



## VELINGKAR GETS HC REPRIEVE

- HC says no need to arrest if he co-operates with the investigation
- To appear before Bicholim police by 5 pm today for questioning
- The matter was posted for further hearing on Oct 15

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**PORVORIM:** In a major relief to absconding ex-Goa RSS chief Subhash Velingkar, the Bombay High Court at Goa has allowed Velingkar to appear before the Bicholim police by 5 pm today for questioning in an FIR registered against him for making a derogatory remark against St Francis Xavier and hurting religious sentiments.

High Court was hearing an anticipatory bail application of Velingkar, who expressed his willingness to be part of the investigation, provided the police assured that there would be no arrest.

Bicholim police in their submission said that it is



unlikely that he would be arrested if he cooperated in the probe.

Velingkar's move seeking anticipatory bail came two days after the Panaji Additional Sessions Court dismissed his previous anticipatory bail application.

Advocate Amit Palekar speaking to reporters after the hearing said that whether police forgot to take steps after non-

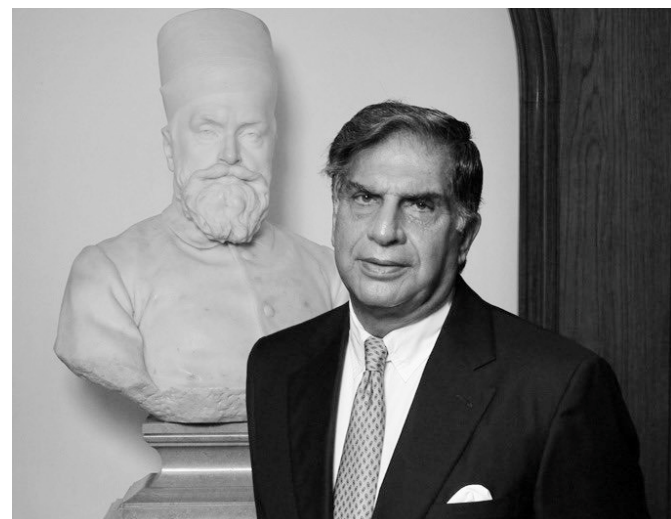
compliance notice or there were deliberate lapses still remains unanswered.

"IO should have made an application before the Court to seek arrest for failure to appear for probe," said Palekar. "Matter has been kept for Oct 15 seeking investigation report from IO; Velingkar's counsel made a categorical statement of surrender, which was the only option;

the peaceful atmosphere is fostered through HC's order today,' said Adv Vaz. Since October 1, Velingkar has been avoiding appearing before the investigating officer at the Bicholim Police Station over his contentious "DNA test" of St. Francis Xavier relics. In accordance with Section 35(3) of the BNSS, the police had sent him three notifications to appear before the investigating officer.

He received notices for the first time on October 5, the second time on October 6, and the third time on October 8, but all attempts to locate and deliver the notices to him were unsuccessful. The police have put notices on his home's main door after

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## Ratan Tata, National Icon, Dies At 86

**Ratan Tata Dies:** He became chairman of the \$100 billion steel-to-software conglomerate in 1991 and ran the group founded by his great-grandfather more than a hundred years ago until 2012.

**MUMBAI:** Ratan Tata, chairman emeritus of one of India's biggest conglomerates, Tata Sons, has died at 86. Just on Monday, the industrialist in a social media post had dismissed speculation surrounding his health and had said he

was undergoing routine medical investigations due to his age.

N Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons, in a late night statement on Wednesday, announced the death of Mr Tata, hailing the industrialist's

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## ED Goa seizes properties belonging to drug offenders valued at Rs 3.77 cr

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**PANAJI:** ED, Panaji (Goa) has provisionally attached 11 immovable properties & 04 movable properties, valued at Rs. 3.77 Crore under the provisions of PMLA, 2002 in the money laundering investigation being conducted against Rahul Balkrishna Shedge and Others allegedly involved in the illegal manufacturing and distribution of narcotic drugs.

Under the terms of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, the properties of the accused persons engaged in the illicit production and

distribution of narcotic narcotics are attached.

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Mumbai Zonal Unit filed a complaint against Rahul Balkrishna Shedge and 11 others for various NDPS Act, 1985 offences before the Court of the Additional Special Judge for NDPS Cases, Sessions Court, Greater Mumbai. This complaint served as the basis for the ED's action, according to the information they shared.

According to the ED's investigation, Rahul Balkrishna Shedge and Anthony Karakutty Paul have a background in chemistry and have been

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## Panaji's old fish market demolition begins

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**PANAJI:** The Corporation of the City of Panaji has commenced the demolition of the old Municipal market building, housing the fish market. The demolition process will continue till November 8.

The fish cutters at the Panaji Municipal Market received an eviction notice from CCP Commissioner Clen Madeira, telling them to leave the former location so that the demolition operation could proceed more easily. Since the warning was sent out on October 9, the fish cutters had just 24 hours to go.



Pic: Sanjay Munnolli

In order to protect safety and expedite the demolition process, Madeira stated in the notification that the Corporation has chosen

to demolish the Fish Market Building.

"Today, October 10, is the

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## PWD issues diversion notice on NH66 but in language only they can understand



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**PORVORIM:** District Magistrate, North Goa District has ordered the diversion of all types of vehicular traffic at CH: 508.610 to CH: 508.910 Central medians at Sangolda junction to up to 70 meters towards Panaji side (Sector 3) and CH: 511.920 to 512.340 from Mall de Goa to Chhatrapati Shivaji Statue and thereafter on Vishawanath Lavande road ( Existing service road) ( Sector 4) during the construction of National High – 66 elevated corridor project ( Phase 2) w.e.f. September 11, 2024,

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# The Curious Case of Emergency Flight Diversions from Goa's Airports

*"It is possible that certain airlines do not have sufficient operational staff at both of Goa's airports, leading to a lack of readiness to handle emergency situations. As a result, it may be more convenient for these airlines to divert flights to the more equipped airports in Hyderabad or Bengaluru. This operational constraint highlights a critical need for airlines to reassess their preparedness at each of the airports in Goa to ensure the safety and well-being of passengers during unforeseen circumstances."*

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Goa, known for its beautiful beaches and vibrant culture, is also home to two international airports - Dabolim and the new Manohar International Airport at Mopa. Despite

having these two airports, it is perplexing to note that when emergencies arise, flights are often diverted to Hyderabad or Bengaluru. This raises concerns and warrants a closer examination of the

factors contributing to such diversions.

