

## Cash-for-jobs queen-pin faces suicide abetment charge

### More crimes catch up with Pooja Naik; wife of govt employee, who was Pooja's 'accomplice' and died by suicide, says harassment and mental torture pushed him over the edge

Team Herald

PONDA: From cheating to abetting suicide - the web of crimes that cash-for-jobs queen-pin Pooja Naik spun has now trapped her even further. Shruti Shridhar Kerkar alias Satarkar, the wife of government employee Shridhar Satarkar, who allegedly died by suicide after being summoned by Mardol police twice in the case, lodged a complaint on Monday against Pooja for abetment of suicide.

The complaint lodged at the Mardol police station, alleges that Pooja had collected money from various people through Shridhar under the pretext of providing government jobs. But Naik allegedly failed to provide

#### WOMAN JOB SCAMMER HELD FROM MAHARASHTRA

BICHOLIM: The Bicholim Police have arrested a woman from Maharashtra for allegedly duping people to the tune of Rs 20 lakh on the pretext of giving them jobs in Railways. Preliminary investigations reveal she may have duped several others with job assurances and collected a sum of Rs 1 crore or more. According to Bicholim SDPO Jivba Dalvi, Priya

the jobs or return the money, leading to harassment, cheating and mental torture for her husband, which finally drove him to take his own

Ajay Yadav and her accomplice, police constable Rohan Rajendra Venji, allegedly took the money from Lakshmi Dalwai, who lives in Bicholim and is a native of North Belgaum, Karnataka. Dalvi filed the complaint on August 22. According to Dalvi, Priya had told the complainant that she had a plot near Kolhapur railway station.

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#### TWO MORE ARRESTS IN USGAO JOB SCAM

PONDA: With Pooja Naik's arrest, more such cash-for-jobs skeletons are tumbling out of the closet. The Ponda Police on Monday nabbed one of the key figures of the cash-for-jobs scam reported from Usgao. Deepashree Sawant alias Gauns, a resident of Marcel, was on the run and police had issued a lookout notice for her. She was arrested after she returned from Belagavi.

ing staff in the Goa State Scheduled Caste and OBC Development Corporation. His decomposed body was found hanging from a tree

Along with her, police also re-arrested Indian Reserve Battalion (IRB) constable Sagar Suresh Naik, who had been arrested first on October 27 but released on conditional bail three days later. Naik has allegedly cheated Usgao-based Trupti Rudresh Prabhu of Rs 15 lakh on the pretext of providing a government school teacher job.

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### Maharashtra DGP transferred

PTI, MUMBAI: The Election Commission of India has ordered the immediate transfer of the Maharashtra Director General of Police (DGP) Rashmi Shulka and ordered the Maharashtra Chief Secretary to hand over her responsibilities to the next senior-most IPS officer in the cadre.

Additionally, the Chief Secretary has been directed to submit a panel of three IPS officers for the appointment of the new DGP by 1 PM on November 5, 2024, according to sources.

Earlier, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar had warned officials during review meetings and the announcement of Assembly elections in the State to be impartial and fair.

### Suicide charge on lady constables

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PANJIM: The Crime Branch of Goa Police have booked two lady constables for alleged mental harassment and abetment to suicide of 22-year-old police constable.

According to police, the accused have been identified as Priti Chawan (23) and Taniksha Chawan (21). Both are attached to Agasaim Police Station.

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### TRUMP VS HARRIS: THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION EXPLAINED



The US Presidential election is different from the Indian parliamentary election as the US has a system of indirect universal suffrage. Unlike in India, Americans vote to choose members of the electoral college, who then elect the President

#### What is the electoral college?

It's a body tasked with the task of choosing the President. Voters from each State cast ballots to elect electoral college members, who then vote for the President. The electoral college has a total of 538 members and a candidate needs at least 270 electoral votes to win.

#### How are the states represented on the electoral college?

The number of electors that each State has in the electoral college depends on a State's population and is a function of its number of members in Congress - both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

#### How does the Electoral College work?

Usually, the candidate who gets the most votes in a state, gets all its electoral votes - even if a candidate wins by one per cent, they win cent per cent of the state's electoral votes. Parties nominate their would-be electors in a State in the months leading up to the elections. The party that wins a State goes on to become electors from that State in the electoral college.

#### How is the President then elected?

The electors will meet in December and go by the will of their citizens to vote for the candidate who won the popular vote in their State. If an elector votes against the citizens' choice,

they are called faithless electors, and some States have provisions to prosecute them. For example, in the 2016 elections, there were seven 'faithless' electors though they didn't affect the final outcome.

#### What happens if there is a tie?

This has happened only twice, in 1800 and 1824, and is highly unlikely now. In case that happens, Article 2 of the US Constitution and the 12th Amendment, it is the House of Representatives where the newly elected 435 members are sworn in and vote on who becomes President. Each state gets only one vote and the winning party from the State gets to poll that vote and the candidate that garners 26 votes is declared President.

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### Trump vs Harris goes down to the wire

#### To win the polls, a candidate needs 270 of total electoral college votes

PTI, WASHINGTON: The electoral battle between Vice President Kamala Harris and former president Donald Trump appears to have gone to the wire, according to latest opinion polls.

Harris, 60, is the nominee of the Democratic Party and Trump, 78, is the Republican nominee. Their party members and

The polls show them (Trump & Harris) locked in close races in Michigan, Georgia and Pennsylvania. But the results in all seven states are within the margin of sampling error, meaning neither candidate has a definitive lead in any of them

- The New York Times

The poll shows Harris getting support from 49 per cent of registered voters in a head-to-head matchup, while Trump gets an identical 49 per cent. Just two percent of voters say they're unsure about the choice

- NBC News

support bases are united with their respective parties, and independent votes might decide who

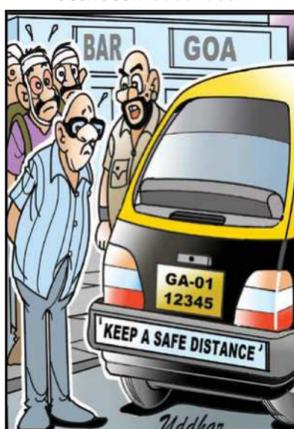
would be the next occupant of the White House. To win the elections, a candidate needs

270 of the electoral college votes.

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### KOLKATA MEDIC RAPE & MURDER: Court frames charges against prime accused

#### Accused Sanjay Roy says he is innocent, accuses State govt of framing him in the case



PTI, KOLKATA: Eighty-seven days after the body of a woman medic was found at State-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, a Kolkata court on Monday framed charges against the prime accused, Sanjay Roy.

"I have done nothing. I have been framed in this rape-murder case. Nobody is listening to me. The government is framing me and threatening me not to open my mouth"

- Sanjay Roy, prime accused in the case

"Such claims of an accused should not be ignored and call for an investigation. We have been saying that such a crime is not possible by a single person. It's a collective crime"

- Adhir Chowdhury, ex-West Bengal State Congress president

commence from November 11. Roy has been booked under Section 64 of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (rape), Section 66 (punishment for causing death

or resulting in a persistent vegetative state) and 103 (punishment for murder).

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### Bhutani case: The curious case of the 'awaited' legal opinion

#### Sancoale panchayat and Goa Govt have tossed the legal opinion theory, but where is it and how long will it take to decide on Bhutani's reply to the show cause notice on why their construction shouldn't stop?

AUGUSTO RODRIGUES

GONCOI, SANCOALE: The wait for legal advice sought by the Sancoale Panchayat on the Bhutani project seems to be like 'Waiting for Godot', a renowned play by Irish playwright Samuel Beckett, where the two characters keep waiting for a third, Godot, throughout the play but Godot never arrives.

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First, there needs to be a resolution asking for opinion from two judges or the Advocate General. There is none and hence, any advice will have no standing. It is obvious they hope time will silence people - Tulshidas Naik, Sancoale Panch

We fought together in 2008 when a project was supposed to come up when Premanand was sarpanch & we won the case. We will continue this fight - Roselyn Borges

#### HERALD DECODES THE WORDPLAY: LEGAL OPINION CAN TAKE EVEN UP TO NOV 17

No legal opinion for close to 40 days after the show cause reply and no movement for 58 days since the notice issued

#### SARPANCH DERRICK VALES SAID:

I expect the two advocates - Amey Prabhudesai and Zelar D'Costa - to give their advice by this week or the maximum by the next. They will not take more time

HERALD ASKS: Let's look at hard dates. "Next week" begins on November 11, and Ends on November 17. So technically the legal opinion can come by November 17

#### HERALD ANALYSES:

Sept 30: The show cause notice was issued by the panchayat to Parmesh Construction Company Ltd)

Oct 7/Oct 9: The reply from Bhutani (Parmesh Construction Company Ltd) was filed on Oct 7 and in-warded by the Panchayat on Oct 9

If Sarpanch Vales honours even his elastic and ambiguous "next week" deadline, then it can stretch even to November 17, which is the end of "next week". It will then still be about 40 days, since the showcase reply and no movement for 58 days since the notice issued

HERALD ASKS: If this doesn't amount to giving unusual and endless time to decide on the showcase reply, then what is?



Oct 9: Sancoale Panchayat inwards the reply, dated October 7 from Parmesh Construction Company Ltd to the show cause notice issued by the Sancoale Panchayat regarding the construction license issued to the company

### Velingkar protesters cry foul over selective FIRs on them

#### Demand immediate withdrawal of the FIRs registered against them for their role in the mega street protests held in Margao last month

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MARGAO: Citizens facing FIRs for protesting against Subhash Velingkar's de-

#### SUBHASH VELINGKAR SFX COMMENTS

rogatory comments over St Francis Xavier in Margao, have accused the Goa

government and police of double standards and selective targeting after being charged for blocking traffic to demand the Velingkar's arrest.

They have also demanded immediate withdrawal of the FIRs registered against them for their role in the mega street protests

held in Margao last month.

They also pointed out that while Velingkar faced only one charge for his derogatory remarks against St Francis Xavier, the selective lot of protestors are facing seven charges from the Fatorda Police.

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### Three Bears with the Lord

In cherished memories of

**ANTONIO WILLY CAITANO VIEGAS**  
GEORGE WARD, CARMONA

**JOAQUIM DE CRUZ SEVERO CARVALHO**  
TAMDEG, CARMONA

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the souls of our beloved Antonio Willy Caitano Viegas & Joaquim de Cruz Severo Carvalho on **6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30 a.m.** at Our Lady of Socorro Church, Carmona followed by prayers at the graves offered by his

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children : Capt. Venzy Viegas, Nephew :  
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grandchildren:  
Venfia, Venosh, Malaika & Marina.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

# Cong terms steep hike in land rates 'unjustified', only to prevent Goans from purchasing land

**Demands immediate rollback/de-notification of new rates; accuses govt of making it more convenient for outsiders to purchase land in the State**

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** Criticising the government for the unjustified steep hike in land rates notified for assessment of stamp duty during the purchase of land in Tiswadi, Salcete and Mormugao, Goa Pradesh Congress Party (GPCC) charged that this notification was a direct attempt to keep Goans away from purchasing land and demanded the immediate rollback/de-notification of the new rates.

South Goa Congress president Savio D'Silva charged that the government is making it more convenient for outsiders to purchase

## SKYROCKETING RATES

▶ The Congress claimed that the Goa government has increased land rates by 60% to 2,760%

▶ The hike ranges from 300% to 600% in urban areas, 120% to 600% in developing areas, 140% to 730% in rural areas, and 60% to 2,400% in coastal areas

▶ Congress demanded that the

land in Goa, and that's how the non-Goan builder lobby is taking over Goan land and destroying Goa.

GPCC's Moreno Rebello said there are many areas where the poor people couldn't afford to pay stamp duty at old rates even when land was given free to them

by landlords. They stand doomed with the present hike he added.

Another member Savio Coutinho warned the government that if it fails to de-notify the rates within 15 days, then people would protest on the streets.

The Congress called upon

government prove they haven't hiked the rates to prevent Goans from purchasing land and suggested applying provisions in the Succession, Special Notary, and Inventory Proceeding Act 2012 to define who qualifies as a Goan

▶ It said that the revised rates won't apply to land acquired by the government

all Goans to rise up and oppose the government's move.

"The government through this notification is only testing public reaction by making these monstrous rates applicable only to three talukas of Tiswadi, Salcete and Mormugao. But soon fresh notifications will

come up, making similar rates applicable to other talukas as well," Coutinho cautioned.

He explained that this huge hike in rates doesn't limit the burden only with respect to the basic rate of stamp duty, but with the substantial increase in the land value, the stamp duty rate applicable gets pushed to a higher rate from 3% to 4.5%.

And considering the other outgoings in the form of registration fees, land conversion fees, construction licence/cess, infrastructure fees, etc., a person planning to build a house has to spend Rs 10-12 lakh well in advance.

# MLA, Sarpanch spar over illegal road, sand bags on Mobor beach

**Benaulim MLA asserts panchayat had not done enough on the road issue; Sarpanch points to the shoddy state of sand bags at Mobor**

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** Tensions continue to simmer in Cavelossim following the heated gram sabha that took place on Sunday, over the illegal road issue at the property belonging to cricketer Aashish Nehra as well as the sand bags issue on a small portion of Mobor beach.

While the debate over what type of development is wanted in the village continues between the opposing groups, there were counter exchanges between Benaulim MLA Venzy Viegas and Cavelossim Sarpanch Dixon Vaz.

The MLA asserted that the Cavelossim Village Panchayat had not done

enough in regard to the road issue.

Viegas also questioned the action taken by the panchayat in giving a fine to the owners, which he said did not address the issue of sand dune destruction. The MLA also recalled that the panchayat had asked the government to intervene with the sand erosion issue and is now criticising the sand bags placed there as an anti-erosion measure, to create a diversion.

However, Vaz rejected the charges and said the shoddy state of the sand bags at Mobor, directly speaks about how badly the situation has been managed.

The Sarpanch added that he had asked for an-

ti-erosion measures right from the starting point of the beach and not for one small portion where the sand bags were placed following a work order issued by the Water Resources Department (WRD). It may be recalled that Vaz had asked WRD to initiate action against the contractor.

The Sarpanch further said he had documents to prove that the MLA had pushed for the use of sand bags at the site and the panchayat was not intimidated about this measure.

Regarding the ruckus at the gram sabha and recent developments, the Sarpanch questioned the intention in creating a divide amongst the local villagers.

# Fatorda Retail Market conditions spark concerns over hygiene

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**MARGAO:** Visitors and vendors at the South Goa Planning and Development Authority's (SGPDA) retail market in Fatorda are raising concerns over deteriorating conditions that compromise hygiene and safety. The market, which houses fish, vegetable, fruit, and meat stalls, is marred by overflowing chambers, broken tiles, and an unpleasant stench, leading to frustration among daily shoppers and vendors.

Originally revamped between 2018 and 2019 with aspirations to mirror the Dubai fish market, the retail fish market has since fallen into disrepair. The lack of maintenance has caused the site to become an eyesore, with clogged gutters spilling black water, raising health alarms. Waste piles around the market exacerbate the unhygienic environment, while vendors and customers alike blame the authorities for failing to maintain basic cleanliness standards.

Market vendors argue that their calls for improved services and clarity on maintenance fees have been ignored. Representatives of the Fish Vendors Association contend that while they are not opposed to paying maintenance fees, the SGPDA must outline what improvements and services will be provided in return. They also criticise the ongoing practice of retail sales at the wholesale fish market nearby, also owned by SGPDA, which they say has negatively impacted their business. They use this as a way to back up their stance that while they are being asked to pay such maintenance fees, there is another parallel market operating nearby that has affected their income despite being in the retail market.

SGPDA officials have acknowledged the need for urgent action and have indicated that repair plans are in place. An official explained, "We conducted gutter clean-ups, but they get blocked again shortly after. Cooperation is necessary to keep the market in proper condition."

However, they stress that cooperation from vendors, including timely fee payments, is crucial for consistent upkeep. Another big issue is the demand of the PDA to increase the maintenance fees which they say would help with the proposed repair and renovation costs too.

# FILM FEST PREPS



Workers busy preparing décor for the upcoming International Film Festival of India 2024 at the INOX courtyard at Campal, Panjim, on Monday

# Chinchinim locals meet CM, appeal for a bypass road at Dandeavaddo

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** Voicing their opposition to the ongoing national highway expansion plan, Chinchinim villagers on Monday appealed to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to instruct the Public Works Department (PWD) and National Highway authorities to construct a bypass road instead of a flyover on the NH66 stretch at Dandeavaddo.

The delegation led by sarpanch Frank Viegas met the CM and Velim MLA Cruz Silva after the new jetty inauguration at Cutbona.

They explained to the CM how a flyover would not effectively address the issue of traffic congestion in the area. Instead, the original alignment of a bypass road would better serve the purpose of decongestion.

The villagers also raised the long-pending issue of constructing

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

▶ The locals explained to the CM how a flyover would not effectively address the issue of traffic congestion in the area

▶ The delegation impressed upon the CM how a road bypass would serve the purpose of highway expansion compared to a flyover

▶ The CM said that he would discuss the matter with PWD officials to find the most feasible route for the highway expansion

the Chinchinim Panchayat Ghar on land acquired over a decade-and-a-half ago.

Acknowledging the concerns raised by the Chinchinim delegation, the CM said that he would discuss the matter with PWD officials to find the most feasible

route for the highway expansion. Sawant also promised to expedite the work on the Chinchinim Panchayat Ghar project.

The Velim MLA later informed media persons that the CM has agreed to convene a meeting with PWD officials and the villagers to further deliberate on the issue.

The Sarpanch emphasised that the delegation had impressed upon the CM how a road bypass would serve the purpose of highway expansion compared to a flyover.

It may be recalled that these two issues have been long-standing demands of the villagers and the panchayat had in the past even submitted a memorandum regarding the flyover to the Union Highway Minister Nitin Gadkari. The Central government had recently sanctioned funds for this project, which had raised anxiety amongst the local residents.

# Stakeholders upset over election schedule of South Zone Comunidades

**Elections of several Comunidades scheduled on December 22 and 29**

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** The decision of the Administrator of Comunidades to fix the schedule of the elections to Managing Committees of Comunidades of South Zone has upset several Comunidade members, particularly in Salcete.

For perspective, as per the recent Gazette notification where election information was published, the elections of several Comunidades have been scheduled on December 22 and 29, which are peak dates for the Christmas and New Year festivities. These include prominent Comunidades such as Margao, Nagoa, Verna, Curtorim, Chicalim, and San-

coale. Comunidade activists fear that this timing could lead to a significant drop in voter turnout, especially in minority-dominated villages in Salcete and Mormugao.

Moreover, the Administrator has chosen to club together the elections of several Comunidades on the same day. This has raised concerns among comunidade members who are members of multiple Comunidades, as they will now face the inconvenience of having to navigate between polling stations on the same day.

Furthermore, as the stakeholders point out, the Code of Comunidades enables the holding of elections on Sundays in December and

January. However, the elections in the South Zone are scheduled to commence on Sunday, December 8, while the North Zone and Central Zone Comunidades are slated to hold their elections on December 1, a viable Sunday that has been missed in the South.

"The recent amendment to the Code of Comunidades provides that if a Comunidade does not convene for its election, the government is empowered to appoint a Mamlatdar-rank officer to officiate as its Managing Committee," explains Ezilda Gracias of the Margao Comunidade.

"The common perception among Comunidade activists is that the elections have

been deliberately scheduled in this fashion to ensure that the government eventually takes indirect control of the Comunidades," Ezilda said.

The Aquem Comunidade elections are scheduled on December 8, coinciding with the feast of the Immaculate Conception in Margao, a significant religious and cultural event for the local community.

Comunidade stakeholders have already approached the authorities, requesting a change in the election dates. They fear that if the dates are not revised, the consequences could be far-reaching, given the potential implications for the autonomy and functioning of these Comunidades.

# Cutbona jetty opening: CM lauds transformation, though stench still hangs in the air

**A day back, O Herald story had highlighted how open defecation was still a problem, but CM Pramod Sawant says 'alarming' situation turned for the better**

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** A day after O Herald highlighted the sorry state of affairs at Cutbona fishing jetty, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant visited the spot on Monday to inaugurate the newly revitalised 226-metre portion of the jetty and said that he was pleased with the transformation.

The O Herald report, however, had revealed how open defecation in the area was still a problem, and farmers were facing difficulties cultivating their fields due to the stench. A cholera outbreak had claimed four lives and revealed the dire conditions at the jetty back in September.

Sawant, who had visited the jetty during the medical crisis, said on Monday, "When I visited during the cholera outbreak, the state of the jetty was alarming. Today, I am pleased to see the transformation," he remarked, while also promising dedicated berthing facilities at the jet-

ty. Fisheries Minister Nilkanth Halarnkar and Environment Minister Aleixo Sequeira were also present and highlighted the infrastructural upgrades for the fishing industry.

