



## BJP leadership prioritises govt stability in 2027

■ Asks Goa CM & Min Vishwajit Rane to maintain cordial relationship

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**PANAJI:** In a clear direction, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) high command has asked Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Health Minister Vishwajit Rane to maintain a cordial relationship to ensure stability of the State government till 2027. Sawant and Rane



were summoned by the party's high command in the national capital on Monday evening.

The meeting was held at Union Minister and BJP chief JP Nadda's residence. Union Ministers Amit Shah and Sukanta Majumdar, the national organising secretary BL Santhosh among others attended the meeting.



The leaders held one to one conversation with the State leaders.

While Sawant refused to comment on the purpose of the meeting with the senior leaders, the development comes against the backdrop of a statement made by Rane recently.

At a public meeting, Rane said it was the

state government's responsibility to provide at least 22,000 jobs to unemployed youth in the state. Sources informed that both Sawant and Rane are advised to maintain a cordial relation and ensure that the party is taken into confidence in the decision making. The leaders were asked that working together is important to maintain government stability and in the interest of the people.

It is also learnt that the Chief Minister, has been asked to revise the government decision of conducting recruitments through Staff Selection

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## Tamnar project is in public interest: HC

■ Dismisses petition pleading to declare Tamnar line as illegal, null & void

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**PANAJI:** The High Court of Bombay At Goa has dismissed petition pleading to declare Tamnar power transmission line as illegal, null and void. The High Court while dismissing the petition observed that 'Project is in public interest'.

The petitioners argued before the high court that the Supreme Court's ruling and the Central

Empowered Committee's (CEC) recommendations are in conflict with the planned 400 kV line route between Xeldem and Mapusa. They claimed that the work is being done in defiance of the Supreme Court, the CEC's recommendations, and the lack of authorized alignment lines. They added that, other from the current 220kV route, the project has no authority to access their properties at

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### NOTICE

Due to a Public Holiday on October 2, Gandhi Jayanti. There will be no publication on October 2. Readers may please take note of the same.



## "Have Letter, Next Step Is...": Mysuru Land Body On Siddaramaiah's Wife's Offer

**Investigative action against the Chief Minister follows the Karnataka High Court quashing a challenge to Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot's order sanctioning Siddaramaiah's prosecution.**

**Mysuru:** The Mysuru land authority at the centre of a financial and political storm - involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and alleged losses of ₹ 45 crore to the state - has received an offer of restitution from his wife, the urban development body's Commissioner, AN Raghunandan said.

"I am in possession of a letter written by Siddaramaiah's wife regarding her intention to return 14 plots (of land). The Chief Minister's son, Yatindra Siddaramaiah, came to our office and delivered the letter. We will take legal advice for the next step..." he told reporters in Mysuru.

Mr Raghunandan also confirmed anti-corruption officials from

the city's Lokayukta branch had written seeking cooperation in its inquiry into the charges against the Chief Minister. He said the Mysuru Urban Development Authority, or MUDA, "will cooperate with the investigation". The Enforcement Directorate, however, have not reached out as yet, Mr Raghunandan said. The ED, a federal agency, has filed a money laundering case against Siddaramaiah. There have also been calls for the CBI, another federal agency, to investigate charges against the Chief Minister, but that appears unlikely now given the Karnataka government has withdrawn general consent for its operations in the state.

## Sexual harassment: Margao Adv detained

**MARGAO:** A lawyer from Margao named Adv Pritesh Prabhu has been detained by the Fatorda Police in relation to accusations made by two female lawyers that he allegedly outraged their modesty. The Fatorda Police filed two separate FIRs against the suspects in response to the complaints.

A female complainant claimed in the initial initial Information Report (FIR) that Pritesh had sexually



touched her while she was seated on a bench in the Margao Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class.

The female complainant

in the second complaint claimed that the accused had inappropriately touched her. The event happened at the JMFC, Margao corridor.

Pritesh was previously detained by the Margao Police on suspicion of following a female attorney. The Margao Police then sent a female PSI and policeman to the accused's Davorlim home in response to the complaint.

The story took a turn when Pritesh's father, Adv Jayant Prabhu, killed himself and accused the woman PSI for being impolite during the search in his suicide note.

## Matrimonial scams on rise; SP CyberCrime warns Goans

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**PANAJI:** Goa residents have been forewarned by the Goa Police Cyber Crime Branch about an increase in marriage scams that prey on single women.

Rahul Gupta, Superintendent of Police (SP) Cyber Crime, alerted the public—especially single women—about the dangers of strangers pretending to be NRIs and attempting to buddy them on social media.



"The scammers specifically target unmarried women, claiming to be NRIs," the SP stated. They might ask you to marry them on Instagram or Facebook,

where they will friend you. The offer can be enticing, and the single woman might fall victim to it.

The scammer will say that he is traveling to India to

present gifts or to submit an official proposal. However, he might phone from an airport, claiming to be in need of money and acting as though he was caught by the police. He might ask the woman to assist him. A lady who is emotionally involved might eventually send the money.

"Avoid falling into such traps. SP Gupta advised, "One should always be cautious and avoid sending money to such fraudsters."



# What HC order in Tamnar means for Goa's greens?

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The High Court of Bombay At Goa on Monday passed a significant order regarding the Tamnar power transmission line project. The court dismissed a petition that sought to declare the project illegal,

null, and void, stating that the project was in the public interest. This decision has sparked a debate and raised concerns among the petitioners and villagers affected by the transmission line route.

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presented their argument before the high court, citing the conflict between the planned 400 kV line route between Xeldem and Mapusa and the Supreme Court's ruling, as well as the Central Empowered Committee's (CEC) recommendations. They emphasized that the project is progressing without authorized alignment lines and is in defiance of the Supreme Court and CEC's recommendations.