One of the primary reasons behind the diversion of flights during emergencies could be attributed to operational limitations.

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minimizing the need to redirect flights to other locations.

The recent incident on October 8, where five flights were diverted due to thunderstorms and lightning, serves as a stark reminder of the urgency to address these concerns. Such weather-related emergencies are not uncommon, and it is imperative that the airports in Goa are well-prepared to manage and mitigate the impact of such events.

The inability to handle these situations effectively not only inconveniences passengers but also raises questions about the overall emergency preparedness of the airports.

Addressing these issues requires a collaborative effort from the airport authorities, airlines, and relevant regulatory bodies. It is essential for airport authorities to ensure that both Dabolim and Mopa airports are equipped with the necessary resources and personnel to handle emergency situations effectively. This may involve establishing clear protocols for emergency landings, providing regular training for staff, and maintaining appropriate emergency response infrastructure.

Furthermore, airlines operating in and out of Goa must also take responsibility for ensuring

their preparedness to manage emergency situations at both airports.

This could involve reviewing their operational capabilities, coordinating with airport authorities, and establishing contingency plans to minimize the impact of diversions on passengers and operations.

From a regulatory standpoint, the relevant authorities should conduct thorough assessments of the emergency preparedness of both airports in Goa. This may involve regular inspections, audits, and the enforcement of standards to guarantee that the airports meet all necessary safety and operational requirements.

In conclusion, the diversion of flights from Goa's airports during emergencies is a concerning issue that demands immediate attention and action. By addressing the operational limitations, enhancing emergency preparedness, and fostering collaboration among stakeholders, Goa can ensure that its airports are capable of handling unforeseen circumstances effectively. Ultimately, the safety and well-being of passengers should be the top priority, and concerted efforts are necessary to uphold these standards at all times.

## MMC Crackdown on Illegal Shops in New Vaddem: Chairperson Borker Warns of Strict Action

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**VASCO:** In a surprise drive conducted on Thursday, the Mormugao Municipal Council (MMC) led by Chairperson Girish Borker discovered that most of the shops in New Vaddem were operating without valid trade licences and other necessary approvals. The council has issued a stern warning, threatening to seal the shops within three days if they fail to comply with the licensing

norms.

Chairperson Borker, visibly shocked by the situation, stated, "We started our drive from Shantinagar, and within just ten minutes, we realized that none of the shops had a valid trade licence. What's more alarming is that even the landlords renting out these shops have no lease agreements, leading to significant revenue leakage for the MMC."

Borker further



emphasized the gravity of the issue, pointing out that many shop owners were unaware of the basic requirements for running

a business. "One vendor who has been operating for over five years asked me what a trade licence was and what the formality

required to obtain one. This just goes to show how much revenue has been lost by MMC over the years."

As the drive progressed, several shopkeepers began shutting their shops and fleeing the area. Borker issued a firm warning: "The vendors must take our drives seriously because we will take strict action. This is not about stopping anyone from doing business; it's about

ensuring they operate legally. We have already served notices, and any failure to comply will result in the sealing of these establishments."

Borker also highlighted the need for landlords to pay their dues. "Landlords leasing shops have to pay MMC charges, and we are trying to cover the revenue leakage with such drives. We've noticed several illegalities, and now that we've uncovered them, we won't spare anyone."



# Cong demands probe by retired judge into communal tensions

■ Kawthankar says Jairam Ramesh, MP has reiterated his demand

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**PANAJI:** In a letter to Governor P S Sreedharan Pillai, the Opposition Congress Party demanded the immediate removal of the Pramod Sawant-led government and the creation of an inquiry panel led by a retired High Court judge to look into recent communal incidents in the State.

The vice-president of the Goa Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC), Sunil Kawthankar, wrote a letter to the governor claiming that communal conflicts have harmed people and the state's social fabric.

Kawthankar said that Jairam Ramesh, Member of Parliament former Union Minister and charge of Communication All India Congress Committee has reiterated his demand.

"The problem has gotten worse due to the government's inaction. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant's administration



had failed to safeguard the people and uphold law and order, and if it remained in office, the state would become much more unstable," said Kawthankar

In light of the Sawant government's collusion with those responsible for the state's heightened intercommunal tensions and its willful inaction in addressing the law and order crisis, Kawthankar urged the Governor to use constitutional authority to recommend the Sawant government's removal

from office.

He described the situation in Goa as unusual, saying that long-standing communal harmony is being methodically destroyed in order to achieve limited political objectives.

In light of the severe public backlash against the BJP government in the state over a range of issues, including rampant corruption, environmental destruction caused by massive illegal hill cutting, and the destruction of forested land to make

way for mega real estate projects that threaten Goa's identity, culture, and heritage, Kawthankar urged the governor to form a probe panel headed by a retired High Court judge to investigate the sudden escalation of communal tensions.

As per Kawthankar's assertion, the fallout resulted from the Goa Police's purposeful failure to act on the spur of the moment in response to former RSS Goa Prant chief Subhash Velingkar's remarks about St. Francis Xavier allegedly hurting religious sentiments. Other BJP leaders also made similar remarks in public.

"This begs the question of whether these occurrences were planned to happen in a particular order in order to sow religious strife in the otherwise calm state of Goa and deflect attention away from the real problems that the state is facing," he added.



## Pope Francis appoints Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrão to committee for Synod on Synodality

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**PANAJI:** Pope Francis has appointed Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrão, the Archbishop of Goa and President of the CCBI to a committee tasked with drafting the final document for the Synod on Synodality. This Synod began its second session in the Vatican on October 2 and will conclude on October 27, 2024. Along with Cardinal Ferrão, Pope Francis also appointed Sister Leticia Salazar from California and Fr. Giuseppe Bonfrate from Rome. Among the elected members are Catherine Clifford, a theologian from St. Paul University in Ottawa; Cardinal Fridolin Ambongo, the president of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and

Madagascar; Bishop Shane Mackinlay of Sandhurst, Australia; Cardinal Luis José Rueda Aparicio of Bogota, Columbia; Cardinal Jean-Marc Aveline of Marseille; Father Clarence Davedassan of Malaysia; and Bishop Mounir Khairallah, a Maronite Bishop. Ex officio members include Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich of Luxembourg, Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary-General of the Synod of Bishops, Msgr. Riccardo Battocchio, and Jesuit Father Giacomo Costa. Cardinal Ferrão, who was made a Cardinal by Pope Francis on August 27, 2022, has served as the President of the CCBI since his election at the 31st Plenary Assembly in 2019 and was re-elected during the 33rd Assembly in 2022.