The jetty was cluttered with scrap and unused vessels back in September, but all of it had been cleared by Monday. "Work on the jetty was completed over three years ago, but the jetty was misused in a big way. People have the habit of misusing public infrastructure," Sawant noted.

The CM also announced that going forward, all crew employed on fishing boats will be required to possess health cards and undergo police verification before venturing out to sea. Furthermore, he mandated that all new fishing boats must be equipped with crucial sanitation amenities, including onboard toilets.

"We have to make health cards before venturing out into the sea in order to get the insurance. The workers need to be medically fit. They should undergo police verification. All the new fishing boats should have compulsory toilets onboard the vessel," Sawant stressed.



## STREET VOICES

WHERE GOANS ARE HEARD

### ARE THE FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES IN MMC HAPPENING WITH BLESSINGS OF HIGHER UPS?

“ Blessings of higher ups mean either to give protection or for self benefit, the Margao municipality may be looted. In this scam 100% a political godfather is involved. I'm making a direct charge. In the Rs 14 lakh scam, it happened in May but till November but the accused is not traceable nor is the MMC proceeding further either to terminate him or urging the police to file a chargesheet. They have complained to the Margao Police just as a formality and thereafter they are doing nothing. When a government staffer is suspended, he has to report to the place of work. If he does not report, he has to be terminated.”

-Savio Coutinho, social activist

*The Margao Municipal Council was duped of Rs 17 lakh by a lower division clerk, in the feast fair scam, highlighting a clear indicator of the Council's negligence and government's ineptness towards dealing with corruption. The MMC hasn't been able to recover the pending amount of Rs 14 lakh, despite having filed an FIR five months ago. In this edition of Street Voices, Herald TV spoke to people on whether the financial irregularities in Margao Municipal Council are happening with the blessings of the higher ups in the civic body.*

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“ Until such time as such big fish are involved, such scams do happen. The lower division and upper division clerks never indulge in such activities without the blessings of the higher ups because the higher officials instruct them that per month or per week they have to give them a particular amount. There is a fixed percentage of how much money has to come in. So the clerks embezzle the money, keep some of it for themselves and give the rest to the higher officers. This is the reason for the tremendous increase in corruption in the Margao municipality, such that it has totally gone out of control. So the municipality staff have become rich and the municipality has become poor day by day.”

-Mahesh Nayak, social activist

“ From what we read in the media, it appears that there has to be some godfather behind all this. There are so many scams in the Margao Municipality – first cash was robbed, sopo collection money has not been given, and people start wondering why it is happening. Why is it happening only in Margao Municipality? Again and again why financial frauds are happening and amounts are not being paid up? This leads us to conclude that there is a hand of some higher up, maybe of a politician because without their support this cannot happen. We have not heard of such frauds in other municipalities. The MMC has to take urgent steps to recover the money. It is the taxpayers' money which is being looted. I'm also aware that the MMC is in a financial crisis, so how is the municipality going to go ahead (with development works)?”

-Orlando Pacheco, Margao resident



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shorttakes

**1 TWO-WHEELER COLLISION LEAVES ONE INJURED AT GOGOL**

**MARGAO:** A collision between two scooters in Navwaddo, Gogol resulted in serious injuries for Carmelina Barbosa. The incident occurred when a rider, allegedly driving recklessly, collided with another scooter. Barbosa sustained grievous injuries to her right hand and left leg. Police have registered an offence under relevant sections of the law, and investigations are ongoing.

**2 STUDENT FOUND DEAD IN GIRLS' HOSTEL ROOM AT FARMAGUDI**

**PONDA:** A 19-year-old girl, a second-year Computer Science and Engineering student at IIT-Goa, died by suicide at the Farmagudi girls' hostel. Originally from Madhya Pradesh, she was found dead in her room. Ponda police were alerted and conducted an investigation, revealing that the door was latched from the inside. Despite efforts to revive her, she was declared dead upon arrival at the hospital. Further inquiries are ongoing.

**3 ALCOHOLIC'S BODY FOUND FLOATING IN BENAULIM LAKE**

**MARGAO:** Yashvant Bhagodi, a 40-year-old resident of Toleband, Benaulim, was found floating in Tolleband Lake. His family reported him missing on 3rd November 2024, prompting a police investigation. Authorities have determined that Bhagodi was a chronic alcoholic, and no foul play is suspected. His body has been preserved at SGDH Margao for further examination.

**4 WORKER INJURED IN TRUCK ACCIDENT AT CUNCOLIM**

**MARGAO:** Kuna Bhaskar Gouda, an employee of Sunrise Electromelt Company, suffered severe injuries after being struck by a reversing truck. The incident occurred at the company's premises in Cuncolim. Gouda is currently receiving treatment at GMC Bambolim. Police have registered a case against the truck driver and an unknown employee for negligence, and investigations are continuing.

**5 DRIVER FROM MUMBAI FOUND DEAD NEAR CANACONA JUNCTION**

**MARGAO:** Mulchand Yadav, a 56-year-old driver from Mumbai, was found dead near a three-road junction in Canacona. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at CHC Canacona. Police are conducting an inquiry and have preserved his body for further examination.

**6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE BODY FOUND NEAR A GARAGE IN MARGAO**

**MARGAO:** An unidentified male, aged between 35 and 40, was found dead near a garage in Khareband. Emergency services transported him to SGDH, where his body has been preserved for identification and legal formalities. Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding his death.

**Colva STP gains power approval, but local engagement lags**

**Only a handful of households apply for sewerage connections; awareness campaigns fail to generate sufficient local interest**

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** After years of delays, the Colva Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) has finally received approval from the Power Department to enhance its power load, which will facilitate the much-needed commissioning of the plant at the earliest.

However, authorities, such as the PWD and Sewerage Infrastructure Development Corporation of Goa Ltd (SIDCGL), now face a new challenge: convincing local residents and businesses to connect to the new sewerage network.

The 7.5 MLD Colva STP has the capacity to treat a significant amount of sewage generated in the area. However, so far, only

around 15-20 households have applied for sewerage connections, while the number of commercial establishments, such as hotels and restaurants, that have applied remains unclear.

Government officials say they have conducted awareness campaigns to highlight the importance of connecting to the new system. Yet, their efforts have met with a lukewarm response from the local and business community.

"We only hope the department now releases the sewerage connections now that the STP is commissioned," remarked a local hotelier, who claimed their application has been pending for months.

Judith Almeida of the Col-

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va Consumer and Civic Forum (CCCF) has cautioned the authorities against rushing the commissioning of the plant, urging them to first audit the underground sewerage network and pumping stations to ensure there are no issues that could lead to sewage overflow. Almeida had previously fought for the creation of this system through a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) that was taken up by the Bombay High Court.

**Telaulim gram sabha decides to tackle tax arrears and traffic issues**

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** The Telaulim gram sabha, led by Sarpanch Frenny Barretto, resolved to address the village's arrears on house taxes and trade licence fees. At the meeting, the gram sabha members reached a consensus to enforce measures that prevent the issuance of certificates and No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to residents who fail to clear their outstanding dues on time.

Early in the meeting, it was emphasised that only registered voters from Telaulim would be permitted to contribute to the discussions. Among the main topics, the problem of traffic congestion on the Navelim-Telaulim road, exacerbated by vehicles parking on the roadside, was a significant concern. Participants called for the panchayat to urge traffic authorities to ensure that vehicles are kept within the premises of institutions.

On a related note, the gram sabha also highlighted the congestion at a traffic junction due to vendors occupying space on the footpaths, which further disrupted the flow of movement. Additionally, the gram sabha, like others recently, resolved to oppose the Sunburn festival, raising issues linked to its impact.

**Dramapur locals want control over government-acquired properties**

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** The Dramapur village gram sabha was the latest to pass a resolution stating that properties acquired under the Goa Escheats, Forfeiture and Bona Vacantia Bill, 2024, should be vested with local bodies for the execution of public development projects.

Last week, the Navelim gram sabha passed a similar resolution.

At the Dramapur gram sabha meeting, it was further resolved that such public development projects should be considered with the consent of the gram sabha and after the holding period ends.

Elaborating further, local resident Dominic Noronha opined that such bills need public consultation, given that they have the potential to affect the demography if the lands are misused beyond the area's capacity.

The local residents also demanded that the publication of properties acquired under the provisions of the Bill should be done through newspapers as well as local bodies.

They further demanded that the holding period for such properties should be 15 years, which is in line with the requirements for a residence certificate.

**Colva police book Odisha youth with ganja**

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** Colva police, acting on a State complaint, executed a narcotics raid on November 1 evening, near Lovers Beach in Betalbatim, Salcete.

During the operation, officers discovered a bag containing a flowery substance, suspected to be Ganja, weighing 895 grams and valued at approximately Rs 89,500.

The accused, Sumeet Mohan Das, a resident of Betalbatim originally from Khordha, Odisha, was found in possession of the illicit substance.

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**CASH-FOR-JOBS QUEEN-PIN FACES SUICIDE ABETMENT CHARGE**

He was reported missing on October 30.

Meanwhile, the Bicholim police on Monday produced Pooja Naik before the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Bicholim, after her five days police custody got over and she was remanded in police custody for a further two days by the Court.

**WOMAN JOB SCAMMER HELD FROM MAHARASHTRA**

The railway authorities wanted to take the plot and had promised her 10 jobs in return. The complainant paid Priya the money in the hope of getting a job.

Police constable Rohan Venji has been suspended for his involvement in the crime and his two bank accounts frozen due to his involvement in the crime, Dalvi said. The police officer revealed that Priya may have cheated many residents of Bicholim to the tune of Rs 1 crore on the pretext of giving them a job or a shop in the railways.

Priya has been remanded in police custody for seven days.

**TWO MORE ARRESTS IN USGAO JOB SCAM**

On October 30, Sadanand Virnodkar of Tonymagar, Sanvordem, also lodged a complaint against Naik, stating that he had paid Naik Rs 10 lakh for a job.

Another co-accused, Sunita Shashikant Pauskar, a resident of Tivrem-Orgao and a school headmistress was arrested on October 28. She was later released on conditional bail by the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Ponda. Deepashree, the alleged mastermind, had gone un-detained after the Naik and Pauskar, but was finally tracked down on Monday.

**BHUTANI CASE: THE CURIOUS CASE OF THE 'AWAITED' LEGAL OPINION**



**FOR A CAUSE:** Front page of the Herald stuck to the bushes near the satyagraha site at Sancoale

Sancoale Sarpanch Derrick Vales, says he's expecting it soon (just like the characters in 'Waiting for Godot') and the majority of villagers believing the former is pushing this too far.

"I expect the two advocates - Amey Prabhudesai and Zelar D'Costa - to give their advice by this week or the maximum by the next. Once received, we will call a meeting and act immediately," assures Vales.

"How can it be possible? They will not take more time. I am sure their advice will be received in the time frame specified," vouches Vales when confronted with the possibility that he is playing for time.

Premanand Naik has broken his fast and a chain hunger strike by villagers and activists has kept the spirit of protest alive outside the Sancoale Panchayat from 9 am till sundown.

"First, there needs to be a resolution asking for opinion from two judges or the Advocate General. There is none and hence, any advice will have no standing. It is obvious they hope time will silence people," reasons panch Tulshidas Naik, who has been with the protestors.

"How can an Attorney General give his advice without there being a Panchayat resolution? At the meeting on October 18, video of which was shared, there were five members present, two being from the Opposition. We opposed the idea and with no quorum, there could be no resolution," argues Tulshidas.

Despite the unexpected rains over the village on Monday, protest seems steaming in houses around and even far away, because Bhutani is the pot where angst against hill cutting is boiling.

"I am with the people," says Derrick and tries to deflate the balloon of corruption being tied to him by trying to deflect the blame on the protestors.

"The accusations of corruption made by Bhutani in reply to our show cause notice could be implicating protestors Premanand Naik, Tulshidas and others. I have not taken money. The permission was given by the secretary," claims Derrick as he tries to fit the ring of innocence on himself.

"We fought together in 2008 when a project was supposed to come up at the same place, when Premanand was sarpanch and with his help, we won the case. We will

continue this fight because, like the last time, this time too it is about our future, which cannot be bought," storms Rose

**VELINGKAR PROTESTERS CRY FOUL OVER SELECTIVE FIRS ON THEM**

They added that some of these protestors allegedly received a thrashing from the police too.

The protestors have argued the government is applying different standards, pointing out that no one was booked when the NH66 was blocked to demand the arrest of activist Shreya Dhargalkar. Activist Pratima Coutinho blamed the authorities for forcing the spontaneous protest by the locals because the police had not promptly registered an FIR against Velingkar.

The protestors claim the Fatorda police are selectively targeting them, even though BJP leaders like Manohar Ajgaonkar and BJP-backed Margao Municipal Councillors also joined the demonstrations.

They wonder why the police are targeting the protestors when it was Velingkar who instigated the unrest with his comments against St Xavier.

Protesters contend the FIR is not just against them, but targets the followers and devotees of St Francis Xavier. They accuse the police of brutally assaulting a senior citizen during the lathi charge and detaining those who questioned them. They recall that a journalist was assaulted by the police too. The activists questioned why the authorities had delayed Velingkar's arrest and are now harassing the protestors instead.

Overall, the protestors have cried foul over the government's and police's apparent double standards, claiming they are being selectively targeted to suit the authorities' vested interests.

**SUICIDE CHARGE ON LADY CONSTABLES**

They have been arrested under section 108 of BNS 2023, police said.

Prathamesh Gauda, a police constable attached to Vasco Railway Police, had allegedly committed suicide on the October 25, 2024, by jumping into river from Zuari bridge.

Before committing suicide, Prathamesh had recorded a video, alleging that harassment by two lady constables and their brother was the reason for the drastic step taken by him. The video had gone viral on social media. Police action was initiated in the wake of the video.

Prathamesh passed out from the Police Training School Valpoi earlier this year and was posted at Vasco Railway Police Station.

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To,  
1). Mr. Baraman Chapparband (Borrower), H No 927, Flat No FF4 Curcholem Trade Centre Building Near Railway Station, Curcholem. 2). Mrs. Allambi. Baraman Chapparband (Borrower), No 905 Cuddegal Sanvordem Goa 403706. 3). Abhay Kumar R Patil (Guarantor), H No 900 Fomento Mines, Cuddegal Santana Curcholem, Goa India 403706.

**SUBJECT:** Notice for exercising the right of redemption under Section 13 (8) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Curcholem Branch, Goa (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:

As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notice, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on 29/07/2013, to the borrower Mr. Baraman Chapparband (borrower) & Mrs. Allambi. Baraman Chapparband (borrower) and Mr. ABHAY KUMAR R PATIL (Guarantor), the Mortgagor and the Guarantors (above mentioned names), demanding to pay an amount of Rs. 5,82,363.00/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three Only) and interest stated thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

Since, the Borrowers, the mortgagors and the Guarantors (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated 14/10/2022. Further, the said symbolic possession notice was duly published in The Goan and The Goan Varta newspapers on 15/10/2022.

To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability Rs. 27,85,996.99/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six and Paise Ninety Nine Only) as on 30/09/2024, plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets: i). By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or, ii). By inviting tenders from the public; or, iii). By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or, iv). By private treaty.

As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished.

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Thanking You,  
Sd/-  
Authorised Officer,  
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1). Mr. Ajeez Basir Ahmed Kittur, Prop: M/s/Arshad Agencies Flat No. G1, Kakoda Center Co-Op Housing Society Sasanmoddi, Kakoda, Curcholem, Goa - 403706. 2). Mrs. Fouziya Ajeez Kittur, Flat No. G1, Kakoda Center Co-Op Housing Society Sasanmoddi, Kakoda, Curcholem, Goa - 403706. 3). Mr. Allabakh Basheer Kittur, Prop: Kittur Traders New Market, Curcholem, Curcholem, Goa - 403706.

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As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notice, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on 08/06/2021, to the borrower Mr. Ajeez Basir Ahmed Kittur (borrower) and Mrs. Fouziya Ajeez Kittur (Guarantor) & Mr. Allabakh Basheer Kittur (Guarantor), the Mortgagor and the Guarantors (above mentioned names), demanding to pay an amount of Rs. 13,72,641.81 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty One and Paise Eighty One Only) and interest stated thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

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## Identity and UCC in the run-up to the Jharkhand elections

With the Jharkhand elections round the corner, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has stirred the simmering cauldron of identity politics by promising to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) if the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) comes to power in the State. Releasing his party's election manifesto for the State on Sunday, Shah held up the example of Uttarakhand as the perfect model for the implementation of UCC, which has otherwise been a divisive issue in the country. Knowing that well, Shah reassured the voters that the large, indigenous tribal population of the state would be kept out of the ambit of the UCC.

Shah's political arrows, dipped in this dangerous - one could even say venomous - mix, hit multiple targets in the run-up to the State polls. In the same breath as the UCC, Shah also raised the familiar and tested bogey of the 'Bangladeshi infiltrator', which the BJP brings out of its bag before almost every election at the State or national level. In Jharkhand, these supposed infiltrators are reportedly grabbing land and also marrying tribal women to violate their rights. He promised a law against land-grabbing and promised to return the land "that has been snatched from women". Shah also accused the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-led State government of appeasement politics and "patronising Bangladeshi infiltrators". Chief Minister Hemant Soren was silent on all these ills because the 'Bangladeshi infiltrators' were his vote bank, Shah thundered.

By raising the issue of the 'infiltrator', Shah is playing on the most deep-rooted insecurities of the tribal population of the State. Over the years, one of the biggest cultural crises of the State's indigenous communities is the gradual denuding and homogenisation of tribal life and practices, and the slow but sure move of the younger generation towards modern-day life and its entrapments. What Shah cleverly does is deflect the needle

**In Jharkhand's neighbouring State of West Bengal, however, the 'infiltrator' bogey has worked in the BJP's favour only partially and that too in the border districts, where the question of cross-border infiltration from Bangladesh is a real and present danger**

of this crisis away from the far larger hegemonic influence of Hindi heartland mainstream culture, and focus it towards the 'outsider' Bangladeshi - the speaker of a non-local, and it that sense foreign, tongue, Bengali, and an adherent of a non-indigenous religious practice. The question of the 'Bangladeshi infiltrator' and the sum total of the political dividends it pays off is a matter of a lot of research and quite a bit of guesswork. It worked very well in Assam, where the UCC and the ensuing identity politics helped BJP strengthen its grip on the ground, splitting votes along religious lines and keeping it in power for two consecutive terms. In Jharkhand's neighbouring State of West Bengal, however, the 'infiltrator' bogey has worked in the BJP's favour only partially and that too in the border districts, where the question of cross-border infiltration from Bangladesh is a real and present danger. However, in the rest of Bengal, it's a case of diminishing political returns, where Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has successfully fended off the BJP challenge with her strong support among the local populace across the State.

At one level, and especially to an outsider, the question of the cross-border 'infiltrator' in Jharkhand - a State with no international borders - might seem disingenuous on the part of Shah. But the fact remains that this bogey may reap dividends for the BJP and this is evident from the reaction of the JMM. Within hours of Shah's remarks, Chief Minister Soren hit out at him, claiming that most of the infiltration happens in States ruled by the BJP. He also sought to know the logic behind the Centre granting political asylum to Sheikh Hasina, the deposed Prime Minister of Bangladesh, and asked if there was an "internal understanding" between Hasina and the Indian government.

From the decibel levels of both sides at political rallies, it is obvious that identity politics will play a big part in deciding who sits on the Chief Minister's chair in the State. BJP has also made a barrage of other pre-election promises, from cheap cooking gas for women, to a higher OBC quota. The UCC - whichever way it swings the electorate - is sure to open a Pandora's Box in Jharkhand, which was carved out of Bihar in November 2000 on the basis of the tribal identity of the indigenous population. Almost 14 years to the date since the State was formed, the people of Jharkhand will have to decide if they will still allow identity to become the single most important factor in these elections, or look at other issues such as price rise, jobs, healthcare and better infrastructure while casting their vote.

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SIDDHARTH DESAI

One immediate effect of the festive season is seen in the bullion market. India is the largest consumer of gold globally, and demand typically surges during Diwali. Currently, gold prices are rising, with expectations of an increase of around Rs 5,000 in the coming months



Beyond precious metals, various sectors of the economy are set to benefit from increased demand. The automotive industry, informal sectors like pottery and handicrafts, and producers of gift items are all likely to see a boost. Rising demand will lead to increased production, positively impacting GDP and employment levels, with a significant uptick in temporary job opportunities expected. This increase in demand could trigger multiplier and accelerator effects, fostering

## Beef shortage ahead of festive season

It is learnt that consumers in Goa will reportedly have to bear with shortages of beef as the standoff between traders and vigilantes, which has disrupted supplies to local markets, is showing no signs of ebbing. Though the meat traders source their stock from slaughter of animals at the Goa Meat Complex, the number of animal slaughtered government-owned abattoir in Usgao is not sufficient to meet the daily demand of the state. Many meat traders in Goa rely on the meat of lawfully slaughtered animals in Karnataka which has proper certification from a veterinary doctor before the animal is slaughtered. Beef is a staple food in a majority of Goa Christian homes, especially the lower and middle income families who consider it a cheaper source of protein.