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In response to these arguments, the division bench of the High Court carefully examined the Supreme Court's order and the CEC's

recommendations. Justices M S Karnik and Valmiki Menezes stated that the CEC's recommendations are related to forest areas, particularly in the ecologically delicate and biodiversity-rich Western Ghats of Goa. The court declared that the arguments for drawing the proposed 400kV line along the existing 220kV corridor line do not hold merit in light of the CEC's observations and recommendations.

Representatives of M/s Goa Tamnar Transmission Project Ltd., including Advocate General Devidas Pangam and Advocate Ashwin Bhohe, assured the high court of prompt attention to compensation claims and legal releases. They also pledged careful planning to minimize any harm to the petitioners' properties during the project's execution.

The High Court's decision to dismiss the petition and uphold the public interest in the Tamnar power transmission line project has left the petitioners and affected villagers in a challenging situation.

The concerns raised by the petitioners regarding

livelihood, property rights, and compliance with legal and environmental regulations must be addressed effectively to ensure fair treatment and mitigation of adverse impacts.

It is essential for all stakeholders, including the project developers, authorities, and affected villagers, to engage in constructive dialogue and transparent processes to resolve these concerns. Balancing public interest with the protection of individual rights and environmental considerations is crucial for the successful implementation of infrastructure projects.

The decision of the High Court underscores the need for a comprehensive and fair approach to address the complexities surrounding large-scale development projects.

The villagers have been fighting a lingering battle for the last 5 years against the project which they feel will destroy the environment. The only option left now is the Supreme Court. The greens will have to challenge the same in the Apex court to keep the fight going.



## Passenger Causes Mid-Flight Disturbance by Inflating Life Jacket mid air

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**DABOLIM:** A passenger onboard Indigo Airlines flight No. 6E-6982 from Bengaluru to Goa was charged with endangering passenger safety after inflating a life jacket mid-flight. The incident occurred between 11:39 hrs and 12:28 hrs on Sunday, while

the aircraft was airborne.

The accused, identified as Anjaneya Prasad, a resident of Andhra Pradesh, was seated in seat No. 28C. Without provocation, he inflated the life jacket of the adjacent passenger, causing unnecessary panic and potential safety concerns for others onboard.

## Passenger Detained at Goa Airport for Possession of Live Ammunition

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**DABOLIM:** A passenger was apprehended at Dabolim Airport on Monday after security personnel discovered a live .32 caliber round in his hand baggage during a routine security check.

The incident occurred at 13:42 hrs when



passenger Shashank Rishay, a resident of Chapra, Saran, Bihar, was preparing to board Indigo Airlines flight scheduled to depart for Delhi at 15:20

hrs. During the security scan at Domestic Security Hold Area, the ammunition was detected by ATRS machine No.02.

Upon questioning, Rishay was unable to produce a valid license for possessing such ammunition.

The matter was immediately reported to

the police, and a case was registered at the Dabolim Airport Police station under section 3 r/w 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 on the basis of a complaint filed by CISF Inspector Hemendra Parjapati.

PSI Akanksh Fadte Dessai of Dabolim Airport Police station is carrying out further investigation

## Fire Breaks Out in Vasco Market Stall, Prompt Response Prevents Major Disaster

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**VASCO:** A fire broke out in the early hours of Tuesday morning at a sugarcane juice stall in the Vasco vegetable market near T.B. Cunha Chowk. The fire, reported at around 5:15 am, was swiftly controlled by

the Vasco fire department, preventing it from spreading to nearby shops. Vasco Fire Officer Dilip Bicholkar stated that the estimated loss from the fire amounts to Rs 1.5 lakhs, but the fire brigade's timely intervention saved property worth approximately Rs 5 lakhs.





# No permission, till Sunburn organisers have land to host event: Khaunte

■ MLA Lobo says if South Goans do not want sunburn, it should not be imposed upon them

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**PANAJI:** Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte warned that unless the Sunburn organizers secure proper land to stage the event, with the required NOC for the same, the tourism department will not provide any authorization.

According to Khaunte, the organisers of Sunburn had proposed to hold the event in South Goa approximately five months prior, but they were lacking the necessary land for the location.

"Unless Sunburn organisers have land to host event with proper NOC, tourism dept will not grant any permission,"



said Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte

Khaunte also said that almost 5 months back Sunburn organizers had submitted proposal to host event in South; but they had no land; no fresh proposal is moved to tourism dept so far.

"If they get all the required permissions, we will process their request," stated Khaunte.

Michael Lobo, the MLA

for Calangute, stated that if the people of South Goa do not want sunburn, it should not be imposed upon them.

He said he was in favor of the event as long as it complied with all laws and guidelines, particularly those pertaining to "Clean Sunburn."

Lobo also emphasized that, with the exception of individuals in his constituency, the majority



of Goans are unwilling to tolerate Sunburn.

He remembered that the festival was originally hosted in Candolim and then moved to Vagator, which he thought was a suitable venue. In order to determine the optimal location for Sunburn—one with all the amenities required—he recommended that the government consult with officials.

# PMO asks Goa govt to look into Smart City works mismanagement

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**PANAJI:** The Goa Forward Party brought up concerns about the mishandling of Smart City projects in the capital city, and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has requested that the State government investigate these matters.

Vijai Sardesai, the president of the Goa Forward Party and a member of parliament, wrote a letter to the prime minister's office (PMO) in New Delhi on June 12 of this year, accusing the office of corruption and ordering subpar work.

The letter also called for a thorough audit of the Panjim Smart City projects, covering financial, quality, and safety aspects.



