Village Development Committee (VDC) member Joaquim Barros ridiculed the government departments for acting without any communication with the local panchayat, leaving locals to suffer the consequences.

"The general public, despite paying all taxes, is always at the receiving end. We never benefit in any way. The government hikes bills and road tax rates, but what do we get in return? Is there any improvement in the services the government provides? Roads being dug up is fine, but who is responsible for restoring them? And who is responsible for monsoon casualties due to these pothole-ridden roads? It's time to fix responsibility on someone and drag contractors to court so they are accountable to the public," said Barros.

Victor Fernandes, a differently-abled person from Siolim who has to manoeuvre pothole-filled roads during the monsoon to reach his workplace, noted the lack of public concern within both the government and its departments when it comes to providing quality service. He pointed out that the government is quick to extract taxes and punish those who don't pay on time but questioned who would punish those responsible for damaging the roads.

"Any government that cannot provide good roads, clean water, and reliable electric-

ity—our basic needs—is a complete failure. We should not expect much from such a government. All roads should be pothole-free and motorable by May 15. After that date, no road digging or road works should be taken up. We are a coastal State that always witnesses heavy rainfall. It is foolish to blame the monsoon for the degradation of the roads," Fernandes said.

Assagao Sarpanch Hanumant Naik, whose village has been severely affected by road digging on both sides of the roads, complained about the lack of communication between government departments and the local panchayat, resulting in the panchayat being blamed for bad roads.

"It is a complete misconception to hold village panchayats responsible for bad roads. Panchayats are responsible for internal roads, which are generally less used, but main roads are the responsibility of the PWD. They cannot shy away from their responsibility. Panchayats don't have the funds to maintain main roads, nor are we allowed to touch these roads without PWD consent, so people must question the PWD. We are never taken into confidence by these departments, especially under this regime," Naik said.

The Assagao Sarpanch admitted that it was a nightmare for locals from his village during the monsoon but stated that he was exploring other options to solve the issue, as he feels someone must take the initiative.

Frustrated by the poor road conditions, All Goa Private Bus Owners Association General Secretary Sudip Tamankar expressed the growing difficulty in operating buses on pothole-ridden roads. The bumpy rides are causing frequent tire bursts, punctures, technical snags, and dents to vehicles.

Another significant issue is the increased fuel consumption due to frequent braking on these pothole-ridden roads. "We are suffering revenue loss as we are spending more money on vehicle maintenance while struggling to break even with the dwindling number of passengers," Tamankar said.

Just a few days ago, Damodar Gawas, a bus owner from Pernem, was injured when his two-wheeler fell into a large water-filled crater near Mapusa. Gawas was returning home after dropping his bus at the KTC bus stand in Mapusa. He sustained multiple injuries and was forced to stay at home, incurring additional medical expenses due to this accident.

Joaquim Fernandes, who was travelling on the Ramnathi-Bandora road, recounted his own experience: "I was lucky to escape with a minor injury after being thrown off my two-wheeler into a pothole. The vehicle

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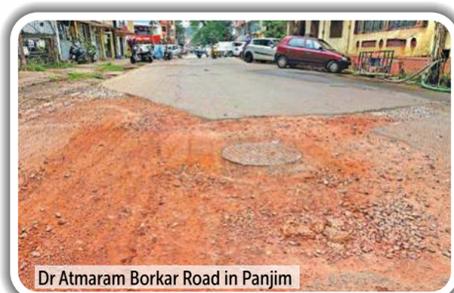
Pothole-ridden roads have indeed become a significant cause of concern across Goa, with citizens, commuters, and stakeholders alike questioning the quality of road construction and the accountability of those responsible. The pressing need for durable, safe roads is clear as the monsoon continues to expose the vulnerabilities of the State's infrastructure.

(Inputs from Marcos Gonsalves, Santosh Naik and Erwin Fonseca)

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Bad condition of road at Assagao



A deplorable road at Udir-Ramnathi in Ponda

# ANJUNA: Sound Polluters Independent, Goans Trapped

The North coastal belt, Goa's 'party zone', stretching from Baga-Anjuna to Morjim and Arambol, is a hotbed of contradictions. While residents face obvious hardships of sleepless nights and lost peace, a more insidious issue festers - the blatant double standards in noise rule enforcement. Goan musicians are stifled, forced to wrap up performances at weddings and family celebrations by 10 pm, sacrificing income and creativity, despite adhering to regulations. Meanwhile, foreign DJs catering to tourists are granted immunity, playing into wee hours without permits or restrictions. This disparity raises a critical question: Are we perpetuating a system that prioritises illegal activities over local talent, allowing outsiders to thrive while our own people are marginalised?