The festive season as well as the wedding season is set to commence in Goa after the withdrawal of the South West monsoon. Goa's hospitality and restaurant sector also requires large quantities of beef to cater to the demand. It is learnt that the Goa Meat Complex has reportedly assured to meet consumers' demand by boosting the supply of beef amid rising demand by increasing the number of animals slaughtered daily. With the Exposition of the relics of

St Francis Xavier round the corner, thousands of devotees and tourists from across the globe will be coming to Goa. Imports of beef from neighbouring states under strict hygienic conditions may be needed to tackle the shortfall. **Adelmo Fernandes, Vasco**

## Cyber fraudsters running amok

The trend of small-time fraudsters deceiving the gullible through scams and blackmail is now almost obsolete in India. These are the days of "digital arrest" or "digital house arrest". Typically, the offenders exploit the nerves of an individual in digital scams. Impersonating a law enforcement official, most commonly a CBI officer or a Customs official, the tricksters speak in an "authoritative voice" to make the victims believe that they had defied the law.

Accusing the individual of sending or receiving "drug" or "contraband" parcels, the scammers often invite the unwary to video calls and force them to remain online the whole day, or more, forcing them to part with large sum to "clear" their names.

By the time the harassed citizen recoups himself, the fraudsters would have vanished without a trace.

## Festival Season Fuels India's Growth amid Global Shifts

As the festive season approaches, excitement fills the air, heralding the return of Diwali celebrations throughout the country. Vibrant streets adorned with colourful flowers, decorative items, and twinkling lights create an atmosphere of joy.

Marketplaces bustle with shoppers eager to buy gifts, sweets, and traditional items. This surge in consumer activity is not just a social phenomenon; it significantly impacts the economy, as consumer sentiment during festive periods like Diwali serves as a key indicator of economic health.

Diwali profoundly influences demand in the economy. Recently, however, there has been a noticeable contraction in consumer demand within India. Given this backdrop, the festival presents an excellent opportunity to rejuvenate economic activity.

This year, we can expect Diwali to provide a much-needed boost, as indicated by various market trends and consumer behaviours.

One immediate effect of the festive season is seen in the bullion market. India is the largest consumer of gold globally, and demand typically surges during Diwali. Currently, gold prices are rising, with expectations of an increase of around Rs 5,000 in the coming months. Silver is also poised for a notable impact, driven by the recovery of the Chinese economy and growth prospects in the US and Europe.

As Diwali is celebrated, silver prices could reach approximately Rs 1,25,000 per kg, indicating a higher potential for price fluctuations compared to gold.

A recession in the American economy now seems unlikely, and declines in the Chinese economy appear to have stabilised. If China continues to recover, it will also influence oil markets. Currently, oil prices are weak, which may benefit the Indian economy, with sustainable levels around US dollar 75 to 80.

In conclusion, while the global economic landscape appears supportive, domestic narratives are gaining strength. The automotive sector requires urgent attention, and while growth presents manageable challenges, the employment situation remains critical. Without job creation, our efforts may not yield meaningful results.

Despite a slowdown last year, expectations for this year are optimistic, with agricultural growth anticipated between 5% and 6%. This positive trajectory supports overall demand and aligns with rising income levels among rural residents.

The IMF projects India will grow by more than 6.5% over the next several years, contrasting with China's projected growth of around 4%.

The Indian economy faces significant challenges, and merely celebrating Diwali will not suffice to sustain demand levels.

However, my assessment of the domestic story is optimistic, as I believe we are on track. We must remain aware of potential global slowdowns, particularly in Europe, while also recognising the positive signs in the American economy.

Sustained intervention and support from both fiscal and monetary fronts are essential. The RBI should adopt a more proactive stance in monetary policy, following the lead of other central banks. Lowering interest rates is crucial to decreasing production costs and fostering positive sentiment in the economy.

Reflecting on our economic history, it is evident that our growth trajectory must be accompanied by job creation. We need a paradigm shift, focusing on rural development and human development, alongside industry and services. By igniting these engines, we can achieve double-digit growth that generates employment.

In summary, the festive spirit of Diwali not only ignites joy but also serves as a crucial marker for economic activity. By harnessing the momentum generated by consumer sentiment and robust economic fundamentals, we can unlock the full potential of India's economy, creating a brighter future for all.

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## people's edit

## PUBLIC DISPLAY OF IMPATIENCE

CHANDER GUPTA

The signs and sounds of impatience are visible and audible all around us as indicated, inter-alia, by the relentless honking on roads. Our impatience behind the wheels creates such a loud commotion on the roads that is very intimidating.

Being in a state of rush we speed up our vehicles recklessly blaring horns. Instances of road rage are attributable to steam of impatience gathering inside us.

Display of impatience is also encountered when the elevator, you are riding in a crowded place like a shopping mall, reaches the floor you want to drop at. You will face obstruction stepping out as the passage will be blocked by those eager to enter.

We do not exhibit equanimity to allow people inside to clear out first but rather would try to rush in as soon as the doors of the elevator slide open. The same scene is witnessed when a bus or train arrives. The waiting passengers try to barge in without first letting the passengers inside to alight comfortably.

Manifestation of restlessness can also be observed amongst elite travellers in aeroplanes. As soon as a commercial airliner touches down the runway, the passengers on board unfasten their seat belts and stand up while the plane is still taxiing.

There is a beeline in the aisle as if every single second is crucial to disembark the plane as fast as possible.

All kinds of passengers, irrespective of whether they are travelling in bus, or train, or aeroplane, display the same streak of impetuosity in surpassing others to exit the door first on reaching their destination. Similar scene is enacted in cinema halls when the show is about to be over. The audience would make a dash for the exit doors even while the credits are still scrolling down.

Standing too close to, almost touching, the next person in a queue amount to crass display of impatience. Firstly, we are not inclined to stand in queues unless there is some regulation. Per force if we have to stand in a queue, we do not stand in a relaxed manner. Rather we stand in a squeezed manner as if that would hasten coming of our turn at the window.

The more compressed the queue, the shorter we make ourselves believe it to be. In the absence of a regulated queue, we create an unseemly melee on the counter. When the pandemic had not deterred people from defying social distancing norms, expecting compliance during normal times is too much.

Why and what for are we in such a hurry, conspicuously displaying impatience in us or is impatience just ingrained in us?

Impatience leads to stress, strife, quarrels and even mishaps. Remember the adage 'haste makes waste'. Stop a while, slow down a bit. For a change, give way to others. Public display of courtesy and civility will benefit us all.

While driving, we should cultivate patience so that we might avoid honking and stick to lane driving. Please do not rush to the exit door while alighting from bus, train, and plane. Stampedes are caused by propensity to rush, whether to enter or to exit. So many mishaps can be averted by eschewing impatience.

## letterstotheeditor

For letters to the editor contact us at editor@herald-goa.com.

All letters must contain correct postal address and telephone number. Letters are liable to be edited for brevity.

One should note that government agencies never ask an individual to come over a video call or other social media platforms. Nowadays, the cyber cell of the government is quite receptive to people's problems. Victims should rush to the local cyber police station or report to cybercrime.gov.in or utilise the cyber helpline number 1930 without delay. Also, the bank account from where the fund has been transferred should be immediately frozen.

Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

## Jobs scam in Goa have surged

The classic example of Pooja Naik itself shows that many people are willing to pay for unadvertised job promises. This serves as a stark reminder of the rampant corruption that plagues recruitment processes in the State.

Doling out jobs has been a traditional practice. Even ministers have made job promises in every election to placate their vote bank at respective constituencies. The key ministers have been opposing the Goa Staff Selection Commission.

But in real, 80% of the jobs in Goa are not given on merit, but by accepting bribes. Some politicians are downplaying the job scam by giving lame excuses.

The unemployed youth are facing intense competition for limited jobs. The prevalence of such scams not only adds layers of frustration and hopelessness, but also tarnishes the reputation of legitimate public service roles.

The very systems designed to facilitate employment opportunities are instead becoming breeding grounds for corruption. Persons belonging to high social/political status get jobs, even if they don't have proper knowledge.

Nobody should be allowed to play with the future of the educated unemployed youth. But the Goa government has not taken any steps till today to ensure transparency and integrity in employment process. To end nepotism, favouritism and corruption, there needs changes in recruitment system. In Goa, without political clout/influence in any field, nothing can be obtained by people at ease and it is the norm.

K G Vilop, Chorao

## Tradition and heritage well kept

A unique tradition and heritage practice is well maintained in Kerala's capital Thiruvananthapuram. Flight services from the international airport here will be suspended for

five hours on November 9 to make way for 'Alpashi Arattu' procession of Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple here. Now what has an airport to do with a procession? The annual procession traditionally taken on a route to the seashore crosses the runway of the airport.

The practice of the procession traversing the current path to reach the seashore for the holy bath of the idols began centuries ago. The runway at the airport remains closed twice a year for the Sree Padmanabha Swamy temple procession to pass through.

It has to be noted that this ritual continues even after the airport was established in 1932. When the airport was constructed, the then Travancore King, Sree Chithira Thirunal had made it clear that facility would be open for public for 363 days in a year and two days for Lord Padmanabha, the titular deity of the royal family.

Thus every year for decades the centuries old grand procession of the shrine pass through the runway, highlighting that the culture and traditions of the region remain intact.

When in this modern era tradition and practices are just ignored and sometimes sadly forgotten, the ceremonial practice followed here is something that reminds us that culture, tradition and heritage are things to be preserved and maintained.

M Pradyu, Kannur

**IN THE COURT OF THE JOINT MAMLATDAR - IV OF BARDEZ TALUKA AT MAPUSA GOA**  
 Case No.: MND/SR 8A/Cundolim/09/2013  
 1. Mr Rohidas Sagun Pingoankar R/o H. No 73/A, Muddawadi, Candolim Bardez Goa. ...Applicant  
 v/s  
 Mrs. Rosn Maria Rodrigues (deceased)  
 Through legal heirs  
 1. Mr. Filomena Rodrigues e D'Souza 2. Francis D'Souza, 3. Paul I Rodrigues 4. Mrs Julie C Rodrigues all r/o Shantimiketan, Kalina, Mumbai, 5. Peter A. Rodrigues, 6. Mrs Edita Rodrigues, Both r/o Sequeira Vaddo, Candolim Goa, 7. Mrs. Celine Ida Rodrigues, 8. Mr Irene D'Souza r/o P.O. Box No. 70, Kuwait. ...Opponents

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

To the opponents,  
 Whereas the above named applicant has made an application u/s 8a of the Goa Daman and Diu Munkar (protection from eviction) act, 1975 for declaration with regards to property survived under sy. no. 148/3 of Candolim village, in this court against you.  
 And whereas the applicant submits that the applicants want to serve the 'Return unserved' and further states that the address mentioned or is the best known address of the Opponent to the knowledge of the applicant and that the applicants not aware of any other address and hence the opponent may be served by way of substitute service on the last known address in Goa.  
 And whereas this Court is satisfied that this is a fit case for ordering such service.  
 Now therefore, notice is hereby given to you under Order V of Rule 20(1)A of the C.P.C 1908 to appear before this Court either in person or by duly authorized on 12-11-2024 at 3.00 p.m. to answer the claim.  
 Take notice that, in default of your appearance as aforesaid on the date and time mentioned above, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.  
 Given under my hand and the Seal of this Court on this 23<sup>rd</sup> of Oct. 2024.  
 Sd/- (Dayle Rebello)  
 Joint Mamlatdar-IV of Bardez, Mapusa - Goa.

**CHANGE IN NAME**  
 I ESTEFANIO THOMASIO COLACO FATHER OF VELROY COLACO R/O HNO 191/1 RAIDIR QUELOSSIM CORTALIM SOUTH GOA HAS CHANGED MY NAME SON'S NAME FROM VELROY ESTEFANO COLACO TO VELROY COLACO HEREAFTER IN ALL HIS DEALINGS AND DOCUMENTS AND HE WILL BE CALLED OR KNOWN BY THE NAME VELROY COLACO.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client Bank is desirous of accepting the said plot described below with house thereon as security for the loans applied by Mr. Nelson Fernandes and his wife Mrs. Valency Rodrigues alias Valency Fernandes from H. No. 320, Boqueachi Arady Parra, Bardez - Goa.  
**Description of the Plot**  
 All that PLOT of land measuring 300 square metres of Property known as BOKASHI ARADI alias ARADY alias ARADY XIR alias BOKASHI ARADY situated in Bokachi Arady of the jurisdiction of the Village Parra, Bardez, North Goa, bearing Survey No.19 sub division 11 bearing Land Registration No. 16629 at page 66 of the book B 43 enrolled in land Revenue office under the 1<sup>st</sup> circumscription of Parra under the numbers 2042,2044, 2046 together with the residential house bearing House No.320 situated within the Said Plot. The Said plot is bounded as follows:  
**On the East:-** by part of survey No. 19/11;  
**On the West:-** by part of survey No. 19/11;  
**On the North:-** by Survey No. 19/10; **And on the South:-** by part of survey No. 19/11;  
 If any person/s have any rights, claims, disputes, pending, litigations of whatsoever nature in respect of the said plot or house thereon any mortgages, charge, possession, sale, lease, license or pending of litigation or disputes or other encumbrances or any prior agreements or transactions or other objections whatsoever they are required to inform in writing to the undersigned within SEVEN DAYS of the publication of this notice.  
 Sd/-  
 U. R. Timble  
 ADVOCATE  
 F-8, 1st Floor,  
 Almaraz Commercial Complex,  
 Dr. A.B. Road, Panaji Goa

**GOA STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
 (A Government of Goa Undertaking)  
 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Shramashakti-Bhavan, Patto-Plaza, Panaji, Goa. Ph. No. 2437210, Tele-Fax: 2437094  
 www.gsuda.org Email: membersecretary@gsuda.com

**TENDER NOTICE (E-TENDERING MODE ONLY)**  
 FILE No. 43/3/GSUDA/ E-TENDER/33/2024-25/  
 Dated: 01/11/2024

This office has invited e-tender and the notice is available on our website <https://eprocure.goa.gov.in>  
 Name of the work:- Maintenance of futsal ground at Massordem of Valpoi Municipal Council.  
 Amount put to tender:- Rs. 10,08,000.00  
 EMD:- Rs 20,160/-  
 The last date of online application and submission is 12/11/2024 upto 17.00 hrs. Detailed tender notice may be seen on the office notice board and our website: <https://eprocure.goa.gov.in>  
 For more details contact the Office of the Member Secretary, GSUDA.  
 DI/AdvT/1255/2024

**CHANGE IN NAME**  
 I, MANIRA BEGUM, R/o H.No. 349/H, Tembim, Camorlim, Raia, Salcete, South Goa, 403720 would like to change my name, my Father's name, my Mother's name & my Husband name on my Indian Passport bearing No. K5435743, from MANIRA SHEIKH to MANIRA BEGUM; Father's name from NUHA SAYAD to SOID NUHA; Mother's Name from ZARINA BI to ZARINA BEGUM; Husband Name from ASHAFACK SHEIK to SHEIK ASHAFACK as per my Birth & Marriage Certificate. Hereinafter in all my dealings & documents, I will be known by name as "MANIRA BEGUM" Father name as "SOID NUHA" Mother Name as "ZARINA BEGUM" Husband Name as "SHEIK ASHAFACK" Sd/- MANIRA BEGUM

**SBI Home Loan Centre Margao, First Floor, Margao Main Branch, Margao Goa**

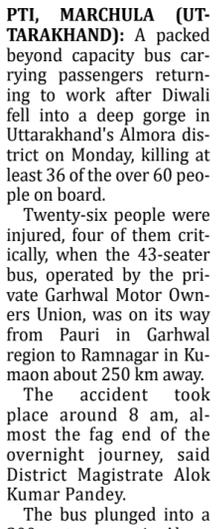
**Possession Notice**  
 A notice is hereby given that the following borrower, Mr. Vikrant Jayavant Chavan and Mrs. Mohini Vikrant Chavan has defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 on the last known addresses, but have been unserved and as such are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower	Details of the properties/ Address of the Secured Assets to be enforced
Mr. Vikrant Jayavant Chavan and Mrs. Mohini Vikrant Chavan and Mr. Jayavant Chavan	All that residential building bearing No 53/1 admeasuring 257.50 sq mts constructed on one of the sub divided plot bearing Plot No 1 admeasuring 330.00 sq mts situated at Dabolim, within the jurisdiction of village Panchayat of Chicalim, Taluka and sub district of Mormugao, district of South Goa, State of Goa. The property is surveyed under survey No 38/2 (part) of Dabolim village and is bounded as under: <b>On the East:</b> By Plot No 2 in the same property; <b>On the West:</b> By the property under survey No 38/1; <b>On the North:</b> By waterway; <b>On the South:</b> By 6.0 mts wide road in the same property.

**Date of Notice:** 28/10/2024 **Date of NPA:** 27/10/2023  
**Amount outstanding as on the date of notice:** Rs.92,35,976/- (Rupees Ninety two lakh thirty five thousand nine hundred and seventy six only) along with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.  
 The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrowers/Guarantors are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under subsection (4) of Section 13 of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.  
 Sd/-  
**Authorised Officer**  
 For State Bank of India  
 MINI RACPC, Margao  
**Date:** 04/11/2024  
**Place:** Margao-Goa

# Uttarakhand: 36 killed as bus falls into gorge

**PTI, MARCHULA (UTTARAKHAND):** A packed beyond capacity bus carrying passengers returning to work after Diwali fell into a deep gorge in Uttarakhand's Almora district on Monday, killing at least 36 of the over 60 people on board.  
 Twenty-six people were injured, four of them critically, when the 43-seater bus, operated by the private Garhwal Motor Owners Union, was on its way from Pauri in Garhwal region to Ramnagar in Kumaon about 250 km away.  
 The accident took place around 8 am, almost the fog end of the overnight journey, said District Magistrate Alok Kumar Pandey.  
 The bus plunged into a 200-metre gorge in Almora's Marchula area 35 km before its destination Ramnagar, he said.  
 Visuals from the area pointed to the magnitude of the accident, the vehicle reduced to a mangled mess as it rolled down the forested, rocky slope and stopped just short of a stream. Rescuers could be seen working to pull out the passengers.  
 The rescue operation lasted around five hours.



Rescue and relief work underway after a passenger bus fell into a gorge in Kupi area, in Almora, Uttarakhand, on Monday

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from the owners, Mrs. Ramona Marquis Braganca and Mr. Naumann Braganca, resident of Mapusa, Bardez Goa.  
 If any person/s have any rights or claims or charge or mortgage over or in respect of the said property or any prior agreements/rights or claims or other objections, whatsoever for finalization of the sale transaction, they are required to inform about the same to the undersigned in writing along with documentary evidence within **Fifteen (15) days** of the publication of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there is no objection for sale of the said property and the sale will be finalized.  
**SCHEDULE**  
 The property bearing survey No. 422 and Sub division 4, known by the name "PANNA WADD" admeasuring an area 500 Sq. mts. and situated in village CHORAO, Tiswadi Goa within the limit of village Panchayat, Choroa, District North Goan state of Goa and it is bounded as under: **EAST:** Property bearing Survey No. 422/5 **WEST:** Property bearing Survey No. 422/3 & 420/7 **NORTH:** Property bearing Survey No. 423/3 **SOUTH:** Property bearing Survey No. 422/1  
**Dated:** 05.11.2024  
**Place:** Pernem  
 Sd/- (Adv. Prasad K. Shahapurkar)  
 Office: Shivasai Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Above Bank of Maharashtra, Pernem Goa Pin 403512

**WARRANT FOR ARREST**  
 In the matter of the State of Goa vs. Mr. Jose Joao Vicente Maria Pereira, Overseas Citizen of India of Portuguese nationality, and his wife Mrs. Maria Adelaide Carvalho e Pereira, daughter of Jose Pinto de Carvalho Overseas Citizen of India of Brazilian nationality, both residents of Sao Paulo, Brazil who are the absolute owners in possession thereof, having been allotted the same in the Special Inventory Proceedings no 17/2010A instituted in the Court of the Civil Judge, Senior Division at Margao upon the death of their grand parents / grand parents-in-law Antonio Manuel Jose Xavier de Piedade Pereira and Maria Pia Efigenia de St. Estevo Pereira vide Final Chart of Partition drawn on 17.06.2013 as confirmed by Order dated 19.06.2014 which is amended vide Order dated 7-02-2019  
 Any person, Bank financial institution etc. having any right, interest or claim in the said plot or any part thereof is hereby called upon to submit his/her/its claim or objection with supporting documents to the undersigned within **Fifteen days** from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which it shall be presumed that no person, Bank or financial institution have any right, interest or claim therein or that any such right, interest or claim therein is waived and my Client shall proceed with the aforesaid transaction without reference to any claim or objection from any person, Bank, financial institution etc. thereafter.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the public that my client intends to purchase the properties described in the Schedule here below from Mr. Oswald Joao Vicente Rodrigues Pereira alias Oswaldo Joao Vicente Pereira, son of late Jose Joao Vicente Maria Pereira, Overseas Citizen of India of Portuguese nationality, and his wife Mrs. Maria Adelaide Carvalho e Pereira, daughter of Jose Pinto de Carvalho Overseas Citizen of India of Brazilian nationality, both residents of Sao Paulo, Brazil who are the absolute owners in possession thereof, having been allotted the same in the Special Inventory Proceedings no 17/2010A instituted in the Court of the Civil Judge, Senior Division at Margao upon the death of their grand parents / grand parents-in-law Antonio Manuel Jose Xavier de Piedade Pereira and Maria Pia Efigenia de St. Estevo Pereira vide Final Chart of Partition drawn on 17.06.2013 as confirmed by Order dated 19.06.2014 which is amended vide Order dated 7-02-2019  
 Any person, Bank financial institution etc. having any right, interest or claim in the said plot or any part thereof is hereby called upon to submit his/her/its claim or objection with supporting documents to the undersigned within **Fifteen days** from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which it shall be presumed that no person, Bank or financial institution have any right, interest or claim therein or that any such right, interest or claim therein is waived and my Client shall proceed with the aforesaid transaction without reference to any claim or objection from any person, Bank, financial institution etc. thereafter.

**SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT Plot X admeasuring 1721 square metres, disannexed from the property known as 'Mondovaddo', situated at Benaulim village of Salcete Taluka described in the Land Registration office of Salcete under Description no 11442 of new series, enrolled in the Salcete Taluka Revenue office under Matriz no. 311, surveyed under Survey no 41/21-A of Benaulim village, and bounded on the East by public road, on the West by the property of Alberto Lima Fernandes surveyed under no. 41/3, on the North by the property surveyed under no. 41/21, and on the South by the plot sold to Esperanca Fernandes bearing Survey no. 41/6 and by Plot Y of the same property bearing Survey no. 41/21-B  
 ALL THAT plot Y admeasuring 1652 square metres, disannexed from the property known as 'Mondovaddo', situated at Benaulim village of Salcete Taluka described in the Land Registration office of Salcete under Description no. 11442 of new series, enrolled in the Salcete Taluka Revenue office under Matriz no. 311, surveyed under Survey no 41/21-B of Benaulim village, and bounded on the East by plots sold to Paulina Fernandes, Vinaik and Esperanca Fernandes bearing survey no 41/6, 41/18 & 41/21-C respectively, on the West by the properties of Santana Moraes, Rama Hegde and Filomena Mendes bearing Survey nos 41/5, 41/7 & 41/9 respectively, on the North by the plot X of the same property bearing Survey no 41/21-A, and on the South by road.  
 Margao, Goa. Dated: 4-11-2024  
 (Adv. Alex Rajendra Pimenta)  
 B-116, 1st Floor, Osa Commercial Arcade, Near SPDA Market, Margao, Goa.  
 Mob. no. 982218181  
 Email: alexpimenta29@gmail.com

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public in general is hereby put on notice that my client intends to purchase, the properties more fully described below, from its owners, 1) MR. MUKUND KRISHNA NAIK, son of Krishna Naik, and his wife, 2) MRS. ROSHAN MUKUND NAIK, daughter of late Mahadev Narayan Mandrekar, both residents of H. No.112, Bandirwaddo, Chapora, Anjuna, Bardez, Goa- 403509  
 ALL THAT property known as "BilvanchiGali" also known as "MulanchiGali" or "ZART", bearing survey no. 388/7 of Village Anjuna, admeasuring 100 sq. mts., alongwith the dilapidated house/structure standing thereon, which property was earlier part of the larger property described in the Land Registration Office of Bardez under No. 30639 at folio 199 of Book B-78, not found enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office of Bardez, but found surveyed as a whole in the old cadastral survey records under no. 424 of Anjuna Village, situated within the limits of the Village Panchayat of Anjuna Caisua, Taluka and Sub-District of Bardez, North-Goa District, Goa, and it is bounded as under:-  
**On the East:** by the property bearing survey no. 388/1 of Anjuna Village.  
**On the West:** by the property bearing survey no. 388/1 of Anjuna Village.  
**On the North:** by the property bearing survey no. 388/1 of Anjuna Village.  
**On the South:** by the property bearing survey no. 388/1 of Anjuna Village.  
**AND**  
 ALL THAT PROPERTY known as "BilvanchiGali" also known as "MulanchiGali" or "ZART", bearing survey no. 388/1 (Plot A) of Village Anjuna, presently admeasuring 1595 sq. mts. with a dilapidated house/structure standing thereon, which property is a part of the larger property known as "BilvanchiGali" also known as "MulanchiGali" or "ZART", bearing survey no. 388/1 of Village Anjuna, described in the Land registration Office of Bardez as part of Description No. 30639 at folio 199 of Book B-78, not found enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office of Bardez, but found surveyed in the old cadastral survey records as part of Old Cadastral Survey no. 424 of Anjuna Village, situated within the limits of the Village Panchayat of Anjuna - Caisua, Taluka and Sub-District of Bardez, North-Goa District, Goa and it is bounded as under:  
**On the East:** by the property bearing survey no. 388/2- A of Anjuna Village.  
**On the West:** by the property bearing survey no. 388/1- D, 1 & 1-C Village.  
**On the North:** by the property bearing survey no. 387/4 & 387/5 of Anjuna Village.  
**On the South:** by the property bearing Survey no.388/7 and 6.00 mts. road of Anjuna Village.  
 Any person/s, Banks, Firms, Financial Institutions, Legal Entities, etc. having any right, interest, title, demand or claim of whatsoever nature to the AFORESAID PROPERTIES, are hereby notified to make the same known in writing to the undersigned, alongwith supporting documents, within a period of 10 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 PROPERTIES and/or its Sale and/or the same has been waived and discharged and my client shall be then entitled to proceed with the execution of the Deed of Sale, for the purchase of the AFORESAID PROPERTIES.  
 Sd/-  
**Mr. SAVIO X. SOARES**  
 (Advocate)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, # 312-E, Block E, Saldanha Business Towers, Nr Civil & Criminal Court, Mapusa, Bardez, Goa. Tel. : 0832 6630262**

**Canara Bank**  
 MARGAO BRANCH  
 Contact Details: 7774005713,  
 Email id cb0314@canarabank.com

**REDEMPTION NOTICE**  
 Ref. No. RN/314/SK/01 **Date:** 02/11/2024  
**REDEMPTION NOTICE**  
 Regd. Post with Ack. Due  
 To,  
**Mrs. Sanguita Kudchadkar (Borrower)**, 1005 Gramercy Drive Midland GA 31820 USA 31820. **Mr. Sudesh Kudchadkar (Guarantor)**, 1005 Gramercy Drive Midland GA 31820 USA 31820.  
**SUBJECT:** Notice for exercising the right of redemption under Section 13 (8) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").  
 The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Margao Branch, Goa (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:  
 As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notice, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on 10/11/2023, to the borrower Mrs. Sanguita Kudchadkar (borrower) and Mr. Sudesh Kudchadkar (Guarantor), the Mortgagor and the Guarantors (above mentioned names), demanding to pay an amount of Rs. 35,42,585.91/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five and Paise Ninety One Only) and interest stated therein within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.  
 Since, the Borrowers, the mortgagors and the Guarantors (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated 12/06/2023. Further, the said symbolic possession notice was duly published in O Herald and Dainik Herald newspapers on 14/06/2023.  
 To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability Rs. 42,76,379.77/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Nine and Paise Seventy Seven Only) as on 30/09/2024, plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets: i). By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or, ii). By inviting tenders from the public; or, iii). By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or, iv). By private treaty.  
 As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished.  
 This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act/ or any other law in force.  
 Sd/-  
**Authorised Officer,**  
 Canara Bank  
 Thanking You,

**Canara Bank**  
 SME Margao Branch, Piedade Bldg, Menezes Bhat Main Road Margao, Salcete Tq, South Goa Dist Goa - 403601  
 Ph: 7774007938 Email: cb5242@canarabank.com

**REDEMPTION NOTICE**  
 Ref. No. RN/5242/GF/01 **Date:** 02/11/2024  
**REDEMPTION NOTICE**  
 Regd. Post with Ack. Due  
 To,  
**M/s Goan Foods Enterprises**, Plot no 17, Auto Nagar Badaba Road, Kiabdi Industrial Area, Ramtheerth Nagar, Belgau, Karnataka - 590016. **Mr. Fahid Mohamad Shaik (Proprietor)**, 59 Opp St. Anthony School, Pajifond, Margao, South Goa, Goa - 403601. **Mr. Fahid Mohamad Shaik (Proprietor)**, Flat No 5, 4th Floor, Golden Heights, Pajifond, Margao, Goa 403 601. **Mr. Fahid Mohamad Shaik (Proprietor)**, H. No 37/A, Building Ilyas, Near Two Cross Chanel, Maruti Mandir Road, Opp. Kadar Apartment, Behind Rahim Manzil, Indona, Laymat Davorim, Salcete, Margao - 403707. **Mrs. Parveen Fahid Shaik (Guarantor)**, 59 Opp St. Anthony School, Pajifond, Margao, South Goa, Goa - 403601. **Mrs. Hanifa Shaik (Guarantor)**, 59 Opp St. Anthony School, Pajifond, Margao, South Goa, Goa - 403601. **Mr. Joshua Firzan Shaik (Guarantor)**, 59 Opp St. Anthony School, Pajifond, Margao, South Goa, Goa - 403601. **Mrs. Michelle Fatima Shaik (Guarantor)**, 59 Opp St. Anthony School, Pajifond, Margao, South Goa, Goa - 403601.  
**SUBJECT:** Notice for exercising the right of redemption under Section 13 (8) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").  
 The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, SME Margao Branch, Goa (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:  
 As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notice, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on 01/06/2019, to the borrower/firm M/s Goan Foods Enterprises (borrower) & Mr. Fahid Mohamad Shaik (borrower) & Mrs. Parveen Fahid Shaik (Guarantor), Mrs. Hanifa Shaik (Guarantor), Mr. Joshua Firzan Shaik (Guarantor) & Mrs. Michelle Fatima Shaik (Guarantor), the Mortgagor and the Guarantors (above mentioned names), demanding to pay an amount of Rs. 15,63,647.20/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven and Paise Twenty Only) and interest stated therein within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.  
 Since, the Borrowers, the mortgagors and the Guarantors (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated 15/01/2021. Further, the said symbolic possession notice was duly published in The Goan and The Goan Varta newspapers on 21/01/2021.  
 To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability Rs. 37,63,212.20/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and Paise Twenty Only) as on 30/09/2024, plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets: i). By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or, ii). By inviting tenders from the public; or, iii). By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or, iv). By private treaty.  
 As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished.  
 This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act/ or any other law in force.  
 Sd/-  
**Authorised Officer,**  
 Canara Bank  
 Thanking You,

**WITNESSES**  
 I, the undersigned, being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Margao Branch, Goa (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:  
 As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notice, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on 10/11/2023, to the borrower Mrs. Sanguita Kudchadkar (borrower) and Mr. Sudesh Kudchadkar (Guarantor), the Mortgagor and the Guarantors (above mentioned names), demanding to pay an amount of Rs. 35,42,585.91/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five and Paise Ninety One Only) and interest stated therein within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.  
 Since, the Borrowers, the mortgagors and the Guarantors (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated 12/06/2023. Further, the said symbolic possession notice was duly published in O Herald and Dainik Herald newspapers on 14/06/2023.  
 To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability Rs. 42,76,379.77/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Nine and Paise Seventy Seven Only) as on 30/09/2024, plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets: i). By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or, ii). By inviting tenders from the public; or, iii). By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or, iv). By private treaty.  
 As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished.  
 This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act/ or any other law in force.  
 Sd/-  
**Authorised Officer,**  
 Canara Bank  
 Thanking You,

## MiG-29 jet crashes near Agra

Pilot ejects safely; Court of Inquiry ordered



Smoke billows out after an IAF plane crashed, near Agra, on Monday

**PTI, AGRA/ NEW DELHI:** A MiG-29 fighter jet of the Indian Air Force crashed in a field near Uttar Pradesh's Agra on Monday during a routine training sortie after it encountered a 'system malfunction', officials said.  
 There were no casualties in the incident, they said. The pilot manoeuvred the aircraft to ensure no damage to life or property on the ground before ejecting safely, the IAF said, adding, a Court of Inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the crash.  
 Visuals emerged on social media platforms showing the fuselage of the crashed jet engulfed in flames billowing a thick cloud of smoke.  
 A large number of curious onlookers gathered near the crash site in the field.  
 "A MiG-29 aircraft of the IAF crashed near Agra during a routine training sortie today, after encountering a system malfunction. The pilot manoeuvred the aircraft to ensure no damage to life or property on ground, before ejecting safely. An enquiry has been ordered by the IAF, to ascertain the cause of the accident," the IAF posted on X.  
 A MiG-29 fighter aircraft of the IAF had crashed in Rajasthan's

Barmer on September 2 due to a 'critical' technical snag.  
 Application stating full Name, Address, Age with Date of Birth, E-mail, Contact Details, Educational Qualifications along with Self-attested photocopies of statement of marks from S.C.C. onwards, Experience Certificate if any and 15 years Residence Certificate are invited for the Grant-in-Aid section for the post of:  
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## MP: Woman gives birth on handcart, newborn dies

**PTI, SIDHI (MP):** A woman in Madhya Pradesh's Sidhi district gave birth on a handcart after failing to get an ambulance in time, following which authorities issued show-cause notices to some officials.  
 Urmila Rajak (26) started experiencing labour pains on Friday night and was rushed to a hospital in a handcart by family members though she delivered before reaching the facility, officials said.  
 "Staffers examined her once she reached hospital. The child had died in the womb 24 hours earlier. The family lives in a narrow lane and had to come out on the main road for the ambulance, which arrived late," Civil Surgeon Deeprani Israni told PTI.

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Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Kerala Finance Minister KN Balagopal during a meeting, in New Delhi



Karnataka Dy CM D K Shivakumar at a public meeting in support of Congress candidate for Channapatna Assembly by-polls C P Yogeshwara



Shiv Sena (UBT) Chief Uddhav Thackeray and NCP (SP) Chief Sharad Pawar ahead of Maharashtra Assembly polls, in Mumbai



Former Delhi chief minister and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal with newly joined party leader B B Tyagi, in New Delhi

## Polling for 13 seats in UP & Punjab, one in Kerala rescheduled from Nov 13 to 20

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Election Commission on Monday rescheduled from November 13 to November 20 the assembly bypolls to all nine and four seats in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, respectively, and one seat in Kerala in view of festivals, an official statement said.

### ASSEMBLY BYPOLL

In Kerala, the byelection to the Palakkad assembly seat has been rescheduled, while that in Chelakkara assembly and Wayanad Lok Sabha seats will be held as scheduled earlier on November 13.

Parties including Congress, BJP, BSP and RLD had urged the poll body to

**The date of counting for all the byelections will remain unchanged — November 23 — when votes will also be counted for Maharashtra and Jharkhand assembly elections**

reschedule the bypolls in view of various festivals, saying that it could impact voter turnout.

According to the Congress, a significant portion of the electorate in the Palakkad assembly seat in Kerala will celebrate the festival of Kalpathi Ratholsavam from Nov 13 to 15.

In Punjab, the party had said, the 555th Prakash Parv of Sri Guru Nanak Dev will be celebrated on November 15 and an 'akhand path' will be organised from November 13 onwards.

The BJP, BSP and the RLD had said that in Ut-

tar Pradesh, people travel for three to four days ahead of Kartik Purnima, which will be celebrated on November 15.

As per the earlier schedule announced on October 15, bypolls to the Wayanad parliamentary seat and 47 assembly seats were to be held on November 13 along with phase one elections for the Jharkhand assembly.

Bypolls to the Nanded Lok Sabha seat and the Kedarnath assembly constituency were scheduled for November 20 along with Maharashtra assembly polls and phase two

of Jharkhand elections. There is no change in these two bypolls.

The four Punjab assembly seats where bypolls are being held are Dera Baba Nanak, Chhabawal, Gidderbaha and Barnala.

The UP assembly seats where bypolls are being held are: Meerapur, Kundaarki, Ghaziabad, Khair, Karhal, Sishamau, Phulpur, Katehari and Majhawan.

The date of counting for all the byelections will remain unchanged -- November 23 -- when votes will also be counted for Maharashtra and Jharkhand assembly elections.

In the past too, the EC has shifted voting dates for assembly elections and by-elections in various states.

## SC relaxes Kerala journalist Kappan's bail rider

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday relaxed the bail condition imposed on Kerala journalist Siddique Kappan in a UAPA case saying he doesn't have to report to a Uttar Pradesh police station every week.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimhan and Sandeep Mehta relaxed the condition imposed by the top court on Kappan at the time of his bail in September, 2022.

"The order dated September 9, 2022, is modified and it shall not be necessary for the petitioner to report to the local police station. The other prayers made in the present application can be agitated independently," said the bench.

## Lokayukta police summon Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah

PTI, MYSURU: The Lokayukta police have summoned Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for questioning in the MUDA site allotment case on November 6, official sources said on Monday.

They had on October 25 questioned his wife Parvathi B M, who is also an accused in the case.

"We asked him to appear on Wednesday morning," a senior Lokayukta official told PTI.

The CM is facing allegations of illegalities in the allotment of 14 sites to his wife by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Reacting to Lokayukta police summons, Siddaramaiah, speaking to reporters in Haveri district, said: "I will go..."

Siddaramaiah, his wife, brother-in-law Mallikarjuna Swamy and Devaraju — from whom Swamy had purchased a land and gifted it to Parvathi — and others have been named in the FIR registered by the Mysuru-located Lokayukta police establishment on Sept 27. Swamy and Devaraju have also been deposed before the Lokayukta police.

The CM on October 24 filed an appeal be-

fore the division bench of the HC, challenging the decision of a single judge bench in connection with the MUDA site allotment case that had come as a setback to him.

The bench of Justice M Nagaprasanna had on September 24 dismissed the CM's petition challenging Governor Thaaarchand Gehlot's approval for a probe against him in the case, observing that the gubernatorial order nowhere "suffers from want of application of mind."

Siddaramaiah had challenged the legality of Gehlot's sanction for the investigation against him in the alleged irregularities in the allotment of 14 sites by MUDA in a prime locality.

Following the High Court order, a Special Court here on the very next day had ordered a Lokayukta police probe against Siddaramaiah, and directed to file the investigation report by December 24.

The Special Court exclusively to deal with criminal cases related to former and elected MPs/MLAs had issued the order directing the Lokayukta police in Mysuru to initiate an investigation on the complaint filed by RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna.

## businessday



View of the Estrel Tower in Berlin's Neukoelln district on Monday. The Estrel Tower, a 176-metre tall skyscraper under construction in the Neukoelln district of Berlin will become the capital's tallest building and Germany's tallest hotel, after completion

### UAE opens its annual oil-and-gas summit, pledges to increase output even as prices fall

ABU DHABI: The United Arab Emirates opened its annual oil-and-gas summit on Monday with pledges to increase energy output even as global prices have fallen and world politics remain uncertain ahead of the US presidential election. The massive Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference comes after the UAE just last year hosted the United Nations COP28 climate talks. Those talks ended with a call by nearly 200 countries to move away from planet-warming fossil fuels — the first time the conference made that crucial pledge. But the UAE as a whole still plans to increase its production of oil to 5 million barrels a day in the coming years as it pursues cleaner energies at home. Meanwhile, UAE officials have made a point to dodge any questions about the US election while maintaining their close ties to Russia despite Moscow's war on Ukraine.

### Exide Industries consolidated Q2 PAT down 13.66% on higher expenses, inventories

KOLKATA/NEW DELHI: Exide Industries Ltd on Monday reported a 13.66% decline in consolidated profit after tax (PAT) at Rs 233.4 crore in the September quarter, impacted by higher expenses and inventories. The company had posted a consolidated PAT of Rs 270.32 cr in the same quarter last fiscal, Exide Industries Ltd said in a regulatory filing. Consolidated revenue from operations in the quarter under review was at Rs 4,450 cr compared to Rs 4,371.52 cr in the year-ago period. Total expenses were higher at Rs 4,157.63 cr against Rs 4,043.57 cr in the same quarter a year ago, the company said. There had been an increase in work-in-progress and inventories to the tune of Rs 229 cr during the quarter which is more than double compared to Rs 107 cr in the comparable quarter last year.