## 3 Ugandan nationals arrested for illegal overstay in Goa

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**ANJUNA:** Three Ugandan nationals living in Goa without proper travel documentation were taken into custody by the Anjuna Police following a special operation.

Following a protracted search in the Vagator region, the three women—identified as Nakawoya Shanita (32), Aminah Nakayiza (28), and Nassaka Kiweewa Sumayiya (22)—were apprehended.

The women were unable to present any legitimate documentation confirming their right to remain in India, according

to police records.

As a result, Anjuna Police Station received three distinct complaints against Shanita, Nakayiza, and Kiweewa.

The three people are accused of breaking both the Foreigners Act of 1946 and the Foreigner Order of 1948. More inquiries into the situation have been launched by the police.

Officials from Anjuna Police have emphasized that anybody caught in breach of immigration laws will face severe consequences and that measures would be taken to discover and handle such incidents in the future.



Heavy rush near Panaji police station as Goa government has made tenant verification mandatory for all tenants.  
Pic: Sanjay Munnolli

## Submit tenant verification or face strict action: Goa CM's warning

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**PANAJI:** Chief Minister Pramod Sawant today has warned public against failure to verify tenants while stating that strict action will be initiated against house owners.

"People who fail to furnish details of tenants will have to pay Rs 10k

fine; I still urge people to willingly visit police station & comply with tenant verification process within next 3-4 days; failure to comply will attract strict action," said Sawant

He further said that if someone is found staying in a house without verification, the house

owner will have to pay a fine of Rs 10,000.

"It has been made compulsory. Therefore, house owners must fill out tenant verification forms and submit them to the respective police stations," he said

The CM stated that contractors of industrial units will also need to be

registered with the Labour Department, and if they fail to do so, they will not be allowed to work in the state.

"The contractors will have to provide a list of workers to the concerned police station. It has been observed that migrants are involved in most crimes," he said.





# "GHUMAT GAZZ 24" held for budding, talented artists of Canacona



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**CANACONA:** Ghumat Gaj 2024 Ghumat Aarti Competition organized by Jai Bhandari Foundation & JanaSena of Canacona was held with great pomp and celebrations.

The competition was held on Sunday at Sanjay Bandekar Hall, Lata Mangeshkar Kalangana, Canacona.

The competition was inaugurated by CMC Chairperson Smt. Sara Naik Desai, Teacher and Social worker Ramrao Wagh, Social worker and activist Janardan Bhandari, President of

Bhandari Samaj Sachin Naik lighted the candles.

Retired teacher and loyal activist of Bhandari Samaj Ramesh Bhandari and local artists Abhay Naik, Shubham Shantaram Naik and Sanchit Venkatrao Naik were honoured on the occasion.

Bhandari Foundation and Janasena Canacona of the Bhandari community set a good example by limiting the competition to Canacona taluka to give opportunities to artists from the taluka and preserve our culture for the next generation.

A total of 11 teams participated in the competition. The first prize of Rs 7000 and Gholto Karand went to Sri Mallikarjun Aarti Mandal, second prize of Rs 5000 and karandk went to Parashuram Aarti Mandal Painguinim and the third prize of karandk and Rs 3000 went to Bhumipurush Aarti Mandal Badsare(Gaondongrim), Consolation prizes were awarded to SS Angle Higher Secondary Aarti Mandal and Bal Ghumat Aarti Mandal Painguinim.

Individual prizes in the competition were awarded

to Ghumat playing- Parashuram Aarti Mandal, Singing- Mallikarjun Aarti Mandal, -Samel SS Angle, Kasal- Bhoomipurush Aarti Mandal.

Chandrakant Gadkar, Mohit Naik and Prajyot Desai were present as the judges of the competition. The closing ceremony was attended by Speaker and Canacona MLA Ramesh Tawadkar, Former Minister, Dayanand Manjrekar, Former Minister, Jai Salgaonkar, Former MLA Kiran Kandolkar, President of Rudreshwar Temple- Yashwant Malkar, Jana Sena Chief Janardhan Bhandari, President of Canacona Bhandari Samaj Nitesh Naik, Govt High School Headmaster Sudesh Naik, Suvarna Bhandari introduced the guests, while President Sachin Naik welcomed them.



## Heavy Vehicles banned on Chorla Ghat

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**SANKHALI:** The District Magistrate has banned multi-axle commercial goods vehicles on Chorla Ghat between 5 am and 10 pm.

Office of the District Magistrate, North Goa has extended the time period to prohibit entry and plying of heavy commercial goods vehicles (multi axel vehicles) on the stretch of roads from the foothill of Chorla Ghat on NH-748AA on Keri to Belguem road to and fro. for the period from September

23, 2024 to March 23, 2025, except between 10.00 pm to 5.00 am. from Dattawadi, Sankhali Junction to the end of Goa State border on the Goa – Belgavi NH-748AA on the Chorla Ghat, from ( PHC) Sankhali junction to end of the Goa state border on NH-748AA on Chorla Ghat. and also from Honda junction to end of Goa State boarder on NH748AA on Chorla Ghat.

Similarly from Industrial training Institute, Honda Sattari to Village Panchayat Morlim, Sattari.

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he was last seen there in Panaji. His custody is necessary for the Bicholim Police to gather evidence, determine the motivation behind his actions, and prosecute him in the most reasonable manner possible. It was advised that the police would fiercely oppose his motion for anticipatory bail before

the High Court due to his continued evasion. Velingkar is the subject of a Section 299 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023 case that is being filed at the Bicholim Police Station. On October 4, the case was opened in response to the mounting clamour throughout the State for his arrest.

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deadline for the fish cutters to leave the property; if they don't, the Corporation will take their stuff and remove them immediately," said CCP. The demolition is causing anxiety among the community, especially because of a chapel

housed within the structure. Locals worry about ruining.

The Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) has decided to temporarily shift vendors from the fish market to the area adjacent to the market where a temporary shed is being erected.

## ED Goa seizes properties belonging to drug offenders valued at Rs 3.77 cr

actively involved in the production and sale of illicit narcotic narcotics for a number of years. Ishrat Khan Parmar has a criminal history as well as active involvement in narcotics distribution, according to the ED.

"Funds from unrelated parties, relatives, and unknown sources" were used to conceal the proceeds of crime earned by the aforementioned individuals from the sale of drugs throughout the investigation. This money was then invested in real estate, which was located and temporarily attached under PMLA. The ED continued, "More research is underway.

## Ratan Tata, National Icon, Dies At 86

unwavering commitment to excellence, integrity, and innovation. "It is with a profound sense of loss that we bid farewell to Mr. Ratan Naval Tata, a truly uncommon leader whose immeasurable contributions have shaped not only the Tata Group but also the very fabric of our nation," said Mr Chandrasekaran. "For the Tata Group, Mr. Tata was more than a chairperson. To me, he was a mentor, guide and friend. He inspired by example. With an unwavering commitment to excellence, integrity, and innovation, the Tata Group under his stewardship expanded its global footprint while always remaining true to its moral compass," said Mr Chandrasekaran. Remembering Mr Tata's contribution to philanthropy, Mr Chandrasekharan said "from education to healthcare, his initiatives have left a deep-rooted mark that will benefit generations to come". As news broke, tributes poured in from the industry and beyond. Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the tributes,

hailing the industrialist as "a compassionate soul and an extraordinary human being". "Shri Ratan Tata Ji was a visionary business leader, a compassionate soul and an extraordinary human being. He provided stable leadership to one of India's oldest and most prestigious business houses. At the same time, his contribution went far beyond the boardroom. He endeared himself to several people thanks to his humility, kindness and an unwavering commitment to making our society better," the Prime Minister posted on X in a series of tweets along with pictures. Rahul Gandhi said: "Ratan Tata was a man with a vision. He has left a lasting mark on both business and philanthropy. My condolences to his family and the Tata community." Hailing the industry giant, Gautam Adani said "legends like him never fade away". "India has lost a giant, a visionary who redefined modern India's path. Ratan Tata wasn't just a business leader - he embodied the spirit of India with integrity,

compassion and an unwavering commitment to the greater good. Legends like him never fade away. Om Shanti," posted Mr Adani. Industrialist Anand Mahindra said he is "unable to accept the absence of Ratan Tata". "I am unable to accept the absence of Ratan Tata. India's economy stands on the cusp of a historic leap forward. And Ratan's life and work have had much to do with our being in this position. Hence, his mentorship and guidance at this point in time would have been invaluable. With him gone, all we can do is to commit to emulating his example. Because he was a businessman for whom financial wealth and success was most useful when it was put to the service of the global community," said Mr Mahindra. Mukesh Ambani hailed Mr Tata as one of India's most illustrious and kind-hearted sons. "It is a very sad day for India and India Inc. Ratan Tata's passing away is a big loss, not just to the Tata Group, but to every Indian," Mr Ambani said in his condolence message.

## PWD issues diversion notice on NH66 but in language only they can understand

till the completion of the project. At Sangolda junction to Dr Signey Pinto's residence (Sector 3), the vehicular traffic shall not be diverted and the traffic shall move on the existing NH-66 and 6 meters wide road shall be made available on

either side, beyond the barricading. The work of the elevated Corridor shall be carried out from the starting point of the Central median at Sangolda Junction up to 70 meters towards the Panaji side, where the road is sufficiently wide. At CH:

511.920 to 512.340 Mall de Goa to Delfino Junction (Sector 4), The vehicular traffic shall be diverted near Mall de Goa on the road leading to Chhatrapati Shivaji Statue and thereafter on Vishwanath Lawande Road (Existing Service Road).



# WRD Minister reviews road-widening project in Shiroda

■ Says the project will boost economic growth and development



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**SHIRODA:** Minister for Water Resources, Subhash Shirodkar, convened a review meeting to discuss the progress of the road widening project from Tarir, Panchwadi to Khana-Bhat in Shiroda Constituency yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the Executive Engineer PWD WD XVIII, Assistant Engineer,

Junior Engineer, and the contractor, along with Sarpanch of VP Panchwadi, VP members, Government officials, and a large number of villagers.

Due to the recent rains, the work on the project has been stalled. However, to kick-start the project, Shirodkar performed the marking of road widening and laid the foundation stone at the site. This significant step

marks the beginning of the project, which aims to improve the connectivity and infrastructure in the region in the public interest.

Minister for Water Resources, Shri Shirodkar has been actively working towards ensuring the development of the infrastructure in the state. His efforts are focused on improving the lives of the people in Goa, and this project is a testament

to his commitment to the people of Shiroda Constituency.

The road widening project is expected to bring significant benefits to the local community, including improved accessibility, reduced traffic congestion, and enhanced safety. The completion of the project will also boost economic growth and development. Shirodkar emphasized the importance of timely completion of the project and directed the officials to work diligently to ensure its success. He also assured the villagers that their concerns would be addressed and that the project would be completed with the highest quality standards.

Sarpanch of VP Panchwadi Smt. Leena welcomed the Guests. Christel D Costa, VP member spoke on the occasion.

Ex Sarpanch of the Village of Panchwadi. Shri Abhay Kamat Completed the programme and proposed a vote of thanks.



## BJP's attempt to divide Goans foiled by alert Goans: Cong

■ Says CM is protecting Velingkar

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**Panaji:** Bhartiya Janata Party wanted to create a divide among various communities in Goa to divert attention from core issues, but alert Goans foiled their sinister plan. Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant is protecting the main culprit Subhash Velingkar, charged AICC Secretary for Goa Dr. Anjali Nimbalkar.

Addressing a press conference at Congress House in Panjim in the presence of Congress President Amit Patkar, Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao, South Goa MP Capt. Viriato Fernandes and Aldona MLA Adv. Carlos Ferreira appealed to Goans to maintain communal harmony.

Congress Party will always remain with the

Goans to protect the Environment, Cultivable Lands, Hills, Rivers and Heritage, Dr Anjali Nimbalkar said. Today, the BJP Government has turned out to be the Destroyer of Goa with rapid mass land conversions and hill cuttings. BJP is promoting Land and Real Estate Mafia, claimed Dr Anjali Nimbalkar. It is certain now that Subhash Velingkar who made irresponsible statements is shielded by Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant. There is every possibility that he is hiding at the Chief Minister's residence, said Dr. Anjali Nimbalkar.