Vagator resident Janie Crasto, who



"We don't get to sleep at night. The noise pollution is particularly challenging for my son, who suffers from seizures and autism. He needs a quiet environment to sleep and recover from his seizure attacks, but the constant clanging and banging from the nearby clubs and hotels make it difficult for him to get the rest he needs. We are unable to reach school in time. The noise from these clubs is relentless, and it's affecting my son's ability to concentrate and learn."

—Janie Crasto, Vagator resident

has long been crusading for an end to the noise pollutants in her locality, agrees. Elaborating on her situation, Crasto says, "We don't get sleep at night. The noise pollution is particularly challenging for my son, who suffers from seizures and autism. He needs a quiet environment to sleep and recover from his seizure attacks, but the constant clanging and banging from the nearby clubs and hotels make it difficult for him to get the rest he needs. In fact, there are three clubs just behind my house, which are less than a kilometre away. The noise from these clubs is relentless, and it's affecting my son's ability to concentrate and learn. We are unable to reach school in time. His doctors have also recommended that he avoid this kind of environment," says Crasto, who has written numerous letters to the Goa Pollution Control Board.

Crasto stresses that addressing the noise pollution isn't just a matter of convenience, but one of life and death. "It's heartbreaking to think that three people from a family that lives close to a hostel that hosts loud parties, have passed

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"As a former Sub-Divisional Police Officer in Mapusa, I recall regular checks and raids on noisy clubs, especially on weekends. All coastal police stations were given decibel metres; we used to book cases and seize equipment. However, over the past decade, this enforcement seems to have died down," admits retired police officer Bossuet Silva.

Silva says when he was promoted to the headquarters as Superintendent of police, noise pollution complaints sent to the Director General of Police would be referred to the SPs, and then trickle down to the DySPs and then the respective police station in-charge. "The policemen would go visit these nightclubs and return saying they found no evidence of noise pollution. We had to rely on these reports and file affidavits before the High Court on this matter. I was not in the field, so I cannot comment on it," he adds.

Anjuna resident Cirilo De Souza harks back to 2012-2013, when he, along with around 20 families who were affected by the constant assault on their senses due to music playing late into the night, filed a PIL in the High Court. "We fought for nearly two years but faced resistance from the police; they submitted reports claiming that they had visited the nightclubs and found nothing, but we knew that wasn't true," says De Souza. The group however managed to get two or three small victories, managing to get two nightclubs shut down after agitating with a few friends.

Fast-forward to today, and the situation is vastly different. The sheer scale of the problem is staggering, says De Souza. "Outsiders from Delhi and Mumbai have joined forces with local players, using their influence to bulldoze their way through. It's no longer just a local issue; it's a much larger problem," he laments.

Around Independence Day this year, traditionally considered a 'long weekend' that witnesses thousands of tourists flocking to Goa, social media adverts for dozens of 'trance parties' were doing the rounds here. Over 23



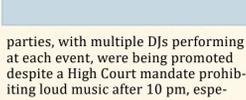
While the country celebrated stories of patriotism and freedom this Independence Day, a different kind of fight for freedom was taking place along the North Goa coastal belt - the freedom from noise pollution, intrusive techno parties, and the associated menace of drugs. Despite the High Court's specific orders, the authorities seem to be acting in defiance, prioritising the interests of a few over the well-being of the people of Goa, and the environment. In this week's edition of the Herald TV debate Point-Counterpoint, **SUJAY GUPTA** discusses the impact of noise pollution with a panel of knowledgeable stakeholders and crusaders who are fighting for a better environment and a more peaceful Goa. They delve into the role of authorities in perpetuating the problem, and the need for sustainable tourism practices that prioritise the local population's needs. The Goa State Pollution Control Board was requested to participate in the debate, but declined the invitation

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cially for outdoor events. The parties openly flouted this rule, with some advertising start times as late as midnight or even 4 am.