### currency

US Dollar	84.11
British Pound	109.06
Euro	91.71
Russian Ruble	00.85
Kuwaiti Dinar	274.53
Bahraini Dinar	223.72
Qatari Riyal	23.11
Emirati Dirham	22.90
Omani Rial	218.49

### bullion

Silver (Rs/Kg)	94,490
Gold (Rs/10gm)	78,450
Sensex	78782.24
Nifty	23995.35

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## voice of business

# Mfg growth accelerates in Oct: PMI

PTI, NEW DELHI: India's manufacturing sector growth recovered from September's eight-month low to 57.5 in October fuelled by faster increases in total new orders and international sales, a monthly survey said on Monday.

### S&P GLOBAL ESTIMATE

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose from September's eight-month low of 56.5 to 57.5 in October,

indicating a substantial and accelerated improvement in operating conditions.

In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

"India's headline manufacturing PMI picked up substantially in October as the economy's operating conditions continue to broadly improve. Rapidly expanding new orders and international sales reflect strong demand growth for India's manufacturing sector," Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, said.

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The upturn in performance was boosted by stronger demand for Indian goods. Moreover, the introduction of new products and successful marketing initiatives helped enhance sales performance.

New export orders also exhibited stronger growth, following the weakest uptick in a year-and-a-half

on additional staff, which coupled with rising material costs, added to business expenses. Both input prices and selling charges increased at stronger rates.

"Input and output prices are both increasing as a result of persistent inflationary pressures in materials, labour and transportation costs," Bhandari added.

On the employment front, not only did manufacturers hire extra staff at the start of the third fiscal quarter, but also to a greater degree than in September. Around one in ten panellists reported an increase in employ-

ment, while 1% shed jobs. Going ahead, Indian manufacturers became more optimistic regarding future output volumes.

"To start the third fiscal quarter, business confidence is also very high due to expectations of continued strong consumer demand, new product releases and sales pending approval," Bhandari said.

The HSBC India Manufacturing PMI is compiled by S&P Global from responses to questionnaires sent to purchasing managers in a panel of around 400 manufacturers.

## Govt invites applications for RBI Dy Governor

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Finance Ministry has invited applications for the post of RBI Deputy Governor in the place of Michael Debabrata Patra, whose extended term is coming to an end on January 14, 2025.

This position of RBI Deputy Governor is for economists. The selected candidate would look after the Monetary Policy Department and would also be a member of the rate setting panel — Monetary Policy Committee.

As per the eligibility criteria mentioned in the public announcement, applicants should have at least 25 years of work experience in Public Administration including experience at the level of Secretary or equivalent in the Government of India; or have at least 25

years of work experience in an Indian or International Public Financial Institution.

Besides, it said, the candidates should not be more than 60 years of age as on January 15, 2025.

The appointment is for a period of three years, and the individual is qualified for reappointment. The position will have a monthly salary of Rs 2.25 lakh (Level-17).

The last date for submission of applications to the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, is November 30, 2024.

The central bank has four deputy governors; an economist to oversee the monetary policy department, one commercial banker, and two from within the ranks.

## RED GOLD



Farmers separate spice strands from saffron flowers during the harvesting season, at Pampore, in Pulwama district, on Thursday. Kashmiri saffron, one of the world's most expensive species, is famous worldwide due to its quality

## Stock investors become poorer by Rs 5.99 l cr as Sensex tanks over 1%

PTI, NEW DELHI: Investors' wealth eroded by Rs 5.99 lakh crore on Monday due to heavy sell-off in stock markets with the BSE Sensex tumbling more than 1%.

Markets were dragged down by Reliance Industries, banking shares and unabated selling by foreign investors. Investors also turned cautious ahead of the US presidential elections and Federal Reserve interest rate decision scheduled to be announced later this week.

### MONDAY MAYHEM

The BSE benchmark tumbled 941.88 points or 1.18% to settle at 78,782.24, the lowest closing level since August 6. During the day, it slumped 1,491.52 points or 1.87% to 78,232.60.

In line with a weak trend in equities, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms eroded by Rs 5,99,539.5 crore to Rs 4,42,11,068.05 crore



## Gold drops ₹1,300 to ₹81,100 per 10 gm; silver plummets ₹4,600

PTI, NEW DELHI: Gold prices retreated from record high in the national capital on Monday, declining Rs 1,300 to Rs 81,100 per 10 grams following fresh selling by stockists and retailers, according to the All India Sarafa Association. The precious metal of 99.9% purity had traded flat at Rs 82,400 per 10 grams — its all-time high — on Thursday.

Silver also remained under selling pressure and slipped below the Rs 95,000-mark, depreciating Rs 4,600 to Rs 94,900 per

kg. It had closed at Rs 99,500 per kg on Thursday.

Traders said tepid demand from jewellers and retailers in local markets weighed on gold prices.

Prices of gold of 99.5% purity decreased Rs 1,300 to Rs 80,700 per 10 grams. The yellow metal had closed at Rs 82,000 per 10 grams — its all-time high — in the previous session on Thursday.

In futures trade on the MCX on Monday, gold contracts for December delivery fell Rs 329, or 0.42%, to trade at Rs 78,538 per 10 gram.

sentiment," said Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd.

From the 30-share Sensex pack, Adani Ports, Reliance Industries, Sun Pharma, NTPC, Bajaj Finserv, Tata Motors, Axis Bank and Titan were among the major laggards.

Mahindra & Mahindra, Tech Mahindra, State Bank of India, HCL Technologies, Infosys and IndusInd Bank were the gainers.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 211.93 crore on Friday, according to exchange data.

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## TRUMP vs HARRIS

### How are the stars aligned?

The race for the White House has heated up and from the looks of it, it might be a photo finish. Here's a lowdown on which side some of America's biggest celebs stand in the US Presidential elections

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#### Celebrity Endorsements for KAMALA HARRIS

##### ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Arnold stated, "My identity as an American precedence over my with the Republican this week, I will cast my Harris and Tim Walz. I am with all of you because I believe many of you share my sentiments. You may not recognize our nation, and your anger is justified".



##### BEYONCÉ

Beyoncé, the pop superstar, showed her support for Harris during rally in Houston, to 'vote not just as a mother'. She Harris's vision for unity and proudly introduced her as 'the next president of the United States'.



##### CHER

The iconic singer Cher expressed her support for Harris on social media, commending her dedication to 'protect our rights'. This message struck a chord with many of her fans and brought even more attention to Harris's platform.



##### USHER

R&B singer Usher, hailing from Georgia, joined Harris at an Atlanta He shared his pride in her candidacy, her campaign a 'struggle for freedom the rights of all'.



##### TAYLOR SWIFT

an AI-image that associated Trump, Taylor Swift took the opportunity to clarify her political views, showing her support for Harris. She shared on social media, highlighting Harris as a strong advocate for the causes she is passionate about, such as equality and human rights.



##### LIZZO

Detroit-native rapper Lizzo joined forces with Harris to respond to Trump's remarks about Detroit. She expressed, 'Proud like Detroit, resilient like Detroit', emphasizing her backing for Harris as a powerful leader.



#### MORE SUPPORTERS OF HARRIS

- Leonardo DiCaprio
- Julia Roberts
- George Clooney
- Jennifer Lawrence
- Octavia Spencer
- Sarah Jessica Parker
- Mindy Kaling
- Cardi B
- George Clooney
- Bruce Springsteen
- Oprah Winfrey

##### EMINEM

Rapper Eminem, known for his outspoken criticism of Trump, showed his support for Harris by endorsing her and even inviting former President Barack Obama to join him on stage at her rally in his hometown. Obama energized the audience by performing snippets of Eminem's legendary song 'Lose Yourself', highlighting the rapper's backing.



#### Celebrity endorsements for DONALD TRUMP

##### ZACHARY LEVI

Actor Zachary Levi, famous for his in Shazam!, has shown his support for though he understands it might have for his career. Initially, Levi was in favor Kennedy Jr., but once Kennedy stepped out of the race, he redirected his support to Trump, expressing his conviction that Trump has the ability to 'take back' America.



##### KID ROCK

Kid Rock, a frequent presence at Trump rallies, has shown unwavering support for the former president. He took the stage at the Republican National Convention (RNC) and notably declared, 'If you're with Trump, you're with me', after an alleged assassination attempt on Trump.



##### HULK HOGAN

Hulk Hogan, the legendary expressed his support for Trump by appearance at the RNC, where he gave speech. 'Let Trump-a-mania run wild Hogan declared, emphasizing that he longer keep silent'.



##### ROSEANNE BARR

Comedian Roseanne expressed Trump, sharing videos that target Biden. She has also taken aim at the current administration's policies while promoting various conspiracy theories along the way.



##### AMBER ROSE

Model and rapper Amber Rose showed her backing for Trump during the RNC, claiming that the media distorts his image. She explained, 'For a long time, I bought into the falsehoods', pointing to what she perceives as media bias.



## SWIPE RIGHT



### Quincy Jones passes away

Quincy Jones, a versatile musical genius known for his incredible work across jazz, soul, and funk, as well as for producing some of the most iconic pop albums of the century, including Michael Jackson's legendary 'Off the Wall,' 'Thriller,' and 'Bad,' passed away at his residence in Bel Air, California on Sunday, November 3. He was 91 years old.



### Margot Robbie and her husband Tom Ackerley welcome a baby boy



Barbie star Margot Robbie has welcomed her first child, a baby boy, with her husband Tom Ackerley. Details about the baby's birth time, name, and other specifics are still pending. Following the announcement of Margot's pregnancy, the couple was spotted together at the London tennis tournament held at the All-England Club in July.



Blake Lively attends the 2024 LACMA Art + Film Gala at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art

## Varun Carvalho, Apache Indian on stage together!

The two musicians will join forces on stage for a concert on Liberation Day; performance will be one of Varun's last in Goa before he moves abroad

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Varun Carvalho, one of the most popular names on Goa's music circuit, is coming out with a new song soon. Titled Mog Asun Goa, this reggae number will be in Konkani, and will be about love. Come Liberation Day, Varun will be performing this song as part of a show that will also feature British Asian DJ and reggae star Apache Indian.

Goa and abroad - people who have been with me on this beautiful journey of music - will join me on stage. Apache Indian will fly in from England

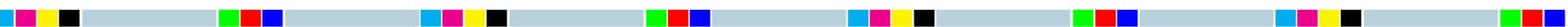


to share the stage with us," Varun told us. This show will also be Varun's last show in Goa for a while, since he's planning to travel abroad soon.

According to Varun, Apache Indian first heard his Konkani song Maka Naka Tuka Naka and liked it so much that he asked Varun if he could sing on the song with him. "I told Apache that I would be doing one big thank you concert for Goa and he said

that he would like to be a part of the concert. That's how he decided to be part of the show on December 19. He will sing some of his hit songs like Boom shak a lak, Arranged marriage, No problem, and of course we will sing Maka Naka Tuka Naka together." Varun will also perform his hit numbers from his previous albums and his upcoming album at the show.

This show will be his last performance in Goa for a while as he prepares to leave for opportunities abroad. He said, "Wherever I have gone - be it Asia, Africa, Europe or even America - people have responded to my music and rhythm. I will be taking the rhythm from Goa and connecting it with the rest of the world. But I will always have a connection with Goa, since I have got so much love here." He wouldn't reveal much about his future plans, but Varun has told us that he will soon be performing at the Independence Day celebration in Zimbabwe.



## Exploring Sri Lankan cuisine through six iconic dishes

Sri Lanka, once Ceylon, has simmered in a rich stew of culinary influences since the Portuguese landed there in 1505. Nestled in Southeast Asia, the island absorbed flavours from its colonial rulers – the Portuguese, Dutch, and British. The most potent zing, however, came from its nearest neighbour, the state of Tamil Nadu in India. Despite this historical smorgasbord, Sri Lankan cuisine maintains a distinctive identity – traditional dishes slow-cooked over fire in earthen pots that reflect the island's commitment to fresh, local ingredients. Earthenware delicately amplifies the natural flavours of these ingredients, many of which are hyper-local and seasonal and come straight from backyard gardens or burgeoning organic farms.

On my recent travels through Sri Lanka's diverse provinces, I sampled several unusual regional dishes that offer unique perspective into the country's evolving cuisine.

### HOPPERS WITH KIRI HODI, COLOMBO

Rice flour hoppers – thin, bowl-shaped egg hoppers, and lacy stacks of string hoppers (appam and idiyappam to their Tamil cousins) are ubiquitous in Sri Lanka. These delicate crepes come alive when paired with seafood curry, a fiery crunch of pol sambol (coconut relish), or the nuanced heat of rich crab roe paste. It was in Colombo, at the Ports of Call restaurant at the Taj Samudra, where one can taste another delicious pairing – hoppers with kiri hodi (coconut milk curry).

"In our traditional coconut milk curry, each ingredient plays a vital role. Plump onions release their sweetness, fiery green chillies add a playful heat, and the Pandanus leaf is a secret layer of the tropics," says executive chef Samila Kumarsinghe. What truly steals the spotlight is the pol kiri – the first extract of coconut milk, which he describes as reminiscent of the creaminess of moonlight. "Enriched with uluhal (fenugreek seeds), cinnamon, and kaha kudu (turmeric), our kiri hodi boasts a colour that rivals the setting sun."

This curry gets its body from fenugreek, and the pandanus leaf (rampe) adds layers of complex enough to make a spice rack blush. Throw in some fish or veggies, and



you have a hearty meal.  
**FRIED TILAPIA WITH BITTER GOURD SALAD, HABARANA**

In the heart of Habarana in Sri Lanka's Anuradhapura District, I tasted another iconic culinary pairing – crispy fried tilapia and bitter gourd salad. Ruwan and his family who run the Tree House Ambasewana Resort explained its preparation. "We marinate the fish for two hours in a mixture of rice flour, eggs, a hint of aniseed powder, a dash of chillies, powdered cloves for that exotic touch, turmeric for vibrancy, coriander for freshness, and just the slightest hint of peppery heat," he said.

Emphasising the significance of day's the catch, he added, "Tilapia, occasionally referred to as St. Peter's fish, holds a prime position as a staple catch in the waters of Habarana Lake."

The fish is fried in coconut oil in earthenware pots over a crackling wood fire. It is a textural masterpiece – crispy on the outside and oh-so-flaky on the inside. For the bitter gourd salad, bitter gourd is deseeded, sliced into rounds, fried over a wood fire, and combined with freshly chopped onions and tomatoes. It is finished with fresh lemon, and best eaten with kalu heenati (brown rice), sautéed white potatoes, aromatic Lankan chicken curry, pol sambol, beetroot salad, and crunchy pappadams.

### YOUNG JACKFRUIT CURRY AND TODDY, KANDY

In Kandy, nestled in Sri Lanka's central province, I sampled young jackfruit curry (polos curry) with Kalu Heenati brown rice

accompanied by the fresh nectar of tapped toddy. The jackfruit curry, reminiscent of a creamy risotto, was a labour of love, requiring almost two hours of dedicated preparation.

The freshness of ingredients is of paramount importance," says chef Tharaka Gunarathnawich of Mahaweli Reach Hotel, "which is why we use whole spices, and grind them just before cooking this curry." He heats coconut oil in an earthen pot, and the crackling sounds of mustard and fenugreek seeds fills our ears. He stirs gently, allowing the ingredients to come together. Finally, he adds in grated coconut, young jackfruit, its pre-boiled seeds, and lime juice, allowing it simmer until the curry achieves a tender, golden velvet texture.

Topped with crispy onions and fried curry leaves for a satisfying crunch, the dish is paired with rice, and a coconut milk-based white watakkka (pumpkin) curry. Meanwhile, a seasoned toddy tapper presents a glass of freshly tapped toddy with whole peppercorn and pickled shallots to complete the experience.

### BANANA BLOSSOM MELLUM AND BRINJAL MOJU, GAL OYA

In Sri Lanka's Eastern province, Wild Glamping Gal Oya has an inviting selection of unusual tribal flavours. In their rustic, grass-thatched restaurant, I tasted banana blossom, a leafy superfood revered in the region. Chef Chandan Kumaradasa shared that it was the morning's harvest from their farm. "The flower's centre is white, with a subtle bitterness and a texture reminiscent of bamboo shoots and palm hearts." To

temper the bitterness, he mixes the banana blossom with mellum (shredded vegetable), incorporating fresh coconut, shallots, curry leaves, garlic, green chillies, and spices. On the side was brinjal (wambata) moju, an eggplant pickle and creamy pumpkin prawns.

### SRI LANKAN MUD CRAB CURRY, NEGOMBO

For travellers using Colombo as their entryway to the country, Negombo, on the south coast of Sri Lanka, often marks their exit. Blessed with coastal proximity, this Dutch-inspired city brags an impressive display of seafood offerings. Among them, the mud crab curry is truly exquisite. The dish places utmost importance on the quality and freshness of its ingredients – mud crabs are picked on the same day and the curry is traditionally cooked in earthen utensils, enhancing its loamy flavours.

At Jetwing Blue Hotel, chef Kaushalya Batagoda took me through the recipe. "We begin toasting cumin seeds and black peppercorns to release their fragrant aroma. Next, grated coconut takes centre stage, sautéed until it achieves a beautiful golden brown colour," he says. In another pot, as he heats coconut oil, and adds mustard, fennel seeds, and some spices, he adds the coconut paste with mud crabs and allows it to simmer until tender. "We finish with coconut milk and tamarind pulp, an infusion of moringa leaves and lemon juice." The mud crab curry receives a garnishing of moringa leaves and is served hot with egg kothu—made from leftover parotta, sautéed vegetables, and scrambled eggs.

Sri Lankans, like most on the subcontinent, have a serious sweet tooth. Every meal ends with a comforting dessert. Buffalo curd with palm treacle is a favourite choice, but there is another gem called watalappan – a rich, creamy baked coconut custard infused with fragrant cardamom, and nutmeg, and sweetened with kitul jaggery. Brought to Sri Lanka by the Malays during the 18th century, under Dutch rule, watalappan has secured its spot as a beloved dessert on the island. Often garnished with nuts for added texture, the sweet holds a special place in the Muslim community of Sri Lanka, especially during Ramadan and Eid.



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an independent food critic and columnist, will be acquainting readers with the latest food and beverage trends based on personal insights and experiences

### Sweets done, let's bake now. And no, not cakes yet, but comforting savoury fare - pies, tarts, quiche and more

The aroma of freshly baked dishes fills the air in homes this season, as many of us bake a lot more. No, it's not just cakes and cookies, that I am talking about. Those can wait till December, but somehow savoury tarts, quiche and pies, even good ol' Mac n cheese, become regulars on several home menus.

Comfort food is all we seek post the celebrations of festivals and perhaps fatigue. Baked dishes are just that, fairly easier to put together and delicious. The air redolent with a slight crispness, beckons you to bake and spend time near the warm oven.

Baking options abound even in savoury items. One can unleash one's creativity and imagination, based on preferences and what is easily available. And yes, there are healthier versions too.

Housed inside a crisp tart shell, a quiche, is my go-to dish in this season. Mushrooms or chicken mince, spinach, cherry tomatoes and eggs, baked, make for a delectable robust meal. One can opt for a crustless quiche too, if the butter-laden base is not calling.

Quiche apart, if a protein-fix is what you're after, a Frittata with eggs, is a great choice. Tip in as many veggies you have at home, and enjoy a hearty, rustic meal.

Meats make for the best bakes, according to us, Carnivores. In Goa, we are all partial to our meaty Sausage rolls. Rustle

## Mini's Food Fundas NOT CAKES, BUT SAVOURY BAKES

up a batch and you're set for a few meals, or even parties. The light flaky pastry with a dense, spicy filling, is hugely enticing. A savoury cheesecake is a great choice too. A savoury twist on the classic, can have a gluten-free breadcrumb base, a cream cheese filling and topped with a vibrant medley of veggies, as you like them. I make it a point to include beetroots in this season. Sweet potatoes, roasted vegetables and sundried tomatoes, make for great toppings, offering a melange of flavours. Add ricotta or feta, and you have a winner at hand.

I once tried a slow-cooked aubergine in a tomato base, topped with cheese and then baked. The smooth texture and tart flavours, were the perfect pair. Of course, the cheese enhanced the dish, manifold.

Pull-apart breads, Focaccia, Stuffed buns, there's a lot one can do, if you're ready to go the bread route.

Savoury muffins are gaining popularity in India too, owing to their versatility and ease of baking. From feta to spinach, olives to paneer, broccoli to zucchini, one can add just about anything and bake muffins. These are handy for a meal with soup or even an evening snack.

A savoury bread pudding is a good bet. Mix caramelised onions, crushed garlic, pork sausages or bacon, veggies, cheese, bread and eggs, and one can relish a sumptuous dish, albeit indulgent.