Congress Party is against communal divide and hatred among various communities. Congress's ideology is to keep everyone united, Dr. Anjali Nimbalkar stated.

## Penalty imposed for selling sub-standard food items

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**PANAJI:** The District Magistrate cum Adjudicating Officer, South Goa has imposed a penalty of Rs. 15,000/- on Shri Basavraj Mahalingaiah Dhapalapur, APMC market yard Mahalingpur, Bagalkot, Karnataka for selling sub-standard quality Jaggery {Chikky}, Jaggery and Jaggery 1 Kg adding non permitted synthetic food colours (Tartrazine, Sunset yellow and Carmoisine). The penalty of Rupees 10,000/- imposed collectively on Shri Chainsingh Rathore M/s. Jai Bhavani Sweets Centre Kindlem Canacona and Shri Ratan Singh Rathore, M/s. Shree Rathore Sweet Mart and general store shop No. 2/59/A2, Chaudi Canacona Goa for selling sub-standard Mix shev adding non-permitted synthetic food colours (Tartrazine).



Similarly penalties of Rs. 20,000/-, Rs.5,000/- and Rs.5,000/- imposed on Shri Prakash Manju Madival, M/s. Udupi butter chakli alias Shree Ganesh product, near Maruthi School, Kodibhag, Karwar Kolage Karwar Uttara Kannada Karnataka, Shri. Mohanlal Choudhary, M/s. Mohan Food Products, House No. 402/ D, Shantinagar Aquem, Baixo, Salcete, South Goa and Shri. Ambarish K Bhaskaran, Vendor at M/s B.K.S. Bakery Plot No.7, Ground floor, Balli, V.P.Ballimath Quepem respectively for selling sub-standard Tomato Chakli adding non-permitted synthetic food colours (Tartrazine).

## Office of CEO promotes voter enrolment through Dandiya celebration

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**PANAJI:** As part of the SVEEP activities and the enrollment of women in the electoral roll during the Special Summary Revision 2025, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Goa organized a Dandiya performance to mark the occasion of Navratri at IMB in the city yesterday.

Chief Electoral Officer, Shri Ramesh Verma, IAS, who was the chief guest, stated that the primary goal of this event is to ensure every eligible voter is registered. He informed that individuals who are 17 years old can now pre-register. He further explained that registration can be done online or through physical forms.

For any difficulties in the registration process, individuals can contact the Collector's office or the



BLO (Booth Level Officer).

Emphasizing the importance of strengthening democracy, he highlighted that voting is essential for all citizens. Shri Verma added that such programs serve as a way to communicate to society along with celebrating our vibrant festivals and culture; we must also actively participate in the democratic process to ensure the nation's growth. He concluded with a vision for India's future,

expressing hope that with active participation, India can become a developed nation by 2047.

Earlier, Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Smt. Triveni Velip welcomed the gathering and shared that the Election Commission of India has announced the schedule for voter enrollment, which will take place from October 29 to November 28, 2024. She informed me that individuals who have turned 18, those who are 17 and wish to

pre-register, or anyone needing to update their address, photo, or change their constituency due to marriage, can enrol during this period.

Smt. Velip further highlighted the special campaign dates scheduled on November 8, 9, 23, and 24, during which Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will be available at polling stations to assist with corrections, modifications, or new registrations. She urged everyone to spread awareness about voter enrollment, the importance of voting, and the schedule for registration.

Eight Dandiya groups performed at the function. Also present on the occasion were Smt Akshaya Amonkar, Mamlatdar-In-Collectorate, North and Dr Gervasio Mendes, Nodal Officer, SVEEP North Goa



# "Sir, You Will Forever...": Rohit Sharma, Neeraj Chopra Tributes As Ratan Tata Dies

■ Sports stars paid tributes as Ratan Tata, one of India's most beloved industrialists, died at the age of 86.

**New Delhi:** Entire India went into a state of mourning as Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus, Tata Sons, died at Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai aged 86. He was among India's most respected and loved industrialists, who took Tata Group to new heights and touched the fabric of the nation through his contributions across different areas including philanthropy. Even sports stars, including Olympian medallist Neeraj Chopra, Test and ODI captain

Rohit Sharma, and India's T20I skipper Suryakumar Yadav, took to social media to pay their tributes to Ratan Tata after hearing the saddening news of his death.

"A man with a heart of gold. Sir, you will forever be remembered as someone who truly cared and lived his life to make everyone else's better," India's ODI and Test captain Rohit Sharma wrote.

"I'm very sorry to hear about the passing of Shri Ratan Tata ji. He was a

visionary, and I'll never forget the conversation I had with him. He inspired this entire nation. I pray that his loved ones find strength. Om Shanti," said Neeraj Chopra.

"End of an era. The epitome of kindness, most inspirational, marvel of a man. Sir, you have touched so many hearts. Your life has been a blessing to the nation. Thank you for your endless and unconditional service. Your legacy will live on. Rest in glory, sir," Suryakumar wrote.

"We have lost a true Ratan of Bharat, Shri Ratan Tata ji. His life will be an inspiration for us all and he will continue to live in our hearts. Om Shanti," said former cricketer Virender Sehwag.

In an official statement, Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran paid tributes to Ratan Tata, calling him a "mentor, guide and friend". "For the Tata Group, Mr. Tata was more than a chairperson. To me, he was a mentor, guide and friend.

## "We Talked About...": Sundar Pichai Recalls Last Meeting With Ratan Tata

**Ratan Tata, born on December 28, 1937, is the Chairman of Ratan Tata Trust, two of the largest private-sector-promoted philanthropic trusts in India.**

**New Delhi:** As tributes poured in to honour legendary industrialist Ratan Tata, Google and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai took to social media to remember his "business and philanthropic legacy".

Recalling his interaction with Mr Ratan Tata, Mr Pichai said the Tata Group Chairman Emeritus "deeply cared about making India better". He said they talked about Google's autonomous driving technology Waymo and his vision was "inspiring to hear". He added that the 86-year-old was "instrumental in mentoring and developing the modern business leadership in India". Among other

business leaders who remembered him were Chairman of the Mahindra Group Anand Mahindra and RPG Enterprises Chairman Harsh Goenka.