For example, the 'Sunrise Cardio Edition 3' party proudly stated that it starts at 4 am with dozens of DJ's with pseudonyms like Beat Inspector, Jakati, Danto, Jun, POS, SW, and others. Many of these DJ's are foreigners, which raises another question - are they entering the country on tourist visas or have obtained the necessary work permits to perform at these parties? Are they paying any licence fees or entertainment taxes? A Goan organiser would be required to pay these taxes, so why are these foreign DJ's exempt? Morjim resident Mayur Shetgaonkar opines that the DJ's coming to Goa are also unaware of the noise regulations, and the police seem to be ineffective in enforcing the rules.

"The Goa State Pollution Control Board has granted permissions, but fails to monitor noise pollution in these areas," rues Shetgaonkar.

"For instance, in our area of Morjim, which spans over 40 lakh square metres, just a single noise monitoring station has been set up. Moreover, this station is located near a hotel that has already been shut down. Similarly, in Anjuna, the monitoring station is placed near the police station, away from the actual source of noise pollution," he explains.

"It appears that the government is

aware of these loopholes and is deliberately placing monitoring stations in areas where noise pollution is less likely to be detected. This makes it difficult to gather evidence. Furthermore, the police and system are also complicit in this issue. When complaints are filed at the police station, the information is often leaked to the perpetrators, allowing them to stop the noise pollution before the police arrive. By the time the police reach the location, the noise has already stopped, and the report claims that no noise pollution was found," alleges Shetgaonkar, adding that this makes it pointless to complain to the police or call the emergency numbers.

Shetgaonkar, who has petitioned the High Court against noisy nightclubs and beach shacks, says he made 26 complaint calls to the police, but only one report of noise pollution was filed by the police. "The Goa State Pollution Control Board has recently passed a notification stating that they will no longer be involved in noise monitoring. Instead, the responsibility has been transferred to the Deputy Col-



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"Discussing the pollution control board, police, and other authorities feels like a waste of time now. What is the Home Department doing? The Chief Minister (CM) is in charge of the Home Department. What is he doing about this issue? He is the one person who can control all this and bring everything to a standstill. Why won't he interfere and close everything down?"

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lector and the police station. However, the Deputy Collector is claiming that they don't have the equipment to measure noise pollution, which is the responsibility of the Goa State Pollution Control Board. Now, it seems like these authorities are simply passing the buck," he says.

"I believe it's the Deputy Collector who issues sound permissions based on a report from the Pollution Control Board. The police can't monitor every restaurant, and that's where the problem lies," explains Bossuet Silva.

"In the coastal region, there's a notification and code order in place to protect turtle nesting sites. The rule states that noise levels cannot exceed 55 decibels, which is equivalent to a normal conversation between two people. However, despite this rule, some restaurants in the area are still causing noise pollution, disrupting the turtle nesting sites," says Shetgaonkar.

"Permissions for these restaurants were granted, despite our complaints to the Deputy Collector. There are pending cases before the Deputy Collector regarding this issue. When the police do visit the sites, they report the noise pollution to the authorities and stop the music temporarily. However, there needs to be a more permanent solution to ensure that no noise pollution occurs in these sensitive areas."

Meanwhile, the High Court's directions and observations on the noise pollution issue have flouted with impunity. The court emphasised the need for a real-time noise monitoring system and also a report on how many outlets in Anjuna actually had the licence to operate. None of these directions were fulfilled.

Political analyst Trajano D'Mello remarks, "The Court's orders seem to hold no sanctity for law enforcing agencies. It's like asking a businessperson to pay taxes, but in this case, it's a 'sideway tax' that's being paid to the law enforcing agencies. This whole system is 'handled', and when we focus on the sound pollution, we need to look at what's behind it - a



Regarding noise monitoring stations, installing them is not enough. The instruments can be manipulated, as seen in the Sunburn case last year. To effectively monitor sound levels, equipment needs to be installed inside each party venue. Currently, the monitoring stations are far away from the locations, and the data can be manipulated. What's needed is 24/7 patrolling and a system where the law enforcement agency takes immediate action when receiving calls from villagers or locals

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Silva adds that the High Court would have initiated contempt proceedings against the officials responsible for the noise pollution. Instead, they made references to earlier orders, which is not enough. "Contempt proceedings have been initiated in other matters, but in this case, the reports are slow. The parties involved, including police inspectors, deputy collectors, revenue officials, and others, should be held accountable. In contempt petitions, the officials can even land in jail," he says.