If you are not counting your calories and indulgence is on your mind, opt for, the all-time favourite, ham, cheese, bread and cream, Croque Monsieur.

I recall tasting a mouthwatering Salmon Wellington in London. Puff pastry encasing a tender salmon fillet and a filling of spinach, creamy cheese and fragrant herbs. The memory still lingers on my palate.

Pasta offers a plethora of baking options, as one can add several meats or even sea food, topped with cheese and bake, resulting in a satiating meal. Rice can be substituted with pasta too.

Personally, for me, baking is a stress-buster, makes me more mindful, alert as it calls for precision. I enjoy the entire experience. It calms me down.

So, a Mushroom and bell pepper crustless quiche, is my bake for tonight,



## Three key Asian flavour trends taking over the world

Global demand for Asian flavours and ingredients has grown significantly in recent years. Enter a cafe and you'll find matcha latte alongside coffee house classics. Likewise, miso, yuzu, teriyaki, tikka masala, bulgogi and kimchi are now familiar sights on menus and supermarket shelves outside of the region.

Asia's diverse culinary landscape is a product of the region's distinct cultures, ingredients and innovative cooking techniques. For example, Southeast Asian dishes are known for their bold flavours and aromatic ingredients like chili peppers, lemongrass, kaffir lime and fish sauce, while Indian cuisine is a complex blend of spices and herbs such as cumin, coriander, turmeric and cardamom.

Thanks to social media, increasing globalisation and accessibility, and successful cultural exports like Japanese anime and manga, Korean Wave, and Bollywood, consumer demand for all things Asian is surging. Innova marketing insights showed that two in three consumers are open



to trying new international food, with Asian cuisines ranking second most popular for meals (after the consumer's local cuisine).

### HEAT AND SMOKE FLAVOURS LEADING THE WAY

One of the prominent taste profiles driving the Asian fever are hot, spicy, and smoked flavours. Consumers are showing an affinity for heat, with FMCG Gurus reporting that 82% indicate they like hot and spicy flavours. These flavours are often associated with comforting, even happy, taste experiences while barbecue has always been part of Asia's DNA.

The 2024 Kerry Taste Charts show that smoked chilli, Korean spicy

chicken, Thai satay beef, sambal, Sichuan mala, tom yum, ghost chilli, Sriracha, gochujang, yuzu pepper and Chinese five spice are Asian flavours that continue to set appetites on fire.

An Innova Market Insights study supports this, showing a 4% increase in global launches of chili-flavoured packaged foods and beverages and a 5% rise in spice and seed flavours over the last five years.

As consumers become more well-travelled, they also become more discerning in taste and flavour. Manufacturers must be able to bring an authentic savoury taste experience to their products to give consumers the real deal. Product categories with the

most innovation are snacks, sauces and seasonings, ready meals and meal kits, and soups.

### WELLNESS TREND DRIVING DEMAND FOR JAPANESE AND KOREAN CUISINE

Consumers have always viewed Japanese and Korean food as healthy as both cuisines place great importance on freshness, simplicity, healthier cooking methods, and gut-friendly fermented foods such as miso and kimchi. Japan has the world's longest living people who attribute their high life expectancy in part to their diet.

Global demand for Japanese and Korean cuisine continues to rise. According to Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, there were around 187,000 Japanese restaurants outside of the country in 2023, a 20% increase from 2021, with US and Europe being the biggest markets outside of Asia.

Similarly, South Korea exported around US\$156 million worth of kimchi in 2023, up 10.5% from the year before. The

exports reached 92 countries with Japan, US, the Netherlands, Australia and UK making up the top five biggest markets.

While Japanese dishes like sushi, ramen, and udon have become menu staples, Kerry Taste Charts reveal that consumers are also taking interest in other ingredients such as sake (rice wine), rice vinegar, miso, kinako (roasted soybean flour), fermented tofu and matcha.

Miso is one of the early Japanese ingredients to gain popularity out of Asia, thanks to its versatility in providing rich umami flavours. Industry players can use stocks and broths to enhance the umami flavour profile of their products, while providing alternatives to the health-conscious consumer.

When it comes to beverages, sweet and fruity flavours continue to be the consumer's go-to soft drink flavours. Coming out of the region, Asian fruits such as yuzu, passionfruit,

kumquat, Fuji apple and longan are trending based on Kerry's Taste Charts. Botanicals like floral, spicy and minty flavours are also gaining popularity.

Yuzu appeared in various food and beverage applications including yuzu-flavoured beers. In fact, consumer demand for alcoholic beverages have surged in recent years due to the introduction of new and unique flavours. Future Market Insights predicts the global alcoholic flavours market to grow at 4.7% CAGR and hit US\$11.6 billion by 2033.

Who would have thought that consumers would welcome unique flavour pairings like yuzu beer miso-infused macarons? Asian flavours will continue to captivate global consumers as new and exciting flavours continue to be created. Understanding the uniqueness, complexity, and nuances of these exotic flavours is crucial if brands want to stay ahead of the curve.

## Healing and Deliverance through Holy Eucharist at Velim

Healing and Deliverance Service through Holy Eucharist led by Fr Anthony Lopez and team is being held every first Wednesday of the Month at Velim.

The service begins with Rosary, Mass, Praise and Worship, Word of God and Eucharistic Adoration.

**Venue: St Rock Church, Tollecano, Velim**  
**Date: November 6**  
**Time: 5 pm to 8 pm**

## Herald Gaming Console

**Dilbert**

I CREATED A DATING APP FOR MATCHING GULLIBLE OPTIMISTS WITH THEIR ABUSERS.

I CALL THE APP "BAIT-AND-SWITCH."

WOW! A PRINCESS WHO IS ALSO A MODEL IS SENDING ME A MESSAGE!

**Garfield**

I HAVE BIG PLANS TODAY.

WHY IS THERE A GIANT CHEESEBALL IN THE LIVING ROOM?

BILLING PLANS.

**Wizard of id**

WE'VE BEEN OUT HERE FOR A WHILE...

**crossword 4681**

**ACROSS**

1- Preservative; 5- Mayberry kid; 9- Deal; 13- Deli sides; 15- Ladies of Spain; Abbr.; 16- Longfellow's bell town; 17- Backpack part; 18- Cooped (up); 19- Light gas; 20- Lawn material; 21- Tombstone name; 23- Oscar-winning Nashville tune; 25- Treater's words; 26- Separates metal from ore; 27- Third day of the week; 30- Shade at the beach?; 31- Tiffs; 32- Located; 37- Crown of the head; 38- Gaze intently; 40- Evergreen tree; 41- Surprised; 43- Actress Verdugo; 44- Dawn deity; 45- Chemical-free; 47- Continues a subscription; 50- Circle segments; 51- Small crustacean; 52- Low plant with many branches; 53- Part of TGI; 56- Protracted; 57- Cereal grain; 59- Door sign; 61- Ms. Adams; 62- Joint with a cap; 63- Adjust to zero; 64- Doe or fawn; 65- Sicilian peak; 66- A Chaplin;

**DOWN**

1- Flat sound; 2- Kind of sax; 3- Cooking fat; 4- Defunct airline; 5- Feathered fisher; 6- Get ready for surgery; 7- 007 creator Fleming; 8- Guess; 9- Discussion group; 10- Bothered; 11- Crucifix; 12- Very small; 14- Uses money; 22- Doctor's org.; 24- Course list; 25- Blender maker; 26- Agitate; 27- Dosage amts.; 28- \_\_\_ the crack of dawn; 29- I could \_\_\_ horse!

**32- Downcast; 33- Great grade; 34- A wedding cake may have three of these; 35- Sicilian resort; 36- Distribute cards; 38- Dawdler; 39- Dick Tracy's love; 42- Swarm; 43- One engraving; 45- Sickness at the stomach; 46- Horace's \_\_\_ Poetica; 47- \_\_\_ Island Red; 48- Tennessee Ford; 49- Chad neighbor; 51- Dog-powered snow vehicle; 52- Bingo call; 53- Wishing won't make \_\_\_; 54- Adolescent; 55- Mex. miss; 58- Picnic pest; 60- Prefix with classical;**

**solution 4680**

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SSS MANNEDSELS  
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UNDERSTANDABLE  
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**sudoku 4681**

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**Instructions for Sudoku**

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

**solution 4680**

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



Pope Francis presides a mass in memory of the Cardinals and Bishops deceased during the year at St Peter's basilica in The Vatican



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz (R) welcomes NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte at the Chancellery in Berlin



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets Jeannette Young, Governor of Queensland, in Brisbane



Gen Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff and his Algerian counterpart Gen Saïd Chanegriha sign an MoU on bilateral defence cooperation, in Algiers

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# Clashes at Hindu temple in Canada

## Trudeau says 'unacceptable'

## Attack draws strong condemnation in India



Britain's Prince William, Prince of Wales, speaks to an attendee at the Earthshot Prize Climate Leaders Youth Programme at Rooftop on Bree in Cape Town, on Monday

**PTI, OTTAWA:** Protesters carrying Khalistani flags clashed with people at a Hindu temple in Brampton, triggering condemnation by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau who said every Canadian has the right to practise their faith freely and safely.

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— Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, Canada

### TEMPLE ATTACK

On Sunday, Peel Regional Police said that a protest occurred at the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton and unverified videos circulating on social media appeared to show demonstrators holding banners in support of Khalistan, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation reported.

The videos showed fist fights and people striking each other with poles on what appears to be the grounds surrounding the Hindu Sabha Mandir temple, the report added.

Taking to X, Trudeau thanked the local authorities for the swift response

to protect the community and probe this incident.

“The acts of violence at the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton today are unacceptable. Every Canadian has the right to practice their faith freely and safely. Thank you to the Peel Regional Police for swiftly responding to protect the community and investigate this incident,” Trudeau said in a post on X on Monday.

India condemned the attack with an expectation that those indulging in violence “will be prosecuted”.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said that New Delhi remains “deeply concerned” about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada.

“We condemn the acts of violence perpetrated by ex-

tremists and separatists at the Hindu Sabha Temple in Brampton, Ontario yesterday. We call on the government of Canada to ensure that all places of worship are protected from such attacks,” MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal was quoted as saying in the statement.

“We also expect that those indulging in violence will be prosecuted,” he said.

The High Commission of India in Ottawa also issued a strong statement on Monday condemning the recent attack on Brampton's Hindu Sabha temple by “anti-India” elements.

This incident disrupted a consular event co-organised by the Hindu Sabha Mandir and the Indian consulate.

In its statement, the High Commission remarked, We

have seen violent disruption today (November 3), orchestrated by anti-India elements outside the consular camp co-organised with the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton,

near Toronto. He added, “We expect the Canadian government to ensure justice and uphold the rule of law.”

Official sources noted that this is the first statement by Modi since the recent slump in India-Canada ties.

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“We also expect that those indulging in violence will be prosecuted. We remain deeply concerned about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada. The outreach of our consular officers to provide services to Indians and Canadian citizens alike will not be deterred by intimidation, harassment and violence,” he said.

organised in the first place. Despite these efforts by anti-India elements, our Consulate was able to issue more than 1000 life certificates to the Indian and Canadian applicants...”

### Pak Navy test-fires ballistic missile having range of 350 km from warship

**ISLAMABAD:** The Pakistan Navy successfully test-fired an indigenously developed ballistic missile having a range of 350 km from a warship, it said on Monday. “The missile system with a range of 350 km is capable of hitting land and sea targets with high precision,” according to the Pakistan Navy. The system is equipped with an advanced navigation system with features to change its direction and speed. Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf, senior officers of the Pakistan Navy, scientists and engineers witnessed the demonstration of test-firing of the missile. President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and Services Chiefs congratulated the participating navy units and scientists on the missile test.

### Bengali only Indian language on New York's ballot papers

**NEW YORK:** More than 200 languages are spoken in New York, according to the Department of City Planning, backing the claim of it being the melting pot of America. However, the ballot papers in the US presidential elections will have only four other languages apart from English. And guess what? Bengali represents the Indian languages in this list. The US will on Tuesday vote to elect its 47th President. “We are required to service four other languages besides English. It is Chinese, Spanish, Korean and Bengali as the Asian languages,” says Micheal J Ryan, Executive Director, Board of Elections, NYC. Subhshesh, who works as a sales agent in a store in Times Square, has Bengali roots. He is happy that his father living in the Queens area will get linguistic assistance when he goes to cast his vote. “People like me know English but there are many in our community who are comfortable in the native language. I am sure my father will like the idea of seeing a Bengali language ballot paper,” says Subhshesh.

## Germany's top diplomat in Kyiv

**AP, KYIV:** Germany's top diplomat arrived Monday in the Ukrainian capital Kyiv on an unannounced visit, in what appeared to be a show of European support for Ukraine on the eve of a US presidential election that could bring far-reaching changes in Washington's policy toward Russia's all-out invasion of its neighbour.

Germany is Ukraine's second biggest weapons supplier after the US, and Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock vowed that Berlin's backing would remain steadfast.

“Together with many partners around the world, Germany stands firmly by Ukraine's side,” she said, German news agency dpa reported. “We will support the Ukrainians for as long as they need us so that they

can continue on their path to a just peace.”

The war is at a critical moment for Ukraine, with the Russian army making creeping gains on the battlefield and another hard winter ahead after Russia relentlessly battered the Ukrainian power grid.

With his army under severe Russian pressure in the eastern Donetsk region, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Monday that Western military aid deliveries have accelerated, including for artillery.

The grinding attritional warfare being fought in Ukraine requires large amounts of ammunition, and Ukrainian officials have long grumbled that Western pledges of support take too long to arrive.

## BATTLEFIELD TROPHIES



Visitors inspect a US-made M1 Abrams battle tank as they visit an exhibition of western military equipment captured by Russian forces in Kharkiv and Sumy regions of Ukraine at the 'Russia - My History' Historical Park in Saint Petersburg, on Monday

### Japan successfully launches defence satellite

**AP, TOKYO:** Japan launched a defence satellite aimed at speedier communication and military operations on a new flagship H3 rocket on Monday and successfully placed it into orbit, as the country seeks to build up its military capability amid growing tension in the region.

The H3 No 4 rocket lifted off from the Tanegashima Space Centre on a south-western Japanese island. Everything went as planned and the satellite was successfully put into a targeted orbit, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA, announced.

The rocket was carrying a Defense Ministry satellite, Kirameki No 3, which uses X-band communication for information and data sharing, as well as military operations and command.

Maj Gen Yasuhiro Kato, the Joint Staff Systems Department chief, told an online joint news conference from Tanegashima that the triple X-band communication satellite system would enable high-speed, large-capacity data transmission and communication across Japan's Ground, Maritime and Air Self Defence Forces, as well as with units deployed overseas on peacekeeping missions or exercises.

### Volcanic eruption burns houses in Indonesia 10 people killed; debris blankets several villages



Members of a rescue team carry away body bags containing deceased people at Klatanol village, in East Flores Regency, East Nusa Tenggara, on Monday

**AP, MAUMERE (INDONESIA):** Indonesia's National Disaster Management Agency said on Monday that at least 10 people have died as a series of volcanic eruptions widens on the remote island of Flores.

The eruption at Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki around midnight spewed thick brownish ash as high as 2,000 metres into the air and hot ashes hit several villages, burning down houses including a convent of Catholic nuns, said Firman Yosef, an official at the Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki monitoring post.

He said volcanic material was thrown up to 6 kilometers from its crater, blanketing nearby villages and

towns with tons of volcanic debris and forcing residents to flee.

Rescuers were still searching for more bodies buried under collapsed houses, said Abdul Muhari, the National Disaster Management Agency's spokesperson. Muhari said all the bodies, including a child, were found within a 4-kilometer radius of the crater.

He said at least 10,000 people have been affected by the eruption in six villages of Wulanggitang District, and four villages in Ile Bura district. Some have fled to relatives' houses while the local government is readying schools to use as temporary shelters.

### Pak's Punjab province ministers blame India for worsening smog

**PTI, LAHORE:** Ministers in Pakistan's Punjab province on Monday blamed winds from India for worsening smog here, urging the Indian authorities to take up the matter seriously, after the air quality index in the capital city hit a record high over the weekend.

Toxic grey smog has sickened tens of thousands of people since last month when the air quality started worsening in Lahore, the city bordering India.

The concentration of PM 2.5, or tiny particulate matter, in the air, approached 450, considered hazardous, the Punjab Environment Protection Department said.

“The wind direction brings air from India into Pakistan, yet India does not seem to be taking this problem as seriously as it should,” Punjab Information Minister Azma Bokhari said.

She urged the Indian side of Punjab state to take this matter seriously.

“Delhi ranks first in smog levels today, with Lahore following closely in second place. Delhi's air quality index is around 393, while Lahore's is close to 280,” she said.

## Spain dreads more flood deaths as rain pounds Catalonia

**AFP, VALENCIA:** Rescuers plunged into inundated garages on Monday to find victims of Spain's deadliest floods in a generation as fresh downpours sparked transport chaos in the north-eastern region of Catalonia.

The toll stands at 217 dead -- almost all in the eastern Valencia region -- with the country dreading the discovery of more corpses as an unknown number of people remain missing.

National weather service AEMET announced the end of the emergency for Valencia but torrential rain struck Catalonia, where residents received telephone alerts urging the utmost caution.

Barcelona's El Prat airport, Spain's second busiest, said 50 flights were cancelled or delayed and 17 diverted on Monday, while the city closed some flooded metro stations and regional trains were suspended.

Images on social media showed cars ploughing through flooded roads in the Barcelona suburbs of Castelldefels and Gava and bare-footed travellers wading through water that had seeped into El Prat.

Spain also grappled with the aftermath of an extraordinary outburst of popular anger in which crowds heckled and hurled mud at King Felipe VI, Queen Letizia and Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez.

The Civil Guard has opened an investigation into the chaos in the ground-zero town of Paiporta that cut short their visit on Sunday, Interior Minister Fernando Grande-Marlaska told public broadcaster TVE.

He blamed “marginal groups” for instigating the violence where mud splattered the monarchs' face and



People clear mud from a street in Alfara, in the region of Valencia, eastern Spain, on Monday, following devastating floods

clothes and a window of Sanchez's car was broken.

The incident underscored growing anger at the authorities' preparation for and reaction to the catastrophe.

Experts have questioned the warning systems that failed to alert the population in time and the speed of the response.

“They were saying ‘alert for water’, but they should have said it was a flood,” Teresa Gisbert, 62, told AFP in the destroyed town of Sedavi, saying she had “lost everything”.

Thousands of soldiers, police officers, civil guards and firefighters spent a sixth day distributing aid and clearing mud and debris to find bodies.

But relief works only reached some towns days after the disaster and in many cases volunteers were the first

to provide food, water, sanitation and cleaning equipment.

“We shouldn't romanticise it: the people saved the people because we were abandoned,” said Jorge, 25, a resident of the town of Chiva where the royals cancelled their visit on Sunday.

Divers on Monday concentrated their search for missing bodies in garages and a multi-storey car park in the town of Aldaia.

The storm caught many victims in their vehicles on roads and in underground spaces such as car parks, tunnels and garages where rescue operations are particularly difficult.

Local authorities in Valencia extended travel restrictions for another two days, cancelled classes and urged residents to work from home to facilitate the work of the emergency services.

# Oppn MPs indicate move to disassociate from Parliament panel on Waqf Bill

Opposition members say they are unhappy over Chair's unilateral decisions, attempts to bulldoze proceedings

PTI, NEW DELHI: Opposition MPs in the parliamentary committee scrutinising the Waqf (Amendment) Bill are scheduled to meet Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla

on Tuesday to protest its chairperson Jagdambika Pal's alleged 'unilateral' decisions and attempts to 'bulldoze' proceedings, indicating that they may disassociate themselves from the panel.

Claiming that they have been 'stonewalled' during the committee's proceedings, opposition MPs have listed their grievances, including objections against the proposed law, in the letter addressed to Birla. Senior counsel Harish Salve is likely to appear before the parliamentary panel on Tuesday on behalf of the Dawoodi Bohra community.

Opposition sources said they have prepared a joint letter - signed by a number of MPs, including Con-

gress's Mohammad Jawed and Imran Masood, DMK's Raja, AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi, AAP's Sanjay Singh and TMC's Kalyan Banerjee - that will be submitted to the Speaker on Tuesday. They accused Pal, a four-term MP representing the BJP, of taking "unilateral decisions" on fixing the dates of sittings -- which were at times for three consecutive days -- and whom to call as witnesses.

They said it is not practically possible for MPs to interact with deponents with adequate preparation. The committee's proceedings have been marred by frequent protests from opposition members over a host of issues, while the BJP members have accused them of deliberately trying to scuttle its work.

With the Bill taking on distinct political hues and both the ruling BJP and the opposition INDIA bloc firm on their stand in favour and against it respectively, the panel's meetings have often resembled a political battleground as it works in

overdrive to meet its deadline of the first week of Parliament's winter session.