In his letter, Sardesai said that the unplanned and chaotic building activity that was occurring while Panaji was being turned into a Smart City was the reason for the city's degradation. The Panaji locals were experiencing constant hardship due to the scenario. Sardesai had said that the project's implementation had been plagued by numerous problems, despite a significant funding allocation of almost Rs 1,200 crore, which had left the locals feeling deeply disappointed, irritated, and outraged.



# Heavy rush to link Aadhaar Card (EKYC) against Gas connection to avail Gas cylinders in Canacona.

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**CANACONA –** It's been 15 days and people continuously queues up at the only Hindustan Petroleum (HP) Gas distributor to comply with the mandatory eKYC to link Aadhar Card to Gas connection to avail a Gas Cylinder. As people grasp to complete the EKYC at the only and every now an then failing system (Portal/Server) of HP dealer-Prabhudessai Gas Service at Chaudi in Canacona, the plight of helpless people upsets congress leader Janardhan Bhandari who lost no time to confront the Gas Distributor and HP Gas company Sale Manager present at the site on Monday.

Amidst the chaotic situation where a big queue was waiting patiently for portal/server to function at the Gas Distributor, Bhandari demanded with the HP Gas company and the Distributor to continue providing Gas Cylinders as was previously

provided and not insist on eKYC compliance and mobile—booking till the issue of settles down 'Don't harass people whatsoever, just provide non-complicated service to unsuspecting people', Bhandari demanded. 'Bring awareness amongst people and get the eKYC procedure completed by deputing sufficient people (Gas Company/Distributor) to each of the 7 village panchayat areas of Canacona taluka. Not everyone is reading papers, nor every mobile holder particularly from rural areas is literate enough to comply with the new Gas policy of eKYC and booking of Gas cylinder on mobile phone. You first bring awareness amongst people in every villages and then implement it'. 'We are giving you two days until Thursday to decide, but till the eKYC imbroglio is not complied by all the Gas Consumers, revert back to providing gas cylinders to the needy people hassle-free and do not trouble the public.'

# Temporary Closure of Velsao Railway Crossing Gate Causes Panic Among Villagers

■ Railways Assure Emergency Arrangements

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**VELSAO:** Panic swept through the village of Velsao, particularly in the Dando area, after the South Western Railways announced the temporary closure of the railway crossing gate.

The closure, scheduled from Monday midnight until early Tuesday morning, raised concerns among residents about the potential impact on emergency services.

Social worker Roquezinho D'Souza, responding to the situation,



visited the site to assess the matter.

He clarified that the closure would last from 11:30 PM on Monday to 6 AM on Tuesday, but assured residents that the railways would station an officer at the gate throughout the night to manage any emergencies.

"I spoke with the

Cortalim MLA Anton Vas and the railway authorities. We emphasized that the Dando area, a fishing village, relies heavily on transport during the early hours, particularly for the transportation of fish and ice. Additionally, concerns were raised about ambulances and fire brigades not being able to cross the gate during emergencies," said D'Souza.

The railways assured D'Souza that appropriate arrangements would be made to ensure that no one would be left stranded

during this temporary closure.

While this immediate solution has provided some relief, D'Souza stressed that the village needs a permanent fix. "There has been no proposal from the local panchayats to construct an underpass or a railway overbridge, which is urgently needed as a long-term solution," he added.

Youth leader Aliston Pinto also expressed his views on the situation, echoing the need for a sustainable solution for the village.

# Unemployment data on Goa is 'wrong': Babush

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**PANAJI:** Revenue Minister Babush Monserrate has refuted the unemployment figures that indicated Goa was the state with the highest rate of unemployment.

"The Labour Commissioner had visited Delhi to have a meeting with the Union Labour Minister," he said in a statement to reporters.

He has made it clear that the information is completely inaccurate and essentially does not originate from the labor



department. We reject it. According to Monserrate, the Directorate of Planning, Statistics & Evaluation ought to inquire further

about the data from the Center. According to the Union Planning and Statistics Ministry's Periodic Labour Force Survey

(PLFS) for the July 2023–June 2024 period, Goa has an 8.7% unemployment rate across all age categories, far higher than the 4.1% national average.

According to the data, the state's youth unemployment rate for those aged 15 to 29 is estimated to be 19.1%.

The study, which looks at data from June 2023 to June 2024, found that women in Goa have a worse jobless rate than men do, with women's labor force participation standing at 21.2% vs men's 56%.





# Challenges confront Vasco's four markets

■ Congestion, hygiene concerns, encroachments are among concerns raised by traders, customers

The port town is home to a network of dedicated markets that serve the daily needs of its residents. With separate spaces for vegetables, fruits, fish, and meat, the markets ensure that Vascokars have access to fresh produce and essential goods. However, these bustling markets also face challenges ranging from

congestion to hygiene concerns, prompting ongoing interventions by the Mormugao Municipal Council (MMC). **Vegetable Market: Hub of activity** At the core of Vasco's commercial life lies the vegetable market, a hotspot for both customers and complaints. Located right in the city centre,

the market sees a heavy footfall throughout the day. However, the influx of visitors, combined with the encroachment of vendors extending beyond their designated stalls, has led to significant congestion. The MMC has responded with several enforcement drives, targeting vendors who place products

outside their stalls. In more drastic measures, the council has even confiscated goods, redistributing them to local orphanages and old-aged homes. Yet, despite these efforts, the market continues to thrive, with plans underway to further decongest the area by implementing stricter rules and regulations.

## [SPOTLIGHT]

**A** Poor hygiene, inadequate drainage and stench of meat waste have been an issue at the chicken and mutton market in Vasco.

**B** Clogged drains, uncollected waste, and slippery floors have been a concern at the fish market in Vasco.

**C** Encroachments of vendors have been an issue at the vegetable market in Vasco.

**D** Traffic congestion and haphazard parking of vehicles have been a problem at the fruit market in Vasco.

## Municipal modern market vendors protest against illegal roadside vendors

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**MORMUGAO:** The vendors of the Mormugao Municipal Modern Market have on Monday expressed their concerns over the increasing presence of illegal roadside businesses in the city, which they claim are negatively impacting their livelihoods.