When it comes to noise pollution rules, lately, it seems like the entire script revolves around the indoor-outdoor game. Many outdoor places are applying for indoor party permits; they're putting up temporary sheds or structures to make it seem like they're indoor, but everything happens outside.

"As a resident of Anjuna, I haven't seen many places with proper indoor facilities. The music and drugs are part of the outdoor atmosphere, and indoor parties aren't possible," says Cirilo De Souza.

Janie Crasto stresses the need to talk about places built in the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) or the No-development Zone (NDZ), where building permanent structures is illegal. "To have an indoor area, you need a proper structure that's soundproof. But these structures are often within the CRZ, which is destroying nature," she points out.

"To get a license, you need to ensure the establishment is legal first. And then there's the monitoring system, which can be hacked. It's not just about indoor and outdoor; it's about the whole system being stuck," she adds. "When we tell the police to confiscate their amplifiers and sound systems, they give excuses and don't



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take action."

"The fact that the police top brass and officials like the Collector claim to be unaware of the spread of events on offer during an auspicious weekend like Independence Day, ticketed events that are advertising their late-night parties widely on social media is strange. 'Isn't it their job to be aware of these events and take the necessary action,' asks De Souza. "Discussing the pollution control board, police, and other authorities feels like a waste of time now. What is the Home Department doing? The Chief Minister (CM) is in charge of the Home Department. What is he doing about this issue? He is the one person who can control all this and bring everything to a standstill. Why won't he interfere and close everything down? In the past, (Manohar) Parrrikar (former CM) took action, so why can't Mr Sawant do the same?"

De Souza adds.

D'Mello countered that Parrrikar had not really brought about change, and read a note penned by the late CM, "Sunburn has been a big headache due to complaints of drugs, smoking, traffic jams, and allegations of kickbacks for free tickets. Unless these issues are sorted out, all such festivals need a relook."

"This was discussed in September 2014, but in December, he granted Sunburn permission," he pointed out.

According to Shetgaonkar, to address the issue, three key points need to be considered: "The licence should be checked to clarify if the structure is legal or illegal. The local panchayat should be involved, and they should be given the necessary powers and handheld instruments, which is not happening currently. The committee selected to address the issue should be provided with noise monitoring instruments, and there should be continuous patrolling along the coastal line, not just when emergency numbers are dialled. The authorities should be proactive and not wait for complaints to come to them," says Mayur Shetgaonkar.



## Sompadokancho Sondex

## Romi Lipicho Oddchonn-dongor

Rajbhas chollvoll suru zaloli tednam Konknni bhas kaideant ghalunk magnni keloli, khuinchich lipi nhoi. Konknni bhaxe khatir Göykar rostear denvle, sorkara virud' dh zhuz manddlem ani Göychea tholla-gollantlean ekuch avaz bhair sortalo to mhunnlear 'Amkam Konknni zai, Konknni Göychi rajbhas korunk zai.' Ho avaz bulondh aslo, ogresor aslo ani konnakuch bhiepasa sarko naslo. Tannim roste addaile, roste foddle, sakhov moddle, yeradari addaile ani soglem jam' korun soddlem. Hetu ekuch aslo, Konknnik rajbhas dorzo melcho. Hie magnniek nett haddunk ani sorkarak chepnna khala dovrunk Göychea mukhel rosteamni hozaramni bhas-mogi hatant hat ghalun vaurle. Chollvoll samki tengxier pavli, sorkaracher bhoixkar ghalun Mukhel Montri ani her montriarni rajnamo diuncho oxio magnnio zaunk laglio. Tednam legit khuinchiech machier Romi kai Devnagri lipi Konknnichi lipi thartoli hacher bhasabhas zaunk naslo. Zaloli asot Konknni Porjecho Avaz fuddarim modem punn lokak hachi sulus nasli. Konknni mhonje Konknni zai asli. Mat soglelea amdaramni tea vellar ghat marlo. Te zannam asle lipicho vad asa mhoon. Dekhun Moratthicho adhar gheun tannim Romi ani Devnagri modem futt ghali. Hie chollvollint bhoutek lok Kristanv ani Romi vapori asonui, rajbhas kaideant Konknni mhunnlear 'Konkani in Devnagri' oso nirnnoi zalo. Hem karosthan konnem kelem tem 37 vorsa uprant legit utgem zainam. Fokot Konknni asloli zalear somzonni veglli zatoli asli, Romi lipi samkich konnxeak poddchi nasli vo aiz tiche je hal zatate te zaunche nasle. Atam ekvottachi bhas fuddem yetta punn xallamni Romi lipi vapochi nhoi oxem kaim zonnanchem mhunn'nnem asa tem soddunk samkem sompem. Patthyopustokam donui lipimni chhapchim, bhurgim apnnak zai tie lipient xiktolim. Uloitat te bhoxen Romi eka vorgot ani Devnagri dusrea vorgot boschem poddchem nam. Konnaxchem luksann zatolem? Romi Lipi rajbhas korunk zo oddecho dongor ubo zala, taka ho 'Rambann' upai asa.