In their joint letter, opposition MPs will urge Birla to direct Pal to have a formal consultation with members of the committee before taking any decision to assure the country that the committee is functioning in a free and fair manner, without any bias and departure from the established parliamentary procedures.

"Otherwise, we humbly submit that we may be forced to disassociate with the committee once for all as we have been stonewalled," it said.

Asserting that the joint committee of Parliament examining the Bill is like a mini Parliament, they

said the panel should not be treated as a mere "ventilating chamber" to get the proposed legislation passed as "desired" by the government, ignoring the due process.

Not giving reasonable time against the will of the committee's members is nothing but an act of "atrocious onslaught on the Constitutional religion and Parliament".

Opposition MPs have also recorded their strong reservations against the Bill, claiming that the government's step is nothing but a surreptitious attempt to mitigate the earlier legislations of 1995 and 2013, enacted by Parliament with due care ensuring the secular credentials of the Constitution.

## HP: Polish paraglider stranded after mid-air collision

PTI, DHARAMSHALA (HP): A paraglider from Poland was stranded in Dhauladhar hills in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh after a mid-air collision with another paraglider, officials said on Monday.

Efforts to airlift the paraglider, who was identified as Andrew Babinski, failed due to tough terrain on Monday, they said.

Babinski got stranded in Dhauladhar hills on Sunday after colliding with another paraglider mid-air, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Bajinath, D C Thakur told PTI.

An attempt to rescue him on Monday using a chopper failed due to tough terrain. The land search party will soon reach the spot, the officer said.

Babinski is in touch with paragliding organisers and the local administration, according to the officials.

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**  
**CRUZINHO ROMAO TEIXEIRA**  
 CUNCOLIM - COMBA PARICOTTO  
 Born: 17.11.1947 / Died: 04.11.2024  
 Loving husband of Mira Teixeira  
 Father/father-in-law of Steve/Reena, Sheriff/Siera, Sifona/Doffy.  
 Grandfather of Anaiza, Aryan, Shania, Shenoy, Shenal, Risa, Reagan & Reizel.  
 Funeral Cortège will leave his residence Today 05.11.24 at 3.30 p.m. to Our Lady of Health Church, Cuncolim for Eucharistic Celebration at 4.00 p.m. followed by burial. Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**DEATH**  
**MARIA PIEDADE D'SOUZA (SANTAN)**  
 Chipul Waddo, Cansa Thivim  
 Born: 29.03.1936 Died: 03.11.2024  
 Wife of Late Murlidar T. Shinde. Mother/mother-in-law of Belinda D'souza/Salim P.K. Grandmother of Ulorica (Rosa), Hanzel, Sibila, Akhil, Aloisaka. Family & Relatives.  
 Funeral cortege will leave her residence Chipul Waddo, Cansa Thivim on 5th November 2024 (Tuesday) at 3.30 pm to Our Lady Of Lourdes Chapel, Cansa Thivim for Eucharistic celebration followed by her burial.  
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**LORD I AM COMING HOME**  
**EUGENIA D'COSTA**  
 Fondac Vaddo, Parra  
 DOB:- 24/10/1960  
 DOD:- 04/11/2024  
 Wife of :- Santan (Rocky) D'Costa.  
 Mother/ Mother in law:- Marrita/ Myron and Bibiano.  
 Grandmother:- Menosh.  
 Funeral will be held on 6th November 2024 at 3:30 pm at St. Anne's church, Parra for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.  
 Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**LORD I AM COMING HOME**  
**EDUARDO AUGUSTO PINTO**  
 Pedda, Margao  
 Beloved husband of Cecilia. Father and Father-in-law of Gladys (Kavita) / Abhay Naik, Marlon, Daisy / Paul Menezes, Tensy / Dr. Elvis Mascarenhas and Nigel / Clinda Dias. Loving Grandfather of Akshay and Ajay, Raul and Samantha, Sean and Lisa Marie and Louis.  
 Eucharistic celebration will at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim at 3.00p.m. on 5th November 2024, TODAY followed by burial.  
 Relatives & Friends please accept this as the only intimation.  
 Sequeira Coffins 9822179596, 7588132140

**Returned to the Lord**  
**MARYKUTTY THOMAS**  
 NEW MONZON - CURTORIM  
 "And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it" Esv 12:7  
 Wife of late T. J. Thomas (ex PT Sir St. Xavier's Institute Curtorim)  
 Mother/mother-in-law of Elizabeth (Moncy)/Norbert D'Silva, Joseph Thomas/Sapna Joseph.  
 Loving grandmother of Esther, Jessica, Shelomith & Jennifer.  
 Funeral cortege will leave her residence (TODAY) 05th November 2024 at 3:30p.m. to Our Lady of Carmel Chapel Curtorim for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial at Curtorim cemetery.  
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**LORD I AM COMING HOME**  
**MENINO PEREIRA**  
 Loyola Vaddo, Utorda  
 Son of Late Lourenco / Angelica Pereira,  
 Beloved Husband of Joanita Antao, Father / Father-in-Law of Jose Valeriano, Celina/ Samson, Jason / Ozlin.  
 Grandfather of Valen & Linson. Uncle of Lourence Ferrao.  
 Funeral Cortège will leave his residence at 2.45 pm (TODAY) 05th November, 2024 to Our Lady Of Lourdes Church, Utorda for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.  
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## Shots fired in two shops in Delhi

PTI, NEW DELHI: Two shooting incidents occurred in Delhi on Monday, police said. There were no reports of any injuries in either case.

Three motorcycle-borne men opened fire in a property dealer's shop in outer north Delhi's Alipur area, they said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Outer North) Nidhin Valsan said they received information about shots being fired in the Budhpur locality of Alipur around 3 pm. Teams were immediately sent to the spot.

It was found upon inquiry that three men entered the office of a property dealer and opened fire before fleeing. Police teams are checking CCTV camera footage to trace the accused, the officer said.

Crime and forensic teams were also called to the spot.

The accused will be nabbed soon, Valsan said.

The target of the second shooting incident was a furniture shop in outer Delhi's Nangloi area, the police said.

# J&K govt to make all efforts for restoration of full Statehood, says LG Sinha in address to Assembly

PTI, SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha assured the newly elected legislative assembly on Monday that the Omar Abdullah government will make all efforts for the restoration of full statehood and constitutional guarantees available to the state.

Restoration of full statehood and constitutional guarantees would be a "befitting reciprocation" of the faith reposed by the people of Jammu and Kashmir in democratic institutions, he said in his maiden address to the assembly.

Sinha said the government is "fully geared up to realise" the hopes and expectations of people. In the backdrop of the demand for restoration of statehood, the LG said that this aspiration remained strong, pointing out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had, on several occasions, expressed his commitment to it.

"The Council of Ministers of Jammu and Kashmir has recently passed a unanimous resolution calling for the immediate restoration of statehood. This resolution reflects the col-

lective will of the elected representatives, echoing the aspirations of the people for the reinstatement of full democratic governance.

"My government will make all efforts for restoration of full statehood and constitutional guarantees available to the state. It would be a befitting reciprocation of the faith reposed by the people of Jammu and Kashmir in our democratic institutions

— Manoj Sinha, Lt Governor, Jammu and Kashmir

My government will make all efforts for restoration of full Statehood and constitutional guarantees available to the State. It would be a befitting reciprocation of the faith reposed by the people of Jammu and Kashmir in our democratic institutions

successful and peaceful conduct of the first democratic elections in over a decade". He said this was a testament to the enduring spirit of democracy, the strength of institutions, and the faith that the people of this region have in their democratic representation through this assembly.

"It is a privilege to witness the restoration of this august House, which once again reflects the aspirations of the people of J-K," he said.

Sinha said one of the most encouraging aspects of the assembly elections was the high voter turnout which reflects the enduring faith of the people in democratic processes.

"The high turnout, particularly in regions that traditionally could not participate fully because of a vociferous minority sym-

pathetic to separatist sentiments, indicates that the people of J-K continue to see electoral participation as a means to voice their concerns and aspirations.

"The successful completion of the electoral process marks an epoch in the history of J-K," he added.

Sinha said he looks forward to working together with all to strengthen the democratic institutions and provide the people with governance and the future they deserve.

The LG said the government is fully committed to implementing the promises made to the people for further political empowerment and for creating an enabling environment for employment, sustainable development, social inclusiveness and expansion of the economy to enhance the overall quality of life.

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### TRUMP VS HARRIS GOES DOWN TO THE WIRE

Latest opinion polls indicate that the elections will be decided by the results in seven battle ground states of Arizona, Nevada, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Georgia.

Of these, Michigan and Pennsylvania play key role to them reaching the 270-mark.

The presidential race appears to be hurtling toward a photo finish, with the final set of polls by The New York Times and Siena College finding Harris gaining new strength in North Carolina and Georgia even as Trump erases her lead in Pennsylvania and maintains his advantage in Arizona, the daily reported Sunday.

According to The New York Times, Harris is now narrowly ahead in Nevada, North Carolina and Wisconsin, the polls show, while Trump leads in Arizona.

"The polls show them locked in close races in Michigan, Georgia and Pennsylvania. But the results in all seven states are within the margin of sampling error, meaning neither candidate has a definitive lead in any of them," the daily reported.

The Real Clear Politics, which tracks all the major national and battleground polls, said it's a tie between Trump and Harris. In the national polls, Trump leads by 0.1 percentage points, and in battleground states the former president has an edge of 0.9 percentage points.

In the battleground states, as per Real Clear Politics, Trump has a lead, though within the margin of error, in Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Arizona; while Harris has an edge in Michigan and Wisconsin.

"The presidential race is tight, and neither candidate has a clear lead," The Hill said.

In its final poll, the NBC News said the poll shows Harris getting support from 49 per cent of registered voters in a head-to-head matchup, while Trump gets an identical 49 per cent.

"Just two percent of voters say they're unsure about the choice," the news channel said.

### KOLKATA MEDIC RAPE & MURDER: COURT FRAMES CHARGES AGAINST PRIME ACCUSED

"I have done nothing. I have been framed in this rape-murder case. Nobody is listening to me. The government is framing me and threatening me not to open my mouth," Roy told reporters as he was led out of the Sealdah court.

Roy was arrested by the Kolkata Police on August 10, a day after the on-duty woman doctor's body was found inside the seminar room of the RG Kar hospital. Later, the CBI took up the investigation into the case on a Calcutta High Court order.

Senior West Bengal Congress leader Adhir Chowdhury said that Roy's claims should be taken seriously and probed.

"Such claims of an accused should not be ignored and call for an investigation. We have been saying that such a crime is not possible by a single person. It's a collective crime. We do not know whether the CBI and the Kolkata Police are in an understanding. We are sceptical," he said.

The role of the police is also required to be probed, said Chowdhury, a former state Congress president.

In its charge sheet submitted last month, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) identified Roy as the "sole prime accused" in the case.

Meanwhile, during the hearing in the corruption case in the same hospital, the central agency told a special CBI court in Alipur here that there was a "deep conspiracy" behind the crime.

**MONTH'S MIND**  
**JOAO VICENTE PEREIRA**  
 KIRBHAT - NUVEM  
 There will an Eucharistic Celebratio for the soul of our beloved Joao on 6th November 2024 (Tomorrow) at Jesus Maria Jose Church, Nuvem, at 7:30 am followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful family.  
 Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

**In Loving Memory**  
**FERNANDA S. PEREIRA**  
 Alas! A year by year two  
 Time itself defeats  
 Death snatched you, Memories linger,  
 Deep in my heart.  
 Eucharistic Celebration will be held tomorrow, 6th November 2024 at 7:15 am at Holy Spirit Church, Margao, offered by Imaculata.  
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**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
 In Loving Memory of  
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 A year has passed  
 Yet the memory of your love and warmth  
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 On this first anniversary of your passing  
 We honour your spirit and cherish the moments we shared.  
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 There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved mother CLOTILDES on Wednesday, 6th November 2024, at 8.00 am, at St. Sebastian Church, Calvim followed by prayers and blessings at the grave.  
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# Aaron guides Dempo SC to gain full points

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**MAPUSA:** Guardian Angel SC went down fighting to mighty Dempo SC by 1-0 margin in the Goa Professional League match played at Duler Stadium, here, on Monday.

The all-important goal for the winners came in the 48th minute of play from Aaron Bareto's header.

With Monday's win Dempo SC have 15 points from six matches, while Guardian Angel SC have just one point from five matches.

## GOA PRO LEAGUE

The teams went into the breather locked in a goalless draw, where 11 corners from Golden Eagles went in vain with Guardian Angel SC's last line of defence - Milroy Clement, Livan Clement, James Fedrich Fernandes and withdrawn Peter Carvalho time and again curbed the

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Dempo Sports Club's Nestor Dias and Guardian Angel SC's Clifton Rebello try to overpower each other to take control of the ball at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, on Monday

rival attacks. Pruthvish Pednekar and Aaron Bareto also failed to guide their strikes inside the goal frame. However, just three minutes into the second session and Golden Eagles

forged ahead due to poor collection from goalkeeper Oswin Rodrigues off a cross from Shallum Pires to find Aaron Bareto heading the ball into the goal, 1-0.

As the match progressed, Dempo SC's U-21 Asmon Viegas and Aaron Bareto shot skywards from close.

Guardian Angel SC had just one goal bound strike at the rival goal but U-21 Rayan Menezes' power-packed right footer from inside the 18-yard box hit Dempo SC's defender for a corner.

A strong appeal by Guardian Angel SC's player for a penalty was turned down by Referee Valenton Fernandes.

In the stoppage time, Golden Eagles had two more chances to further increase their lead by substitute Saiesh Bagkar. First it was thwarted by Guardian Angel SC's custodian Oswin in one to one situation and two minutes later his goal-bound strike rebounded off the horizontal bar.

## Chennaiyin FC return to winning ways

**AGENCIES, JAMSHEDPUR:** Chennaiyin FC defeated Jamshedpur FC by 5-1 in the Indian Super League match played at the JRD Tata Sports Complex, here, on Monday.

It was a thoroughly professional performance from Chennaiyin FC as they dominated the match from the start to finish with Irfan Yadwad, Connor Shields, Wilmar Jordan Gil, and Lukas Brambilla all registering their names on the score-sheet. Javi Hernandez scored the only goal for the hosts. With this win, the Marina Machans secured their third triumph of the season.

**RESULT**  
Jamshedpur FC 1 (Javi Hernandez 81' (P))  
Chennaiyin FC 5 (Pratik Chaudhuri 0G 6', Irfan Yadwad 22', Connor Shields 24', Wilmar Jordan Gil 54', Lukas Brambilla 71')

## Guirim YCC win

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**MAPUSA:** Guirim Youth and Cultural Club registered a 2-0 win over United Ucassaim SCC in the Khelo India U-15 women's football league match played at Porjat ground, Calangute, on Monday.

## KHELO INDIA

United Ucassaim eves took field with just seven players. Rosani Sawant and Sanu Gosavi scored before the match was called off as another United Ucassaim player left the field due to injury.

## UB Ambaulim move ahead

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**RAIA:** United Boys of Ambaulim scrape past Bidesh XI Assonora 5-4 via tie-breaker to move ahead in the Fr Gervasio Pinto inter-village football tournament played at Pontemol ground, Curchorem, on Monday.

After a barren full session, Sowell Fernandes, Visititel Fernandes, Leodon Fernandes, Stephen Fernandes and Anthony Fernandes scored for UB Ambaulim, while Vijel Salgaonkar, Gaurish Bugde, Sahil Bugde and Allush Kudnekar shot at the target for Bidesh XI.

## Rohan continues to shine for PYA

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**PANJIM:** Piedade Youth Association demolished Ronit SC, Cacra, 7-0, in the Goa Football Association Division III League Zone match played at Agassaim ground, on Monday.

In the first half, Piedade Youth Association opened the scoring

## GFA DIV III LEAGUE

when a rough tackle by the Ronit SC defender in the D area, resulted in a penalty, which was converted by Macan.

Later, in a one-sided match, Rohan Pednekar scored three more goal to complete his hat-trick, while Vasant, Praveen and Snedden netted one goal each to add their names to the scorer's list.

## St Jude HS in last four

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**RAIA:** St Jude High School, Betalbatim, outplayed Rosary High School, Navelim, 4-1 to enter the semi-finals of Navelim Villagers Union U-14 football tournament organised by Navelim Villagers Union at Rosary Church ground, Navelim, on Monday.

## U-14 SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Milwerd D'Costa of St Jude High School scored four goals in the 10th, 34th, 50th and 55th minute of play, while Clive Colaco scored for Rosary High School, Navelim in the 29th minute of play. Milwerd D'Costa of St Jude High School was awarded the man-of-the-match by Kevin Fernandes, PE teacher of Rosary High School.

## PY Nuvem to meet Raia SC in semis

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**RAIA:** Parish Youth Nuvem secured a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Betalbatim Sports Club to enter the semi-finals of 23rd edition of Bro Eulalio Vas memorial football tournament organised by Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorda, at their ground on Monday.

PY Nuvem drew the first blood in the 15th minute through the boots of Drawin Colaco with a neat placement, while Betalbatim SC missed an opportunity to level terms in the 25th minute when Mhosin Shayed's shot sail over the crossbar.

Changing over, PY Nuvem further inflated the lead through Meislein Barreto by beating the defence and goalkeeper and placing the ball in the open net in the 45th minute.

Later on, Betalbatim SC pulled one goal back when Mhosin Shayed powerful shoot from the edge of the box crush into the net.

## TODAY'S SPORTS

**Goa Professional League:** Sporting Clube de Goa vs Vasco SC, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 3.45 pm

**GFA Division III League Ilhas Zone:** Kevnem SC vs Aivao United FC, at Goa University ground, Taleigao Plateau, 4 pm. Mercedes Club vs St Mathew's SC of Azossim, at Agassaim ground, 4 pm

**GFA U-15 Khelo India Women's League Group A (South Goa):** Sporting Clube de Rumdamol vs Union of Chinchinim Villagers, at Sinquetim Ground, 4.30 pm

**GFA U-15 Division I:** Cortalim Villagers SWSC vs Sesa FA, at Cansaulim ground, 4 pm

**GFA U-15 Division II Group A (North Goa):** MBBS SCC vs Goa United Sports Academy, Calangute, at Porjat ground, 4.15 pm. **Group B:** PVC Association, Parra vs Saligao SC, at Parra ground, 4.15 pm

**GFA U-13 Division II Group B (North Goa):** YSC Colvale vs Cunchelim SC, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 9.30 am. **Group A:** Valpoi FC vs Dunes SC, Mandrem, at Sinquerim ground, 4.15 pm

**Navelim Villagers Union U-14 football (semi-final):** Perpetual High School, Navelim, vs Our Lady of Health High School, Cuncolim, at Rosary Church ground, Navelim, 3.30 pm

**Navelim Villagers Union Trophy (quarter-final):** Canacona Sports and Cultural Club vs Guardian Angel Sports Club, Curchorem, at Rosary Church ground, Navelim, 4.30 pm

**Santa Cruz Club Trophy:** BDG vs PAK at Fr Druston & Wellington ground, Cavelossim, 5 pm

## FC Mardol drub Augustias SC

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**MAPUSA:** FC Mardol had an easy outing as they drubbed Augustias SC by 10-2 margin in the GFA's boys U-13 league match played at Sinquerim ground, on Monday.

## GFA U-13 LEAGUE

Kushal Paryekar opened the floodgates for FC Mardol lads. Krish Naik (2), Kaushik Matnekar (3), Vanish Gosavi (3), Mayank Govekar added their names to the scorer's list.

While for Augustias SC, Aman Xalxo and Kalash Shirodkar scored.

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## Anish wins Ponda Taluka Open Rapid Chess

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The winners along with chief guest Betqui-Khandola Sarpanch Vishant Naik DSSCC President Atul Lawande, PTCA President Sagar Sakordekar, Tournament Co-ordinator Mangesh Gaonkar, Administrative Chairman Dnyanesh Narvekar, Nandakumar Bhagat, Pramod Kamat, Sandesh Naik and other dignitaries at the Devkikrishna Hall, Marcel, recently

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**PANJIM:** Anish Naik won the Ponda Taluka Level Open Rapid Chess tournament organised by the Dhadsakhal Stars Sports and Cultural Club (DSSCC) in association with Ponda Taluka Chess Association (PTCA), at Devkikrishna Hall, Marcel, recently.

Yash Upadhye secured the second place and Soham Naik finished third in

the Open category. Avnish Borker, Riddhi Gaude, Siddhiraj Gaunkar, Mayank Kurtikar, Samruddh Borker, Swayam Naik, Sourish Haldankar, Raghvendra Gupta, Parth Kamat, Avaneeshwar Guin, Badal Bhagat and NitinchandraDighe secured the 4th to 15th place respectively.