Mr Tata, the former Tata Group chairman who transformed a staid group into India's largest and most influential conglomerate, breathed his last at south Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital at 11.30 pm on Wednesday.

He was born on December 28, 1937 in Mumbai. Educated at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, the veteran industrialist worked on the shop floor at the family-run group after returning to India in 1962.

## Ratan Tata Dies At 86: Tata Sons' Full Statement

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**New Delhi:** Ratan Tata, one of India's most loved industrialists, died today aged 86. He was reportedly admitted to a Mumbai hospital in critical condition. N Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons, has confirmed the sad news. In a statement, Mr Chandrasekaran said, "It is with a profound sense of loss that we bid farewell to Mr. Ratan Naval Tata, a truly uncommon leader whose immeasurable contributions have shaped not only the Tata Group but also the very fabric of our nation."

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## 'Visionary Business Leader, Compassionate Soul, Extraordinary Human Being': PM Modi Mourns Ratan Tata's Demise

■ In a post on X, the Prime Minister shared his photo with the visionary leader and said one of the most unique aspects of Tata was his passion towards dreaming big and giving back

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday expressed condolences over the demise of Ratan Tata, said that he provided stable leadership to one of India's oldest and most prestigious business houses.

The Tata Sons Chairman Emeritus died at the age of 86 late on Wednesday. He was admitted to Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital since Monday due to a sudden drop in blood pressure and was in critical condition in the

intensive care unit.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister shared his photo with the visionary leader and said one of the most unique aspects of Tata was his passion towards dreaming big and giving back.

"Shri Ratan Tata Ji was a visionary business leader, a compassionate soul and an extraordinary human being. He provided stable leadership to one of India's oldest and most prestigious business houses. At the same time, his contribution went far beyond the boardroom.

He endeared himself to several people thanks to his humility, kindness and an unwavering commitment to making our society better," Modi said.

"One of the most unique aspects of Shri Ratan Tata Ji was his passion towards dreaming big and giving back. He was at the forefront of championing causes like education, healthcare, sanitation, animal welfare to name a few," Modi added. Remembering his meetings with Tata when he was Gujarat CM, Modi said they would exchange

views on diverse issues and these interactions continued when he came to Delhi as the prime minister. "My mind is filled with countless interactions with Shri Ratan Tata Ji. I would meet him frequently in Gujarat when I was the CM. We would exchange views on diverse issues. I found his perspectives very enriching. These interactions continued when I came to Delhi. Extremely pained by his passing away. My thoughts are with his family, friends and admirers in this sad hour.

## "His Contribution To Charity Is Invaluable" President On Ratan Tata's Death

**New Delhi:** President Droupadi Murmu offered her condolences on Thursday to the family of

businessman Ratan Tata.

Mr Tata, Chairman Emeritus, Tata Sons, passed away at Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai on Wednesday evening.

Paying her tributes to the business titan in a post on X, President Murmu said, "In the sad demise of Ratan Tata, India has lost an icon who blended corporate growth with nation building, and excellence with ethics."

President Murmu highlighted Tata's contributions to philanthropy and charity calling them as "invaluable."

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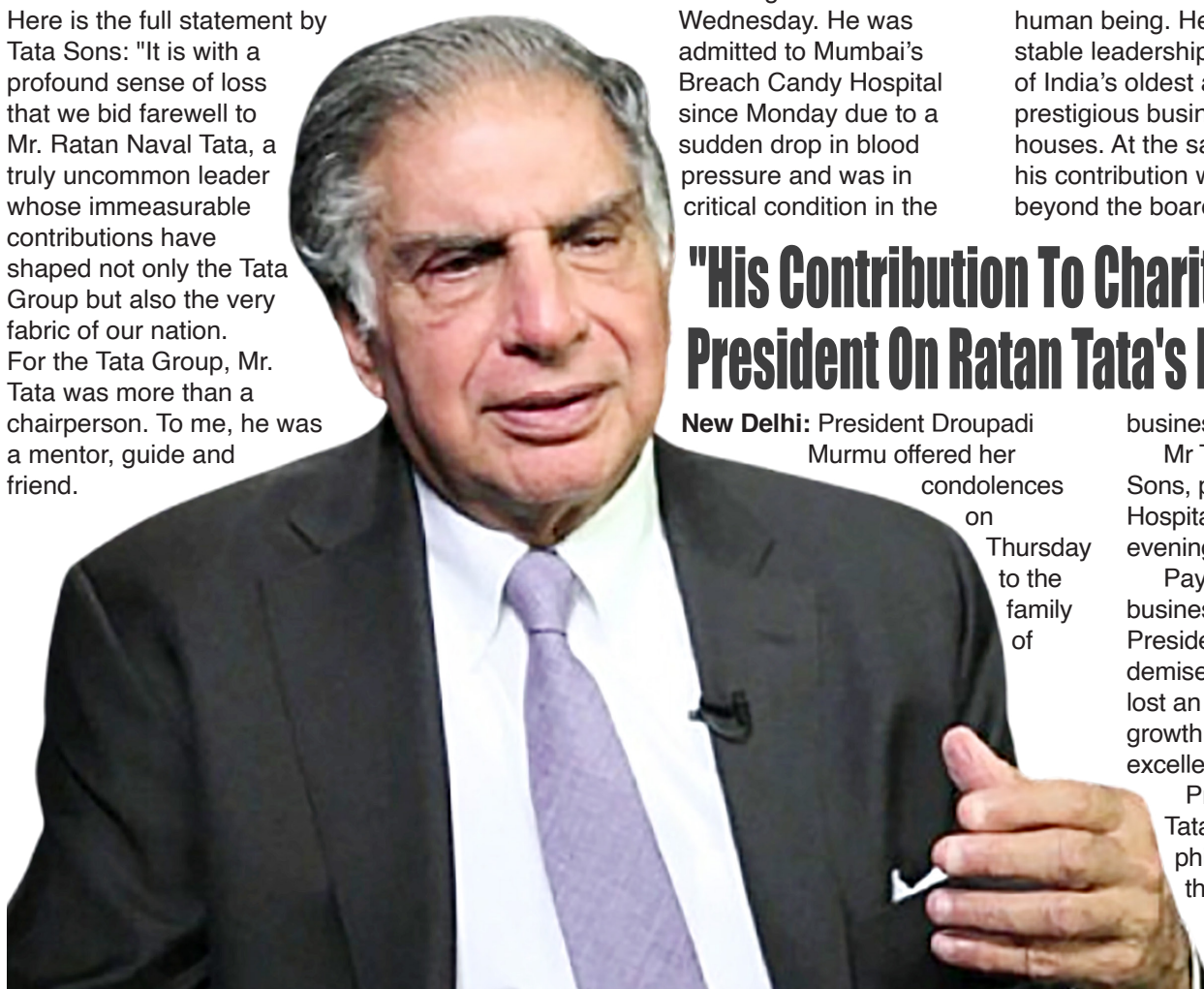
**Ratan Tata Dies: Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus, Tata Sons, passed away at Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai on Wednesday evening.**