—Vincy Quadros & Pri. Myron Jeson Barreto

## Konknni Oparinchem Bhanddar

- **Angak sukh, pottak bhuk.**  
*Rest for the body, hunger for the stomach.*
- **Volien voli geli, kholien kholi geli.**  
*Both, the capital and profit were lost.*
- **Xinv bhukelo mhonn tonn khainam.**  
*The lion however hungry, does not eat grass.*
- **Kanvilo poslo dolo konkunk.**  
*To breed a crow to pluck your eyes.*
- **Darant vodd lavum-noye.**  
*Do not plant banyan tree in front of the house.*
- **Nagddeak loz nam.**  
*The naked has no shame.*
- **Pimplachem ful.**  
*The flower of pipal tree.*

Pri. Antonio Pereira, sj

## Svobhimani Haves

## Lipi vorvim nhoi, Bhaxe vorvim monam Zodda

**Devnagri asom vo Romi lipi asom, bhas hi sodanch bhasuch asta. Ti monis toddpachem nhoi tor mon'xachim monam zoddpachem ek sadhon asta oxem Adv. Rajesh Narvekar mhunntta.**

Fattlea vorsa Göykar ostoni Dr. Bernadette Pereira hicho London-ant British Parliament-ant bhoman zalo. Bhoman svikarle uprant abhar veokt kortanam Dr. Pereira fanki Göykar kovi Manoharrai Sardesai hachie 'Magnnem' hie kovitentlio don oli sador korun maim-bhas Konknnicher aslo mog dakhoilo.

Kaim vorsam adim hanv Europe-ak gelom. Tednam London, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Holland hea dexami hanv bhonvli. Londonant eke bagent bhonvtanam ek monis mhoje fattlean yetta oxem mhoje ghorikarnik dislem. To amcho pttalg korta oxem koll'le uprant ami eka zagear thambli. Tednam to monis amche fuddeant ailo



ani tannem Konknnint vicharlem ami Göykar kai mhoon. Mhaka ojav dislem ani hanvem taka vicharlem amkam koso vollkholo kai mhoon. Tednam to hanslo ani tannem mhunnlem, "Tumi dogaim Konknnintlean uloitaim, mhonn mhaka koll'lem. To ek katholk, tiatr kolakar aslo. Hem kolltanch hanvem taka mhunnlem, "Göyant Mhaxeam xarant amcho 'kaka' Shrirang Narvekar 'pendal' ghaltalo, tatunt Moratthi nattkam ani Konknni tiatr zatale. Tumi hanga Londonant tiatr Inglez bhaxent sador kortat?" Tednam to porot hanslo ani mhunnok laglo, "Tiatr Konknnintuch sador zatat.

Londonant kitech Göykar asat. Tanchie magnnie velean ami Göyant thaun Londonak yeun tiatr dakhoitat, te polleunk hangache lok mogan yetat. Hanga pasun Göykar lok Konknni bhas uloitat." Tachea ulovnea velean maim-bhas Konknnicho mog zannvotalo. He khatir lipi khuinchi tem mhotvachem nhoi, tor bhas jivi dovrunk ti ulovop ani vaprop mhotvachem yogdan asa oxem mhaka dista.