Consolation prizes were awarded to Gaurish Naik, Ridhaan Prabhudesai, Siaan Kerkar, Amal-

## CHESS

ra Borkar, Sarthak Naik, Riddhi Narvekar, Samartha Gaonkar, Aarya Kamat Helaker, Nagesh Nayak, Bhumi Khedekar, Rohit Bharadwaj and Saanvi Gaude.

Betqui-Khandola Sarpanch Vishant Naik was the chief guest for the prize distribution ceremony. Also present were DSSCC President Atul Lawande, PTCA President Sagar Sakordekar, Tournament Co-ordinator Mangesh Gaonkar, Admin-

istrative Chairman Dnyanesh Narvekar, Nandakumar Bhagat, Pramod Kamat and Sandesh Naik. DSSCC Joint Secretary Chandrashekhar Chodankar compered and Mangesh Gaonkar proposed a vote of thanks. Earlier, the tournament was inaugurated by Dr Rajdatta Timble. 130 players participated. Arvind Mhamal was the chief arbiter and Milind Gaude was the assistant arbiter.

## Good start for Ultracon Madgaon Royals, Desserts N' More Avengers

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**ARLEM:** Ultracon Madgaon Royals defeated Mapusa Dream Crushers by 3 wickets on the opening day of 7th Sarsangan Super Series Cricket 2024-25 played at Arlem cricket ground, recently.

In the second match, Desserts N More Avengers got the better of SinQ Rangers by 12 runs via VJD Method.

Winning the toss, Madgaon Royals, hoping to make use of a slightly damp wicket, put Mapusa Dream Crushers into bat, in a 17 over-a-side match. However, Durgesh Prabhugaonkar feasted on the early lives offered, blasting 37 in just 15 deliveries with 2x4s and 3x6s and put on 44 in 27 balls with his partner Pan-kaj Naik, who made 10.

The young 14-year-old Adeep Prabhu Miskin, coming in at No. 3 didn't let the Royals take a breather as he amassed 40 (35 balls, 3x4s, 2x6s) and with good support from Paarth Kossambe (21, 16 balls, 1x4s, 1x6s), Anish Mahambrey 14 No. and Mahesh Churi 11 No. helped the Dream Crushers post 149/4 in their allotted 17 overs. Siddesh Desai, Shaunit Sawardekar and Sandesh Bambolkar picked a wicket each.

HERALD PICS



Damodar Pai Patnekar receives the Drogaria Colvalcar man-of-the-match trophy from Nagnath Shanbhag. (Right) Sankalp Bhat receives the Drogaria Colvalcar man-of-the-match trophy from Sahil Adwalpalkar at Arlem cricket ground, recently

In reply, the Royals got off to a disastrous start losing Mahendra Audi before he could trouble the scorers. However the skipper Damodar Pai Patnekar (39 no, 20 balls, 3x4s, 2x6s) and Saa-iel Kossambe (32, 27 balls, 3x4s, 1x6s) steadied the ship stitching an important 54-run partnership in 35 balls.

With Nikit Naik Dalal also not disturbing the scorers, the middle order of Megh Netravalkar (29, 18 balls, 1x4s, 2x6s), Prasheel Kamat (11 runs) and Siddesh Desai (19 runs) took the Royals on the brink of victory.

Needing 6 runs in 4 balls, team owner Ashesh Pai Duke took his side home remaining not out on 7 with a ball to spare, to help the Royals reach 150/7 in 16.5 overs. Sarvesh Kamat, Kritin Bhangu, Mahesh Churi and Keshav Bhat picked a wicket apiece.

## SARSANGAN SUPER SERIES CRICKET

The following individual prizes were awarded: Damodar Pai Patnekar - Drogaria Colvalcar Man-of-the Match, Adeep Pares Miskin - Priority Constructions Best Batter and Shaunit Sawardekar - Wakao Best Bowler

In the second match, electing to bat first, SinQ Rangers were rocked by DnM Avengers Sankalp Bhat with his raw pace as he skittled Nilay Naik Dalal (13 runs), Sachin Kenkre (0) and Sairaj Dhond (14 runs) in a 2 over magical spell picking 3-12.



With Sanat Mhapne falling for just 5 runs, it was left to Gaurav Gaitonde 16 (12 balls, 1x4s, 1x6s) and the young Goa hopeful Samprabh Phaladesai 26 no (13 balls, 3x4s, 1x6s) to help the SinQ Rangers post a healthy 143/7 in 20 overs.

Sankalp Bhat 3-12, Vaibhav Kadkade 2-18, Siddhesh Prabhu Alvenkar 1-23 and Aditya Dalal 1-34 were the successful bowlers for the Desserts N More Avengers.

In reply, the Avengers, having lost both their openers, Sachin Bhandare (11 runs) and Sanat Prabhudesai (1 run), cheaply were rescued by Aditya Dalal 20 (11 balls, 3x4s) and Sarin Pai Kane (36 runs, 31 balls, 3x4s). A flurry of wickets

which helped the Rangers to sneak back in the match, was duly thwarted by the batting display of Vaibhav Kadkade (13 runs), Akhil Narkarni (19 runs) and captain Siddhesh Prabhu Alvenkar (14 No.) under fading light.

With bad light forcing the umpires to stop the match, Desserts N More Avengers which made 132/6 emerged victorious on VJD method by 12 runs as the revised target after 17 overs was 120 runs. Samprabh Phaladesai 2-11, Sairaj Dhond 1-13, Sanat Mhapne 1-25 and Gaurav Gaitonde 1-25 were the successful bowlers.

The following individual prizes were awarded: Sankalp Bhat - Drogaria Colvalcar Man-of-the-Match, Sarin Kane - Priority Constructions Best Batter and Samprabh Phaladesai - Wakao Best Bowler.

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# Match-fixing scandal breaks out in Mizoram football

## 24 players, three clubs and three officials banned

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** In a shocking development, three clubs, 24 players and three club officials have been banned by the Mizoram Football Association (MFA) for alleged match-fixing in a recently-held competition in the State.

Three clubs -- Sihphir Venghluh FC, FC Bethlehem and Ramhlun Athletic FC -- have been banned for three years along with three match officials for allegedly manipulating the outcome of matches in the Mizoram Premier League.

"It has come to the notice of the Mizoram Football Association, after investigations with local law enforcement agencies that certain clubs, officials and players in the recently concluded MPL-11 had indulged in acts of corruption, for which they have been penalised after careful deliberations. These activities involving a few miscreants represent a severe breach of our values, undermine the integrity of our sport and disrespect the fans who passionately support Mizoram Football

— Mizoram Football Association

ruption, for which they have been penalised after careful deliberations," the State football body said in a statement.

The MFA imposed life bans on two players, five-year bans on four players, three-year bans on 10 footballers, and one-year bans on eight men involved in the alleged corruption.

"These activities involving a few miscreants represent a severe breach of our val-

ues, undermine the integrity of our sport and disrespect the fans who passionately support Mizoram Football," read the MFA statement.

"As a consequence of these findings we have imposed strict penalties on those involved."

"We also assure stakeholders that clubs found to be complicit in these activities will face sanctions affecting their participation in future competitions, and

players and officials implicated will be subject to suspensions and other disciplinary measures deemed appropriate by the MFA," it added in the statement.

The three clubs are all part of the top State league and Sihphir finished among the top four, losing out in the semi-final to eventual winners Aizawl FC.

Seeking support from the football community in this challenging time, the MFA said, "We call upon football fans, partners, and the broader football community to stand with us as we address this challenging chapter."

The association admitted that the scandal could damage the league's reputation and stressed its commitment to moving forward with transparency and integrity.

# Cummins leads Australia to 2-wicket win over Pak

**AP, MELBOURNE:** Captain Pat Cummins kept his nerve on his return to international cricket to lead Australia to a nervy two-wicket win over Pakistan in the first one-day international on Monday.

A calm Cummins made an unbeaten 32 off 31 balls to steer Australia to 204-8 with more than 16 overs to spare, after the middle-order had stumbled in a modest run chase.

Searing pace from Mitchell Starc (3-33) had earlier helped to bowl out Pakistan for 203 with Cummins, playing his first international since the T20 World Cup in June, picking up 2-39 after he won the toss and elected to field.

Josh Inglis (49) and Steve Smith (44) had the chase under control at 113-2 before Pakistan's four-pronged pace attack had Australia reeling at 155-7 on a bouncy MCG wicket. Fast bowler Haris Rauf (3-67) ignited the collapse when he had Smith caught at point and then Marnus Labuschagne (16) and Glenn Maxwell (0) were undone by pacy deliveries.

Shaheen Shah Afridi picked up 2-43, but Cummins added 30 runs with Sean Abbott before the skipper carried his side over the line for a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Earlier, five of Paki-



Australian batsman Pat Cummins (right) is congratulated by teammate Mitchell Starc after hitting the winning run during the first One-Day International match against Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in Melbourne, on Monday

stan's six top-order batters, fresh from playing on spinning wickets at home against England, struggled to cope with the pace of Starc and Cummins.

Babar Azam, who was omitted from the last two test victories against England, made a fluent 37 as the rest of the top-order crumbled.

Starc removed debutant Saim Ayub in his second

over when the left-hander played the ball back onto his stumps, and Abdullah Shafique couldn't pull his bat out of the way of another short delivery and was caught behind.

Starc, playing his 54th ODI in Australia, reached 100 wickets at home and

broke the record of Brett Lee, who achieved his milestone in 55 ODIs.

The left-arm Starc is now fourth on the all-time list of Australian ODI bowlers, behind Glenn McGrath, Lee and Shane Warne.

The second game will be played in Adelaide on Friday with the final ODI in Perth on Sunday. The series will be followed by three T20s.

# Olmo fires Barca past Espanyol, Simeone's son strikes for Atletico

**AFP, BARCELONA:** Dani Olmo scored twice on his first start as he comes back from injury as Barcelona beat local rivals Espanyol 3-1 on Sunday to move nine points clear at the top of La Liga.

Earlier Atletico Madrid eased to a 2-0 win over Las Palmas and moved third, with coach Diego Simeone's son Giuliano netting his first goal for the club.

With second-place Real Madrid not in action after their game at Valencia was called off because of the devastating floods in the region, Hansi Flick's soaring Barcelona stretched their lead on the champions.

Raphinha netted in between Olmo's goals as Barcelona racked up a three-goal lead by the 31st minute at the Olympic stadium.

Javi Puado pulled one back as Espanyol fought hard to avoid a derby pummeling in the second half, with the visitors scoring three disallowed goals.

Barcelona have started life under Flick in sensational form and after beating Bayern Munich and Real Madrid last week cruised to victory against Manolo Gonzalez's side.

Barca's marquee summer signing produced an electric display in the first half.

Teenage Spain star Lamine Yamal crafted his first goal with a delicious pass using the outside of his boot, which Olmo dispatched with an explosive finish.

Brazilian winger Raphinha lofted the second over Garcia when Marc Casado produced a fine pass which split Espanyol's defence.

Olmo added his second with a powerful low drive



RCD Espanyol's Spanish defender #22 Carlos Romero (left) challenges FC Barcelona's Spanish forward #20 Daniel Olmo for a header during the Spanish league match at the Estadi Olimpic Lluis Companys in Barcelona

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**Atletico Madrid 2 (Simeone 37, Sorloth 84) Las Palmas 0, Barcelona 3 (Olmo 12, 31, Raphinha 23) Espanyol 1 (Puado 63), Sevilla 0 Real Sociedad 2 (Kubo 34, Oyarzabal 68-pen), Athletic Bilbao 1 (Berenguer 68) Real Betis 1 (Formal 52). Saturday: Osasuna 1 (Budimir 19-pen) Valladolid 0, Girona 4 (Gutierrez 21, Martinez 31, Stuani 62-pen, Gonzalez 73-og) Leganes 3 (Tapia 24, Cruz 41, Munir 77). Friday: Alaves 1 (Guridi 76) Mallorca 0. Postponed due to floods: Villarreal vs Rayo Vallecano, Valencia vs Real Madrid**

but after that Barcelona were frustrated as neighbours Espanyol, 17th, battled well.

After two Espanyol strikes were ruled out for offside, Puado found the net and then had another goal ruled out as the ball had gone out of play.

Injured Barcelona winger Ferran Torres, from Foios in the Valencia region, wrote in a post on Instagram that he did not have the strength to come to the stadium to watch the game because of the impact of the floods which have killed more than 210 people.

Atletico coach Diego Simeone had said there was "no sense" in playing La Liga matches this weekend because of the floods, but his team secured a comfortable victory.

Donations of food and other useful products were collected outside the Metropolitan stadium in support of those affected in the east of Spain by the floods which have killed more than 200 people.

The hosts took the lead after 37 minutes when Nahuel Molina's long ball found Simeone darting in behind the defence.

The striker, deployed on the right wing by his father, burst into the box and swept the ball into the far corner.

The coach explained that his son's workrate was a key factor in him starting.

Athletic Bilbao and Real Betis shared a 1-1 draw at San Mames.

Pablo Fornals, born in Castellon which was affected by the floods, scored for Betis and spoke in tears on television after the game.

# Saha to retire after Ranji Trophy

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Veteran India wicketkeeper-batter Wridhiman Saha has announced his retirement from cricket, saying that the ongoing Ranji Trophy season will be his last.

The 40-year-old Bengal stumper has featured in 40 Tests and nine ODIs since making his international debut in 2010.

"After a cherished journey in cricket, this season will be my last. I am honoured to represent Bengal one final time, playing only in the Ranji Trophy before I retire," Saha said in a social media post. "Let's make this season one to remember," he added in a post that went up late on Sunday night.

Saha was a part of India's red-ball set-up for a long time before he was informed by then head coach Rahul Dravid that the selectors and the team management were looking beyond him. He was released from BCCI's central contracts' list last year.

One of his most memorable knocks for India came during New Zealand's 2016 tour where he scored unbeaten fifties on a seam-

ing track against a quality bowling attack comprising the likes of Trent Boult, Matt Henry, Neil Wagner and Mitchell Santner at the Eden Gardens.

He was adjudged player of the match for his exploits in that Test. A middle-order floater in the national lineup, his overall Test career yielded 1353 runs, including three hundreds.

A stalwart of domestic cricket, he made his First Class debut for Bengal way back in 2007, amassing 7013 runs in 138 games.

He briefly served as Tripura's player-cum-mentor after a rift with some Cricket Association of Bengal officials in 2022. However, following a meeting with former India captain Sourav Ganguly, Saha returned to Bengal this season.

He also played 170 Indian Premier League matches, representing various teams including Kolkata Knight Riders, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Gujarat Titans. His lone hundred in the tournament came in the 2014 final for Punjab Kings against Kolkata Knight Riders.



# Women's FTP 2025-29: India to host England, Australia in marquee home series

**PTI, DUBAI:** India will host Australia and England in high-profile home series as the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Monday gave significance to Test matches and bilateral rubbers while announcing women's cricket Future Tours Programme (FTP) for the 2025-29 cycle.

Apart from the storied rivals, India will also face Bangladesh and Zimbabwe, who was unveiled as the 11th member of the FTP, at home during the four-year period.

The Women in Blue will also travel to New Zealand, West Indies, Ireland and South Africa in this phase as each member nations are scheduled to play four series at home and abroad.

Apart from this, India will also feature in a tri-series in England ahead of the 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup, the third team being reigning champions New Zealand.

England will host the 2026

Women's T20 World Cup.

"Members have also penciled in more Test matches this time, with Australia, England, India, South Africa and the West Indies all agreeing to play multi-format series that include ODIs and T20Is," said Wasim Khan, ICC General Manager of Cricket, in a media release.

The members have scheduled, by mutual agreement, tri-series as preparation for ICC events in this cycle.

"Ahead of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026, England will host India and New Zealand for such a three-team T20I tournament while Ireland will host Pakistan and the West Indies. Sri Lanka and the West Indies are among other Members scheduled to host tri-series, in 2027 and 2028, respectively," Khan added. The FTP also outlined the fixtures for the fourth edition of the ICC Women's Championship.

The 2025-29 cycle, set to shape the lineup for the

2029 Women's Cricket World Cup, will expand to feature 11 teams -- with one more than the current 10 -- with Zimbabwe joining the full member sides.

"Notably, Zimbabwe will make their debut in the tournament, marking a significant step toward broader global representation in women's cricket," he said.

"The Women's Championship, which has been instrumental in ensuring more international cricket since its inception in 2014, sees the number of participating teams go up to 11 with Zimbabwe added to the 10 competing in the ongoing third edition that included Bangladesh and Ireland for the first time."

In its maiden appearance at the tournament, Zimbabwe will host South Africa, West Indies, Ireland and Sri Lanka and will tour India, New Zealand, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

The second women's FTP,

# IPL auction in Riyadh at the end of Nov

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The Indian Premier League's high-profile auction will be held in the Saudi Arabian capital city of Riyadh in the last week of this month, sources in the BCCI confirmed on Monday.

"The IPL auctions will be held in Riyadh and it has been notified to the franchises. The likely dates are November 24 and 25," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

This year's auction is a mega one with high profile India stars like Rishabh Pant, KL Rahul, Shreyas Iyer and Arshdeep Singh are going to go under the hammer.

The 10 franchises will collectively have around Rs 641.5 crore to spend for 204 slots that are available. Out of those 204 slots, 70 are earmarked for overseas players. As of now, 46 players have been retained by the 10 franchises with cumulative expenditure of Rs 558.5 crore.

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### Series defeat against New Zealand will impact India's performance against Aussies: Gilchrist

**SYDNEY:** Australian legends Adam Gilchrist and David Warner have little doubt that Indian players' psyche would have been scarred after the recent whitewash at home by New Zealand, but they said it will be naive to consider Rohit Sharma's side "easy beats" in the five-Test Border-Gavaskar Trophy, beginning at Perth from November 22. "It does (series defeat has an impact), more for the Indian players and the Indian team internally. They have to be asking themselves pretty hard questions," former wicket-keeper batter Gilchrist told Fox Sports. "The pressure and the expectation and the desire from a passionate cricketing nation to see that change around, that'll ride heavily on those shoulders of all those players." Gilchrist said India has the wherewithal to regroup after the heavy setback. Former opener Warner said the series defeat against the Black Caps will certainly be playing in Indian cricketers' minds. "It (the series defeat) helps the Australian guys. They're coming here after being beaten at home 3-0 for five Tests against the Australian boys, (who have) three world class quicks and a world class spin bowler, and I'd be nervous if I'm in there batting order. I would be nervous," said Warner. The left-hander felt that countering pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj would be key to Australia's success in the upcoming series.

### I've come to know the feeling of 'running the drinks' really well: Will Young

**MUMBAI:** Replacing a player of Kane Williamson's stature can be a daunting task but Will Young, who played a pivotal role in New Zealand's historic 3-0 Test series win in India, saw it as an opportunity to create his own mark after "running the drinks" as a reserve batter for four years. If New Zealand's batting appeared thin with Williamson not making it to India for the first Test in Bengaluru due to injury, the 31-year-old Young banished any such doubts with his unbeaten 48 as the Kiwis hammered the hosts by eight wickets. As it became evident that Williamson would not make it to India in time to help New Zealand clear trials by spin at Pune and Mumbai, Young had given enough indications that he was ready for the challenge. "Since my debut about four years ago, I've been in and out through form (or) through selection. I've been a reserve batter for a number of years now so I've come to know the feeling of running the drinks really well," Young told media here.

### Standout boxing nation at Paris Olympics joins new body aiming to keep the sport at Games

**LAUSANNE:** The most successful boxing nation at the Paris Olympics has joined the new governing body that aims to keep the sport in the 2028 Los Angeles Games after years of turmoil outside the ring. The boxing federation of Uzbekistan, whose fighters won five of the 13 gold medals in Paris this year, is among four new members of World Boxing, said the Switzerland-based body that is trying to win formal recognition by the International Olympic Committee. The IOC has set a deadline of "early 2025" to work with a new governing body replacing the Russian-led International Boxing Association, which was banished from the Olympic movement last year.

### Fans will see a new side of Indian women's hockey team: Coach Harendra

**RAJGIR (Bihar):** The Indian women's hockey team has been struggling this year but chief coach Harendra Singh on Monday promised that his wards will play as a "new side" and will not disappoint the fans during the Asian Champions Trophy, beginning here on November 11. Harendra, who was named chief coach in April this year after India failed to qualify for the Paris Olympics, said the team has worked on its combinations and decision-making in the shooting circle, aiming to lift the trophy. "Each team will come with the goal of winning the trophy, and we have spent the last five months preparing with the Asian Champions Trophy in mind. We identified areas for improvement, such as combinations and decision-making in the shooting circle, and have worked on them," said Harendra after the home team's arrival here. "I am confident that hockey fans will witness a new side of the Indian women's hockey team this time, and they won't be disappointed," he said.