growth with nation building, and excellence with ethics. A recipient of Padma Vibhushan and Padma Bhushan, he took forward the great Tata legacy and gave it a more impressive global presence.

"He inspired seasoned professionals and young students alike. His contribution to philanthropy and charity is invaluable," she said.

"I convey my condolences to his family, the entire team of the Tata Group and his admirers across the globe," the post added.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered condolences on the demise of Ratan Tata and said he was "extremely pained" by his passing away.





# Delhi CM's Residence Sealed? Atishi's Belongings 'Forcibly Removed', LG's Office Says She 'Trespassed'

■ The Delhi CMO in a statement alleged that Lieutenant-Governor VK Saxena wants to allocate the residence to "some important BJP leader"

**New Delhi:** The Delhi Chief Minister's Office (CMO) on Wednesday alleged that Atishi's official residence at Civil Lines was forcibly vacated at the behest of the BJP, claiming that Lieutenant-Governor V.K. Saxena wants to allocate it to a leader from the saffron party.

The belongings of Delhi Chief Minister Atishi were removed from the residence, which was previously occupied by her predecessor, Arvind Kejriwal, according to the CMO statement.

Meanwhile, there was no immediate response to these allegations from the LG's office or the BJP.

AAP leader Atishi had moved her belongings to the Delhi Chief Minister's residence at 6 Flagstaff Road in Civil Lines on Monday. The bungalow had been occupied for over nine years by fellow party leader and former Delhi CM Arvind



Kejriwal, who vacated it after resigning as Chief Minister.

Atishi illegally occupied bungalow: L-G Office Meanwhile, source in the Lieutenant Governor's Office told India Today that AAP's claims about the bungalow being the "official residence of the Delhi Chief Minister" were incorrect. The source noted that bungalow in question is not designated as the Chief Minister's house and can be allocated to anyone.

The source also stated that Atishi had illegally occupied the property,

as it was not officially designated for her.

"Atishi trespassed at 6, Flagstaff Road. The bungalow was never designated for her occupancy, despite her request to the Public Works Department (PWD)," the source said, further adding, "If someone trespasses onto a property, the owner is entitled to take action."

BJP Try To Capture CM's residence: AAP Earlier today, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh alleged that the bungalow had not yet been officially allotted to Atishi and

accused the BJP of trying to "usurp" it. He claimed that a camp office of the Chief Minister located on the bungalow premises had also been vacated. Singh also dismissed the BJP's allegation that Kejriwal did not vacate the CM residence after stepping down.

"As a CM, Atishi had to occupy the residence. But it has not been allocated to Atishi. She made it a camp office and started meetings, then they ousted the staff. The BJP is now trying to capture the CM residence as they are not winning the elections," Singh told the media during a briefing.

Calling it "cheap politics," AAP chief national spokesperson Priyanka Kakkar said that the Lieutenant-Governor needs to understand that winning an election is a "basic requirement" for anyone to stay at the Chief Minister's residence.



## After Haryana Win, Caste Equations And BJP MLAs Who May Get Cabinet Berth

**Savitri Jindal, India's richest woman and an independent MLA from Hisar, who formally offered her support to the BJP last night, could be in the new Cabinet.**

**New Delhi:** The business of winning a historic third consecutive election completed, the Bharatiya Janata Party has now switched focus to forming the new Haryana government, specifically the constitution of a cabinet with a nod to caste equations in the heartland state.

The party's 48 newly elected lawmakers are expected to meet later today, but it is the central leadership, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on which all eyes rest.

There can be a maximum of 14 ministers in the Haryana government including Chief Minister-elect Nayab Singh Saini, who met Mr Modi at his residence in Delhi Wednesday. Sources told NDTV the BJP has already sanctioned a second (and first full) term for Mr Saini So that leaves 13 open positions, of which the BJP will have to look for 11 new faces because only Mahipal Dhandra and Mool Chand Sharma, have retained their seats.



## After 50 RG Kar Medics, 60 Calcutta Medical College Doctors Resign In Protest Against Kolkata Rape-Murder

**The total number of doctors who have resigned has crossed 100**

**Kolkata:** At least 60 doctors on Wednesday resigned from their roles from Kolkata's Calcutta Medical College, a day after 50 senior doctors resigned from their roles at RG Kar. The doctors at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital had earlier on Tuesday decided to resign en masse after holding a meeting of various department heads of the state-run hospital.

They had resigned to show solidarity with medics who have been on fast-

unto-death demanding justice for the deceased woman doctor who was allegedly raped and murdered in August.

The mass resignation of the senior doctors from two of the city's prime medical colleges comes in the wake of the indefinite hunger strike being conducted by seven junior doctors in the heart of the city and a symbolic 12-hour fast being held in solidarity by their peers across medical colleges of West Bengal.

## 'Nuclear Submarines, Predator Drones': India Okays Rs 80,000 Crore Mega Deal With US

**India clears ₹80,000 crore deal to acquire Predator drones from the US and indigenously build two nuclear attack submarines.**

**New Delhi:** The Cabinet Committee on Security on Wednesday cleared major deals worth Rs 80,000 with the US which would see India boost its surveillance capabilities of its defence forces with the acquisition of 31 Predator drones and bolster its naval arsenal with two nuclear-powered conventional strike submarines (SSNs), which will be built indigenously.

Government sources said the Indian Navy will soon add the two nuclear-powered attack submarines to its fleet of submarines.