Ek pautilim hanv ixttam borabor Singapore-ak gelom. Thoinchea Bharoant porot yetanam kaim ixttamni borich khoredi keli. Saman gheun jednam ami Singapore viman'tollar aile ani 'Air-

lines'-chea kormocheariam koddem amchea samanachem vozon kelem, tednam tannim samanachem vozon moriade poros chodd asa dekhun poixe bhorche poddttole mhonn sanglem. Dor mon'xa fattlean sumar 10 te 15 hozar chodd poddttale. Mhaka rag ailo ani hanv ixttancher Konknni bhaxentlean matxe taplom. Hanv bovall martam tem aikon 'Airlines'-acho ek odhikari amche fuddeant ailo. Mhaka dislem to amkam xant zayat mhonn sangunk aila mhoon. Punn to Konknnintlean uloil, "Tumi Göyche?" Ami soglelech ojavun taka polleunk lagle. "Tumkam koxem koll'lem?" Hanvem vicharlem. To hanslo. "Tumi Konknni uloitat mhonn mhaka koll'lem."

Magir tannem amchi choukoxi keli ani amchea soglelea ixttanchem saman ekborabor vozon korunk lavun ekui poisso bhorunk lainastanam tannem amchi suttika keli. Konknni bhaxek lagun tea Göykarachem kalliz amche-xim oddon ailem ani ek chomotkar ghoddlo.

Ixttamno, bhas hi bhas asta. Bhas hi monis toddpachem nhoi tor mon'xachim monam zoddpachem ek sadhon zaunk zai, hench ami lokxant dovrum-ia ani Konknnichea soglelea lipink man dium-ia.

—Adv. Rajesh Narvekar

## Supik Sondex

## Dev Fukott Dita, Tachem Mol Kiteak?

Mon'xachea jivitachi kanni suru zata Devachea fukott dennea pasun. To vaddtta funkeak, ghoddye thodde duddu moddun xikta astolo. Punn tem xikonk taka ginean mellta tem fukott. To cholta-bhonvtanam, taka rakhonn mellta ti fukott. Taka nokri pasun zaite pautilim

mellta ti fukott. (Atam thodde duddu mezun nokri melloitat to addvad asa) Hem jednam soglem fukott mellta tednam hozaramni ani lakhanni rupia pagar sodtat taka adhar kitem? Itlo pagar diunche khatir mhargai vaddtta. Mon'xa koddem aiz oso duddu zalolean to Devakui lonch diun aplim naka zalolim kamam korunk garannim ghalta. Fukott denneachi fukott seva naka? Adim

monis saman'yononim jiyetalo, tachio gorzo gorje purtioch aslo. Aiz, 'mhaka tache bhoxen (girestak polleun) jiyekun zai' hem dhoron ailam ani bhroxttachea dhorun soglem vankddeponn mon'xachea jivitant bhitor sorlam. "Tumi vetanam ho sondex porgott korat: 'Sorginchem raj lagim pavla.' Piddestank bore korat, meloleank jivont korat... devcharak kaddun uddoyat. Tumkam fukott mell'llam, fukott diyat." Povitr Pustokantim him Jezuchim utram. Devan mon'xak mog, khuxalkai, xanti, pasiens ani khaltikai dhorun anik zaite gunn fukott dileat je vorvim mortokoch Apna fuddeant yeunk. Zalear apnnak mell'llolim Devachim fukott besanvam dusreak diunk monis poixe kiteak gheta? Devachea nanvan poixe kiteak? Khorch bhagounk vo aplio gorzo purnn korunk thodde duddu zai, punn taka moriada asonk naka? Lakhanni

zoddpi monis anik bori nokri sodta ani konn tori eklo bekar asa, to upaxi asa mhollear konn tachea tallar ghalunk kobul nam. Ek votten chorta ani goribank dileachem nattoch korta.

"Yedem vhoaddlem hospital bandlam, duddu bharonk nakat tache?" Hospitalacho vhoaddil prosn korta. Tachi fiti kiteak kai mhoon vicharlem tednam hi tachi zap asli. Mhonnttoch aplea hospitalachea bankkamachi fiti to duventi koddlean bhurun kaddtta. Borem, bhuron kaddttokoch kitem? Dotorank lakhanni rupia farik korta, te bhuron kaddunk nakat kai mhoon vicharta. Chodd pagar farik korun sudor norsi haddun dovorta, tanche poixe bhuron kaddunk nakat kai mhoon vicharta. Soglem sarkem, piddestanchem kednam tori chint'ta? Zache koddem farik korun zainam taka thodde sodtta? Dotor aplo pagar ghenastanam ravta? Kosli hi duddvanchi axea?