The market vendors, who have set up their stalls in the municipal market, have been facing significant losses due to the growing competition from these unauthorized street vendors. They allege that the roadside vendors are able to attract more customers, leading to a decline in the footfall and sales at the municipal market. The vendors have now urged the Mormugao Municipal Council (MMC) to take strict action against the illegal roadside



vendors, ensuring a level playing field for the authorized market vendors.

They believe that enforcement of regulations and a crackdown on the unauthorized businesses will help restore the viability of the municipal market and protect the livelihoods of the legitimate vendors.

MMC Chairperson Girish Borker and city ward councillor Shami Salkar along with police took a

drive on Sunday to clear roadside vendors after the Modern market vendors threatened to close shops Borker speaking to reporters agreed on the plea of the Modern market vendors. "This is not right that some people arrive from different places and sell products on a cycle or ok roadsides. These illegal hawkers do not pay the MMC any fees while they also destroy the business of legitimate vendors of the municipal market.

This has to stop and we have started a drive that will continue for over a month to crack down on these illegal roadside hawkers. We have also requested the police to evict any such hawkers on the roads, especially on Sundays when the MMC is closed or even after office hours. These hawkers take advantage of the absence of MMC staff after evenings or on Sundays and this will not be tolerated" said Borker

## Qatar Airways Flight Diverted from Mopa to Dabolim Airport Amidst Bad Weather

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**DABOLIM:** In an unexpected turn of events, a Qatar Airways flight that had recently shifted its operations from Dabolim to Mopa Airport was diverted back to Dabolim in the early hours of Tuesday morning due to bad weather conditions.

Sources from Dabolim Airport confirmed that the international flight, carrying 131 passengers, landed safely at 2:21 am.

The decision to divert the flight was made amidst concern over poor weather at Mopa, a newly operational airport in North

Goa.

This incident has taken stakeholders by surprise, especially the taxi operators at Dabolim Airport.

The unplanned landing, however, was efficiently managed thanks to the airport's 24x7 yellow-black taxi services, ensuring passengers reached their destinations without inconvenience.

Stakeholders from various sectors have now renewed calls to bring international flights back to Dabolim Airport, citing its central location, superior weather conditions, and excellent visibility.



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Commission (SSC) and revert back to the departmental level process. Responding to media questions after returning from Delhi, Sawant said "it was just a party meeting...no comment".

On Monday, before leaving for the meeting, the Chief Minister had confirmed of being called by the party high command for a meeting; however, had refused to

disclose the agenda.

On the other hand, Rane remained unavailable for the comments.

Sources informed that Rane categorically brought to the notice of the High Command that failure to create job opportunities will have an impact on the party's prospects during the 2027 elections.

## Tamnar project is in public interest: HC

Amona. Senior attorney S Padiyar argued on behalf of the Amona villagers that the petitioners would lose their main source of income because there would be a significant obstruction to using the land over which the transmission lines are to pass, in addition to losing valuable parcels of land for the construction of towers.

He said that no new alignment plans have been created in compliance with the Supreme Court's ruling, and no new permissions from authorities—including the Central Electricity Authority—had been secured. A careful examination of the Supreme Court's order in the T N Godavarman Hirimulpad (supra) case, as well as the

CEC's recommendations and observations, the division bench, which included justices M S Karnik and Valmiki Menezes, stated that these recommendations are in the context of forest area and cover forest and wildlife in the ecologically delicate and biodiversity-rich Western Ghats of Goa.





## For the First Time in History, Shacks Allotted Early: Michael Lobo Applauds Min Khaunte for Proactive Measures

Porvorim, 30th September 2024 - In a positive move for Goa's tourism sector, Michael Lobo, MLA of Calangute Constituency, along with the members of the shack association expressed their appreciation for the efforts of the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Shri Rohan A. Khaunte, for the early

allotment of shacks this season. The shacks, a hallmark of Goa's coastal tourism, have been allotted ahead of schedule, ensuring that they are operational well before the peak tourist season. This marks a significant shift in how the state prepares for the influx of tourists, particularly those arriving

early in the season.

Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Shri Rohan A. Khaunte, emphasized the importance of this timely initiative, saying, "Tourism is the backbone and main industry of Goa, and all our Goans are the ambassadors for tourism. Along with the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant, we

ensured that the shack allotment started on time. We have kept the rates the same as last year in the new shack policy to ensure stakeholder comfort, and it's a good sign that we started ahead of schedule. While addressing their own challenges, the shack owners have always focused on promoting Goa.

## Where are the 10k jobs you promised every election, Mr CM? Asks Yuri

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**Panaji:** The Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao on Monday lamented stating it was disturbing to see unemployed youth lined up for the handful of jobs advertised by the DIET (Teachers Training College) at Porvorim.

"This is the result of the BJP's jumlas ahead of every election. Prior to every election, be it Zilla Parishad, panchayat, State Legislative Assembly or the Parliamentary polls, the Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant has promised 10k jobs to Goans," Alemao said.

"We want to know where these jobs are. The long queues at DIET are a testament to the Congress party's charges that the BJP is depriving Goan youth of job opportunities," said Alemao.

He said the Periodic Labour Force Survey reveals the Goan unemployment rate is double that of the national average.

This is not all, he added, after the CM's



promise of jobs, the BJP State president Sadanand Shet Tanavade said that cannot give jobs to everyone.

"Isn't Sadanand Tanavade aware that his party leader and CM Sawant made false promises to electorates and youths and hoodwinked them?" he questioned.

Alemao said this has been the main reason for brain drain in Goa.