The ₹45,000 crore deal for building two nuclear submarines at the Ship Building Centre in Visakhapatnam will involve significant participation from private sector firms like Larsen



and Toubro, news agency ANI said in their report.

It also said that submarines are crucial to addressing gaps in underwater capabilities and further added that these submarines, which are going to be built under the ambitious Project Advanced Technology

Vessel project, are separate from the five nuclear submarines being built under the Arihant class at the same location. India possesses three nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs) as part of its nuclear triad, which ensures land, air, and sea-

based deterrence. These submarines include the INS Arihant, INS Arighat, and the S4.

Sources said India's acquisition of 31 MQ-9B Predator drones includes 15 units for the Indian Navy and 8 each for the Indian Army and Air Force. (Source:NEWS18)



# 'I Wanted to See...': Suryakumar Yadav Explains Why Hardik Pandya Didn't Make The Cut Among Seven Bowlers For 2nd T20I

India captain Suryakumar Yadav made use of seven bowlers in the second T20I against Bangladesh in Delhi but not Hardik Pandya

**New Delhi:** India registered a big 86-run win over Bangladesh to take a 2-0 lead in the three-match T20I series on Wednesday. It was a complete performance from the T20 world champions as they produced eye-catching performances across departments. After being put in to bat first, they were wobbling after losing three batters cheaply before Nitish Reddy and Rinku Singh struck quickfire half-centuries to power them to a big total. It was then the turn



of the bowlers to shine as Bangladesh were never allowed a breathing space. The Indian fielders backed the efforts of

their bowlers nicely while pulling off athletic catches. India captain Suryakumar Yadav employed the services of as many as

seven bowlers including Arshdeep Singh, Mayank Yadav, Nitish Reddy, Varun Chakaravathy, Washington Sundar, Abhishek Sharma and Riyan Parag. Interestingly, senior allrounder Hardik Pandya, who earlier scored a 19-ball 32 besides taking a spectacular running catch in the dep, wasn't used as a bowler. While his efforts in the field made it clear there wasn't any fitness concern, it did lead to a question why the call to not use his medium-pace bowling was taken.



## "Team Is Important, Not Me": Rinku Singh After India's Win Over Bangladesh In 2nd T20I

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**New Delhi:** Following India's win over Bangladesh in the second T20I, batter Rinku Singh said that the ball was gripping the surface initially and was not coming on the bat properly. A fine all-round performance from Team India, particularly Nitish Kumar Reddy, helped the Men in Blue

secure an 86-run win over Bangladesh in the second T20I at Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium on Wednesday. After the game in a post-match press conference, Rinku said, "When match started the ball was not coming properly to the bat and once we got the momentum we started to hit."

## "Was In My Zone": Harmanpreet Kaur After Hitting Her Fastest T20I 50 vs Sri Lanka

Harmanpreet Kaur, who has been battling inconsistency, was at her belligerent best against Sri Lanka in a Women's T20 World Cup match.

**Dubai:** "It was one of those days when I was in the zone," said India captain Harmanpreet Kaur after smashing her fastest fifty in T20 Internationals in Dubai on Wednesday. Harmanpreet, who has been battling inconsistency, was at her belligerent best against Sri Lanka in a Women's T20 World Cup match. She completed her half-century off 27 balls and on the last delivery of India's innings. Her previous fastest fifty -- off 29 balls -- also came against Sri Lanka back in 2018. India won the game by 82 runs after posting 172 for three, the highest total of the World Cup thus far. "It was one of those days where I was in my zone, I was thinking positively and hitting anything that was in my zone."



## Indian Women Create History, Win First Ever Medal in Team Event of Asian Table Tennis Championships

This is India's maiden medal in women's table tennis team event at Asian Championships

**Kazakhstan:** The Indian women table tennis stars have created history. On Wednesday, the team won their first-ever medal – a bronze – at an Asian Table Tennis Championships which they secured after a 1-3 defeat to Japan in the semifinals.

This is India's maiden medal in women's team event at Asian Championships. Going first, India's Ayhika Mukherjee gave a tough fight to Japan's Miwa Harimoto before losing 2-3 (8-11, 11-9, 8-11,



13-11, 7-11) in Astana (Kazakhstan). The highly-rated Manika Batra levelled the scores after

notching up a 3-0 (11-6, 11-5, 11-8) win over Satsuki Odo in the second match.

## 'SKY and Gambhir Gave Me License to Play Fearless': Nitish Kumar Reddy Reflects on His POTM Performance After Dominant Win

Nitish showcased his all-round excellence, scoring a blistering 74 runs on 34 balls, and registering 2/23 in 4 overs with the ball for India in their dominant 86-run win

**New Delhi:** There's nothing better than donning the India Blue and going out to play your heart out. Nitish Kumar Reddy attested to the very same, as the youngster grabbed the Player of the Match award for his all-round performance in India's win over Bangladesh in Delhi on Wednesday.

After being cruelly denied the opportunity of a lifetime due to injury, Nitish Kumar Reddy has shown the cricketing world a classic tale of



rebounding as the young all-rounder made his mark for India with the bat and the ball. After India fell to 25-2 in 3 overs, Nitish Reddy would take the crease, to put on a show for all to see.

## Gaude promises government support to help revive football in the state

**Team Goemkarponn**

**PANAJI:** Sports Minister Govind Gaude kicked off the first GFDC Football Summit, 2024, on Wednesday and called on stakeholders of the beautiful game to come together to give concrete solutions to the government to help motivate interest towards the state sport.

Addressing the inaugural of the GFDC Football Summit that got underway in Goa today, Gaude said there were only two means of bringing glory to the state either through sport



or cultural and artistic performances, both of which he controls.

"Footballers have made immense effort to promote football. At one time when there was no infrastructure the great men who represented India played on rough grounds bare feet. But

today I think, at least in the field of football, the government, the private sector, the NGOs and the academics, have given enough infrastructure in the field of football.

The only thing lacking is the passion or indeed the motivation we need to give to the young football

talents," Gaude said. "We need to give them motivation, we need to give them a platform."

That is why today's summit is organised by the GFA and GFDC. Unless and until we debate and discuss from people who have given the best in the field of football... Expertise is very important, there are so many professional clubs and amateur clubs. But we need to promote and give some support. That is why the government is keen to support not only football but every discipline. It is our prime duty," he added.