Mon'xachi axea kednanch somponam oxem mhunnttat. Poixe, jevon, zomin, sot'ta vo dorzo oxio gorzo aslolea poros chodd mellounk sodta. Khorem mhunnlear hem soglem taka fukott mellta. Axea bori ani vaitt asta. Otmik votten jiyevop hi bori axea zalear sonvsarik votten jiyevop hi vaitt axea. Amkam khobor asa, mortanam amchea hatant kainch aschem nam, tori mornnachie khattir ravon legit ami sonvsari vostunchi axea kortat. Devachea fukott denneacho ami valor kortat?

— Vincy Quadros



## Lolit Lekh

## Zannttea avoi-bapaik daram bond?

Xikonk naslo monis bhotto kitem? Kazar zaun ekach vorsan aikolam. Punn xikonk monis bhottea bhoxen vagta to vhoaddlo piso. Somazant oslie torechem monis amkam zaite pautilim polleunk mellttat. Eke gorib familint zolmolea bhurgeachim avoi-bapui to lhanunch astanam ho sonvsar soddun gelim. Tacho sogllo kastig tichea zannttea xamaink kaddcho poddlo. taka lhanacho voir kaddunk, borek xikop diunk ti bharim vaurli. Lokachea ghoramni vaur kortali, xetamni kazumni vaurtali ani he sogle poixe ti taka borek khannjevon, xikop diunk moddtlati. To boro xikcho mhoon tinnem taka bhailea dexant dhaddlo. Tachea borea xikpak lagun taka bori nokri labhli. Hem soglem boreponn polleun ganvcho lok tichi apurbai korunk laglo, tika xabaski diunk laglo.

Kaim vorsamni to ghora ailo. Punn taka kidd lagloli. Tichea natvan tanchi khomp asli ti moddun, vhoaddlem ghor

bandlem, kazarui zalo punn kitem? Kazar zaun ekach vorsan tinnem aple zannttea xamaink aplea ghorachem dar bond kelem ani tika axromant pavoli. Itlem tachem kalliz fatrachem



zalem. Apna khatir xamaimn kaddlole koxtt to visorlo. Hem soglem tannem aple bailechem aikon kelem.

Oslich got aichea somazant polleunk mellta. Amchea avoi-bapain amche khatir kaddlole koxtt ami visortat ani tanchie zannttea pirayer tim amkam vojeache bhar koso zatat. Je porim amchea avoin-bapain amche khatir soglem mogan sonslem tem ami tanchie zannttea pirayer sonsunk fattim urleant.

— Albito Oliveira



## Chitr-kotha



## Bhurgeam Kann

## Tisro Gheta Labh

Eka kanvlean, lhan bhurgeachea hatantli bhakri kaddun, eka rukhacher vochon boslo ani ti ghothan khaunk laglo. Taka eka kiran pollelo, zo teach rukhacher aslo. To uddon kanvlea-xim ailo. "Ixtta, mhaka il'lo kuddko di re. Aiz kainch mellonk nam mhaka. Pottak samki bhuk laglia." Aunddo gillon kiran mhunnlem. "Nam...nam! Khub koxtt korun ti haddlia hanvem. Diuncho nam tukal!" Kanvlean dolle mott'te korun mhunnlem ani nettan bhakri khaunk laglo.



Kiran borech chintlem ani nettan vochon bhakriek chonch marli. Kanvlean taka dhukol'lo. Kiran, kanvleacher akromonn kelem. Kanvilo bhakri soddun, kirak chonchak laglo. Tie vatten, ek kogull pasar zatoli. Tinnem kir ani kanvilo zhogoddtat tem polleam ani tea rukhachea eka khandear yeun bosli. Te zhogoddtat tea khandeacher asolie bhakriecher, koglligchi nodor geli. Kogllin ek zhompoi marun, ti bhakri gheun uddon geli.

Kanvilo ani kir zhogoddpachem bond korun, kogllik polleunkuch urle. Mhakai nam ani tukai nam, hem chintun, kanvilo roddonk laglo. Zor il'lo kuddko kirak dilolo zalear, oxem zaunchem naslem. Kanvleak apli chuk kollon aili.