"Goan youth are left with no other option but to look for greener pastures abroad because whatever jobs are advertised they are booked for the NEAR AND DEAR ones or for "CASH FOR JOBS"," he charged.

## MMC Launches Drive to Combat Plastic Pollution in Vasco, distributes cloth bags



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**MORMUGAO:** In a proactive effort to tackle the growing menace of plastic waste, the Mormugao Municipal Council (MMC) has initiated a drive aimed at promoting eco-friendly alternatives in local markets. On Tuesday, MMC chairperson Girish Borker led

the initiative by distributing cloth and decomposable bags to vendors, emphasizing the importance of reducing plastic usage.

During the operation, Borker personally collected plastic bags from market vendors and issued stern warnings against their continued use.

## Pran-Pratishthapana of Utsav-Murthy newly acquired Sri Mallikarjuna Dev Advait Simhanaadhiswara Mahapati ceremony on Thursday

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**CANACONA :** The newly acquired Celebratory idol made-up of Silver of Sri Mallikarjuna Dev Advait will be installed on Thursday, the 3rd of October in an celebrations to be held from 8.00 am to 12.00 pm on the auspicious occasion of Ghatasthapana at the Temple at Shristhal, Canacona.

Nutan Utsavmurthy (a new one designed by Belgaum Goldsmiths) was recently brought and received at Shri Mallikarjuna Temple with much fanfare, with the enthusiastic devotees playing traditional instruments (vajantri), dindi, lezeem and drums.

At the beginning of Navaratrautsava, on the auspicious occasion of Ghatasthapana, on Thursday 3/10/2024 from 8.00 am to 12.00 pm, the newly acquired the Celebratory Idol (Utsava Murthy) Pran



Prasthapana ritual will be held in the presence of Vangdi, Velip, Mahajan, villagers and devotees. This life installation (Pran-Pratishthapana) ceremony will be performed in a grand manner by a Brahmin.

At 8.00 am after penance Sankalp, Ganesha Pooja, Sambhardan, Aghor Hom, of old Utsav Murthi, the new utsav-murti/Deity installation rituals like Kalasankoch Vidhi, Idol Burning, Pran Prathapana, Tattva Homa will be performed. Thereafter Ghatasthapana, Aarti etc.



## Celebrating World Tourism Day 2024: A week of cultural heritage and youth engagement in Goa

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**Panaji:** In a lively celebration of World Tourism Day 2024, the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa along with Travel and Tourism Association of Goa (TTAG) and SKAL International Goa, organized a series of enriching activities from September 24 to September 29, 2024. Activities included engaging heritage walks, culinary event, and community meets that brought together participants to explore Goa's rich tourism landscape.

The Department of Tourism embraced this year's theme, Tourism & Peace, emphasizing the crucial role of tourism in building connections and understanding among individuals. By promoting

interactions between travellers and locals, tourism acts as a bridge that fosters mutual respect and collaboration. The celebration aimed to demonstrate how tourism can strengthen personal relationships and encourage harmony, highlighting travel's potential to unite people and pave the way for a more peaceful future.

Most of the events saw the presence of notable attendees including Minister for Tourism Shri Rohan A. Khaunte, Director of Tourism and Managing Director of GTDC Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, TTAG President, Shri Jack Sukhija, and SKAL International Goa President, Shri Vivek Kerker. Additionally, Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant attended the Yuva Tourism

Clubs meet as well as Goa's largest stakeholders' meet, while MLA of Sanvordem Constituency and GTDC Chairman Dr. Ganesh Gaonkar was present for the stakeholders' meet. Secretary Tourism, Government of Goa, Shri Sanjeev Ahuja, IAS, was also present for the Yuva Tourism Clubs meet.

Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Director of Tourism and Managing Director of GTDC said, "This celebration exemplifies our steadfast commitment to creating a dynamic and inclusive tourism community in Goa. Through initiatives like the Yuva Tourism Clubs meet and various heritage walks, we cultivate meaningful connections between travellers and locals, ensuring that tourism

becomes a genuine force for good. Gastronomy plays a vital role in this narrative, as we showcase Goa's rich culinary heritage, bringing together diverse flavours that reflect our culture. In alignment with this year's theme of Tourism & Peace, we recognize that tourism fosters understanding and connection among people, bridging cultural divides and promoting harmony. Together, we are paving the way for a sustainable and peaceful future, where Goa stands as a model for Regenerative Tourism. By empowering our youth, engaging our communities, and celebrating our culinary traditions, we not only protect our rich heritage but also promote a shared vision of progress that benefits everyone."



# What is BRAP 2024: A Game-Changer for India's Business Landscape

■ The Indian government's BRAP 2024 aims to bolster the 'Make in India' initiative and enhance ease of doing business. The plan introduces an innovative assessment methodology and focuses on reducing approval times.

**New Delhi:** The Indian government has unveiled a significant strategy, the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2024, aimed at bolstering the 'Make in India' initiative and enhancing the ease of doing business. This strategic plan, according to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is set to establish a seamless business regulatory framework across the country. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is leading the BRAP 2024, underscoring the government's commitment to fostering a conducive business environment in India.

The BRAP 2024 aligns with other key government initiatives such as the Reducing Compliance Burden (RCB) and Decriminalisation, ensuring a holistic approach to regulatory reform. It also integrates elements from the World Bank's upcoming B-READY programme,



expected to streamline regulatory processes, bolster economic growth, and foster greater investor confidence in India's business landscape.

The BRAP 2024 introduces an innovative assessment methodology that blends evidence and feedback-based evaluations. This comprehensive and dynamic approach is expected to enable the government to implement more effective reforms.

A key feature of the BRAP 2024 is its focus on reducing approval times, a critical aspect of enhancing the ease of doing business as lengthy approval times can deter

potential investors.