**Dekh: Dog zonn zhogoddtat, tednam tisro gheta labh.**

— Manuel Fernandes



## Parpoll sunneache atak koxe bond korche?

Göychea sabar vattharamni parpoll sunnim ek vhoadd prosn zala zaka lagun vatte velean vo doria deger choltolleanchea monant bhirant nirmann zalia. Sunnim (poslolim vo parpoll) chabpachio ghoddnuko 2018 vorsa 22527 thaun 2021 vorsa 9126 zalolio punn 2022 vorsa 23,903 zalio. Sunneanchi vaddtti loksonkhyani favo te pormannem on'n mellonam dekhun tim niraxi zaun konnakui chabtat. Parpoll sunneank duyensam astat ani tim mon'xak chable uprant 'Rabbies' ani her duyensam zaunk xoktat. 2023 vorsa sunnean chabolea eka mon'xak Rabbies-a vorvim GMC-in moronn ailem.

2010-chea dosokant parpoll sunneanchi loksonkhyani nakeancher, rosteancher ani doriadeg vattharamni khub vaddlia. Khobram potrancher chhapon ailelo pormannem 2022 vorsa parpoll sunneamni 19 lokak doriadeger choltanam atak kela. Mai 2024 vorsa Russian istoriek Bannavle doriadeger panch sunneamni atak keli. Toxench, Drixtti 'lifeguard'-ank Betalbatim ani ekleak Kongotte doriadeger apli 'duty' kortanam sunneanchea zomean atak kelo. Oslio ghoddnuko zatoch poryotok Göyant yeunk bhilyetat.

Ho mud' do Göychie Vidhan Sobhent amdaramni Sorkarachea nodrek haddlo ani Mukhel Montri tin mhoinea bhitor ek dhoron haddpachem avxason dilem. Soglem tharear poddtti mhunnlear kitech mhoinea vetole mhunntoch parpoll sun-



neache atak oxech chalu urpache? **Sunneache atak nam korunk upai**

Sunneanchi loksonkhyani niyonttronnant haddunk nirjontukikoronn (sterilization) chodd gorjechem. Hem kam' poncheayotin/nogorpaliken NGO koddem ek MoU korcho ani ho vaur tanchea hatant somponcho. Sunneacho samball korunk NGO-k komich-komi tin vorsancho onnbhov asonk zai oxem ek 'clause' asa tem kaddun uddunk zai. 'Dog-lovers' zori NGO sthapunk sodta zalear oslem kam' hatant gheunk tankam sompem zatolem. Ghorant poslolea sunneank malokamni vaxinam diunchim. Poncheayotin/nogorpaliken sunneam khatir asro toyar korcho ani to samballunk NGO koddem somponcho. Him paulam marlear parpoll sunneanche prosn ani tanchi bhirant nopoit zatoli oxem mhaka dista.

— Luiza Pereira



## Kovita

## Khuim Asa Lipon?

Tuje vangdda cholop  
Suria votant lipop  
Migachea mhoineant  
Gulmohar fulop

Pausa thembeamni bhizop  
Varea nettan zoddlole  
Piklole ambe khavop  
Choriam eka-mekak mellop

Amkam konnui pollet  
Bhiyeun nettan dhanvop  
Adle dis te sandle  
Apalipa khell gelo soron

Tum porot ailem nam  
Gulmohar purai fulon  
Soglleak sugondh posron  
Fulam suklim punzavpi nason

Yadinchi monant yeun dhoddok  
Olem zalem angonn-khoddop  
Huskeamni kalliz gelem bhavon  
Khuim tum asa lipon?

— Mariano Lucas Diniz



## Sukneea bhoxen

Jivit zaum-di amchem  
Utthttanam, bhonvtanam  
Devak vakhanneamni  
Jevtanam, nhidtanam

Mhony ani follam khaun  
Jivit dhadoxi tanchem  
Akantachea vellar  
Borabor uddchem

Eka-mekak aplo adhar ditat  
Dusman'kai, rag, dves, nosai  
Tanchea modem disonam  
Oxench ami korunk zai

Uzo lagun zhaddam lastat  
Tanchim ghoram ibaddttat  
Orixtt vareant tanchea  
Ghontteranche tirpatte zatat

Tanchim bhurgim  
Zollim-mollim ximpoddtat  
Tori punn aplea modur avazan  
Devak tim vakhannttat

Tancherui akant-pixda yetta  
Tori Devacher visvas thevtat  
Faleachem chintinastanam  
Aicho dis khuxalkayen sartat

Ami-i toxench keleat?  
Asa azun vell chintunk  
Amchem jivit sudharunk  
Sukneea bhoxen jivit jiyekun

— Helen Mascarenhas