The plan also aims to integrate online service delivery, making it easier for businesses to comply with regulatory requirements. It leverages initiatives like the National Single Window System and PM Gati Shakti, expected to further streamline the regulatory environment and make it more conducive for businesses. The BRAP 2024 aims to make India a preferred global investment hub, aligning with the government's 'Make in India' initiative, which seeks to transform India into a global manufacturing hub. By streamlining

processes, reducing compliance burdens, and implementing digital solutions, the BRAP 2024 is set to transform India's business landscape.

The plan covers critical sectors such as labour, environment, taxes, land administration, utility permits, inspection and construction. It also incorporates new areas like ICT adoption and process reengineering, ensuring that the BRAP 2024 addresses the needs of a wide range of businesses. The BRAP 2024 emphasises transparent service delivery, ensuring that businesses have access to clear information on procedures, fees, and timelines. This transparency is expected to foster greater confidence among businesses and encourage them to invest in India. The BRAP initiative, first launched in 2014-2015, has been a transformative force in reshaping India's business landscape.



## Karnataka HC Stays Probe Against Nirmala Sitharaman In Electoral Bonds Case

■ A case was registered on Saturday against Sitharaman and others on the directions of a special court here, following a complaint relating to the scheme.

**Bengaluru:** The Karnataka High Court on Monday stayed investigation against Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and others over alleged irregularities concerning the now scrapped electoral bond scheme. Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the interim order on a petition filed by BJP leader Nalin Kumar Kateel challenging the FIR in which he has been named as an accused. The matter will be next heard on October 22. A case was registered on Saturday against Sitharaman and others on the directions of a special court here, following a complaint relating to the scheme. According to police, the FIR was registered

under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita sections 384 (punishment for extortion), 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) against Sitharaman, Enforcement Directorate officials, and office-bearers of the BJP at state and national level. BJP Karnataka chief B Y Vijayendra has also been named in the FIR.

The complaint was lodged by Adarsh R Iyer, Co-President of 'Janaadhikaara Sangharsha Parishath' (JSP), who alleged that the accused "committed extortion under the guise and garb of electoral bonds and benefitted to the tune of 8,000 and more crore of rupees."

## You Won't Need Aadhaar To Apply For PAN Card From Today. All About This And Other Rule Changes From Oct 1

■ New Financial Rules: Let's take a look at the key financial changes that will come into effect from October 1, 2024.

**New Delhi:** Financial Rules October 2024: Several key changes to income taxes will come into effect on October 1. As outlined in the Union Budget 2024, modifications were made to the Aadhaar card, Pan Card, Securities Transaction Tax (STT), TDS rates, and the Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme 2024. These proposed adjustments have now been passed in the Finance Bill. Let's take a look at the key financial changes that will come into effect from October 1, 2024:

- Securities Transaction Tax (STT):



The 2024 budget increased the STT on Futures and Options (F&O) of securities to 0.02% and 0.1%, respectively. Additionally, income received from share buybacks will now be taxed at the beneficiary level. These changes passed in the Finance Bill, will be implemented from October 1, 2024.

## Coldplay Concert Ticket Scalping Fiasco Sparks Huge Backlash

■ Controversies surrounding tickets for major international musical or sporting events are not new.

**Mumbai:** British rock band Coldplay's upcoming tour of India has triggered a police investigation and dismayed fans after scalpers bought up cheap tickets to resell online for more than ₹ 83000 a piece.

Thousands of music fans tried and failed to buy tickets for three concerts scheduled in the financial hub Mumbai next January, sold by the popular Indian online ticket portal BookMyShow.

All three shows sold out in minutes, and those who missed out were infuriated when they saw tickets worth ₹ 6,000- appear on resale websites at vastly inflated prices.

"The tickets are being sold at 10 times, 20 times, 30 times the price that is being sold on the website itself," student Anna



Abraham, 19, told AFP. "I wouldn't feel good about it myself if I knew that I paid for something 30 times more than what I could have paid for."

Local media reports said BookMyShow's chief operating officer was questioned by police Monday after a complaint brought by Mumbai lawyer Amit Vyas, who claimed the vendor was working with "black marketeers" to make an extra windfall

on ticket sales. "I checked with nearly 100 people who I know are regulars at concerts, none of them had gotten a ticket," Vyas said, according to the Indian Express newspaper. "This made me suspicious. I then decided to approach the police as I knew that something was amiss."

BookMyShow issued a statement after the public backlash began last week, saying it had

"no association" with unauthorised ticket selling. "Scalping and black marketing of tickets is strictly condemned and punishable by law in India and BookMyShow vehemently opposes this practice," the company said. Controversies surrounding tickets for major international musical or sporting events are not new.

US megastar Taylor Swift lashed out at Ticketmaster in 2022 following fan anger over sales to concerts staged for her globe-spanning 'The Eras Tour'.

The debacle sparked debate over the Ticketmaster's privileged position in the industry amid fan complaints of hidden fees, rampant ticket scalping and limited tickets due to presales.



# PM Modi To Launch Sanitation, Cleanliness Projects Worth Over Rs 9,600 Crore On Oct 2

■ The Swachh Bharat Diwas programme will showcase India's decade-long sanitation achievements and those in the recently-concluded "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign.

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will mark the completion of 10 years of the Swachh Bharat Mission launch by participating in the Swachh Bharat Diwas programme on October 2, during which he will launch and lay foundation stones for several projects related to sanitation and cleanliness worth more than Rs 9,600 crore. The Swachh Bharat Diwas programme will showcase



India's decade-long sanitation achievements and those in the recently-

concluded "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign. "Marking the

completion of 10 years of the launch of one of the most significant mass movements for cleanliness — the Swachh Bharat Mission — Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will participate in Swachh Bharat Diwas 2024 programme on the occasion of 155th Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October at around 10 AM in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi," a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office



## Bengal Junior Doctors Resume "Total Cease Work" Demanding Safety, Security

■ The junior doctors had on September 21 rejoined their duties partially at government hospitals after a 42-day protest.

**Kolkata:** Agitating junior doctors in West Bengal resumed their indefinite "total cease work" on Tuesday to press the state government on various demands, including ensuring their safety and security at all medical establishments.

The junior doctors had on September 21 rejoined their duties partially at government hospitals after a 42-day protest. They were on a "cease work" agitation to protest against the rape-murder of an on-duty woman doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9.

"We do not see any positive approach from

the state government to fulfil our demands for safety and security. Today is the 52nd day (of the protest) and we are still being attacked and there is no attempt to keep the other promises made during the meetings with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. In the given situation, we are left with no option other than opting for full cease work, starting today," Aniket Mahato, one of the agitating junior doctors, told PTI.

"Unless we see clear action from the state government on these demands, this complete cease work will continue," he added.

## 'Victim Of Hate Politics': Siddaramaiah Reacts As Wife Returns Controversial Plots, MUDA Says 'Will Accept'

■ Siddaramaiah's wife, Parvathi, returned 14 compensatory plots amid allegations of illegal allotment, which Siddaramaiah claims were politically motivated. An FIR and a money laundering case has been filed against them.



**New Delhi:** Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi has returned the 14 compensatory sites that were given to her in the Mysuru upmarket area, Siddaramaiah confirmed in an X post on Tuesday.

Siddaramaiah also alleged that his family was dragged into the controversy by members of the Opposition parties. Later, MUDA said it would accept the plots. The development comes hours after the

Chief Minister's wife, in a letter to the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner, had expressed her willingness to return the 14 sites, following allegations of illegalities in their allotment.

## 'Manipur Conflict A Battle of Narratives, Situation Stable But Tense': Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi

■ Speaking at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue, 2024, the army chief, while tracing the origins of the Manipur conflict, said violence began in May 2023 with a rumour that an Anglo-Kuki centenary gate was being burnt

**New Delhi:** The Manipur conflict has become a battle of narratives over time and though the situation in the war-torn state may be stable, it remains tense, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi said on Tuesday as he listed the efforts being taken to restore peace in the north-eastern state.

Speaking at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue, 2024 — the second edition of the flagship event held by the Indian Army in collaboration with the Centre for Land Warfare Studies — General Dwivedi also addressed the threat of spill-over



violence from Myanmar. "In a lighter vein, [I would describe the issue as] ek ke saath ek free. Because Manipur was a problem and now you have the Myanmar issue too," he said. The army chief, while tracing the origins of the Manipur conflict, said violence began in May 2023 with a rumour that an Anglo-Kuki centenary gate was being burnt.

## "Temple Or Dargah, No Religious Structure Can Obstruct Public": Top Court

■ The Supreme Court stressed India is a secular country and its directions for bulldozer action and anti-encroachment drives will be for all citizens

**New Delhi:** Public safety is paramount and any religious structure encroaching upon a road, water bodies, or rail tracks must go, the Supreme Court said today. The court stressed that India is a secular country and its directions for bulldozer action and anti-encroachment drives will be for all citizens, irrespective of their religion.

The bench of Justice BR Gavai and Justice KV Viswanathan was hearing petitions challenging bulldozer action against people accused of crimes. The trend, which has caught on in several states, is often referred to as 'bulldozer justice'. The state authorities have, in the past, maintained that



only illegal structures were demolished in such cases.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta appeared for three states -- Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. Asked if being accused in a criminal case can be a ground for facing bulldozer action, Mr Mehta replied, "No absolutely not, even for heinous crimes like rape or terrorism. Like my lord said it cannot also be that

the notice issued is stuck one day before, it has to be in advance. One of the concerns was that notice has to be issued... most municipal laws, depending on the subject matter they are dealing with, have provisions for issuance of notice. Your Lordships may read that a notice be issued via registered post." The bench said there are different laws for municipal corporations and

panchayats. "There should also be an online portal so people are aware, once you digitise it there is a record."

The Solicitor General then said he was worried that the court was issuing directions based on a few instances alleging that one community was being targeted. "We are a secular country and our directions will be for all, irrespective of religion or community. Of course, for encroachment we have said... if it is on a public road, footpath, water body or railway line area, it has to go, public safety is paramount. If there is any religious structure in the middle of the road, be it gurdwara or dargah or temple, it cannot obstruct public," the court said.



# India Decimate Bangladesh in Kanpur for Record-extending 18th Straight Series Win at Home

■ Despite losing two days to rain, India managed to force a result on the back of some stunning assault with the bat on Day 4 and followed it up with a clinical performance with the ball on the final day

Kanpur: India completed a record-extending 18th straight series win at home beating Bangladesh in the second Test at Green Park, Kanpur to wrap the series 2-0, solidifying their top spot in the World Test Championship 2023-25 cycle.

Despite losing two days to rain, India managed to force a result on the back of some stunning assault with the bat on Day 4 and followed it up with a clinical performance with the ball on the final day, bundling out Bangladesh for a mere 146 in the first session. Jasprit Bumrah, Ravichandran Ashwin, and Ravindra Jadeja picked three wickets each with Akash Deep



claiming a solitary wicket as Bangladesh's innings folded in 47 overs.

After being asked to bat first, Bangladesh were 107/3 on a rain-curtailed Day 1, but when play resumed on Day 4, the visitors were skittled out for 233. Another complete bowling performance saw Bumrah pick three wickets, while Mohammad Siraj,

Ashwin, and Akash Deep picked two wickets each and Jadeja added one to his kitty, to complete 300 Test wickets.

India then took the game by the scruff of its neck with a stunning assault that saw the team register the fastest 50, 100, 150, 200, and 250 team scores. The Indian batting line-up rag-dolled

Bangladesh bowlers with Jasirwal ransacking 72 off just 51 deliveries, while Rohit Sharma made 23 off 11. Shubman Gill added 36 off 33 while Kohli made 47 off 38. KL Rahul added the finishing touches with 68 off 43 as they declared their innings at 285/9 in just 34.4 overs.

And after wrapping up Bangladesh in no time, India cantered home running down the target of 95 in just 17.2 overs with seven wickets in hand. Jaiswal top-scored with 51.

India have not lost a series at home since 2012-13, when Alastair Cook's England defeated MS Dhoni's and Co. on home soil.



## Sunil Gavaskar Not Happy With India's Tactic vs Bangladesh, Says "Man With 9000 Runs..."

■ While India did a fantastic job on Day 4 of second Test vs Bangladesh, Sunil Gavaskar was unhappy with the batting strategy of the side.

**New Delhi:** The Indian cricket team on Monday put up a terrific batting display on the fourth day of the second Test against Bangladesh at Green Park stadium in Kanpur. With the second and third day of play getting completely washed out due to rain, India needed an out-of-the-box performance to take the game to a point that it could yield a result. The hosts first bundled out Bangladesh at the score of 233 and then boasted of a powerful batting attack. The Rohit Sharma-led side posted 285 for 9 in 34.4 overs and then declared

the innings with a lead of 52 runs. En route to the massive effort, India registered the fastest 50, 100, 150, 200, and 250 runs in the history of Test cricket. While India did a fantastic job on the day, former captain and now a commentator, Sunil Gavaskar, was unhappy with the batting line-up of the side. He expressed his opinions on JioCinema. When India lost Yashasvi Jaiswal as the second wicket in the innings, everyone was waiting to see Virat Kohli, who bats at the number four position in Test cricket.

## What Gautam Gambhir Told Team Before Rohit Sharma And Co Unleashed Hell On Bangladesh

■ India's bowling coach Morne Morkel revealed head coach Gautam Gambhir's message to Rohit Sharma & Co. on Day 4 of the second Test against Bangladesh.

**Kanpur:** The Indian cricket team displayed an ultra-attacking style of batting as they came out to bat on Day 4 of the second Test against Bangladesh in Kanpur. With rain washing out more than 2 and a half days in the match, Rohit Sharma's men scored 285/9 in just 34.4 overs, scoring at a rate of 8.22 in a Test match.

Before the end of day's play, India managed to declare the innings and also get two Bangladesh batters out, giving themselves a realistic chance of a result in the second Test. While it was Rohit Sharma and his batters who drew plaudits for the strategy, bowling coach Morne Morkel later revealed the point of view head coach Gautam Gambhir had put across.

Speaking at the press conference after the end of 4th day's play in Kanpur, Morkel revealed that even Gambhir wanted Rohit and his boys to take the game forward as



quickly as possible. The players executed exactly what the coach wanted them to.

"Even from GG's (Gautam Gambhir) point of view, we decided to take the game forward as fast as possible, and you need a leader from the front to do that. And Rohit has done it so many times, and again today. To go to the first ball, bang six on a surface where the bounce might be up and down, or you may not be sure how the new ball is going to play. You can also slightly go on the back foot as a bowling unit. So it was great to see the captain, leading from the front, putting in the charge," Morkel said while speaking to media on Monday.



## Goa University selection trials for men's & women's hockey

**Team Goemkarponn**

**PANAJI:** Goa University will conduct selection trials to form its Hockey Men and Women's teams on 11th October 2024 at 9:30 a.m. onwards. Students interested in attending the trials may report sharp at 9:30 a.m. at SAG's Hockey Turf Court at PeddemSports Complex, Mapusa along with a college identity card, Aadhar Card, Birth Certificate and playing kit.

The West Zone Inter University Hockey Championship for Men and Women is scheduled at Suresh Gyan Vihar University, Jaipur from 3rd to 6th November 2024 and 8th to 11th November 2024 respectively. Colleges are also requested to inform the Sports Section via email at sports@unigoa.ac.in if any of their Hockey players are unavailable during the above-mentioned date for selection, providing a reason for their absence, to be considered for the selection.

## Goa Girls win Silver at Junior Lacrosse Nationals, Boys bow out in Quarters

**Team Goemkarponn**

**PANAJI:** Lacrosse, a sport newly introduced in the upcoming Olympics, has gained traction in Goa with the formation of the Goa Lacrosse Association, headed by President Tejendra (Nikhil) Lawande.

The association, driven by a committed goal includes Secretary Sandeep Heble, Treasurer Vrushali Cardozo, Vice Presidents Jayesh Naik, Naved Tahsildar, Gautam



Kharangate, and Madhavi Desai; Joint Secretary Mangesh Pawar; Joint Treasurer Bhargav Desai; and members Abhay Bhamaiakar, Dattaram Bicholkar, Shamsudeen C.K, and Sudesh

Gaonker. Manoj Patil serves as the Advisor while Chetan Kavlekar serves as Technical Advisor. The team has begun the journey of establishing lacrosse in Goa with great promise.

## DBO in quarterfinals

**Team Goemkarponn**

**MARGAO:** Don Bosco Oratory of Fatorda defeated Dunes SC Mandrem 5-4 via the tiebreaker to enter the semifinals of the Betalbatim Villagers Cup inter-village football tournament played at Betalbatim ground on Monday.

Cipriano Rodrigues gave the lead to Dunes SC while Wedley Barreto equalized for DBO.

In the ensuing



tiebreaker, DBO proved to be better shooters Roque Borges of DBO

Fatorda was awarded man of the match by Adrian Torres