



Khalistani Extremists Thrash Devotees At Canada's Hindu Temple

■ MP Chandra Arya said that Khalistani extremists are taking advantage of Canada's freedom of expression laws, and are receiving a "free pass"

Canada: Devotees were attacked at a Hindu temple in Canada's Brampton by a group of people allegedly Khalistani extremists on Sunday. In the videos which are doing rounds on social media, a group of men holding Khalistani flags can be seen thrashing people with sticks outside the Hindu Sabha Mandir.

Canada PM Justin Trudeau condemned "acts of violence" at the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton and said it is unacceptable.

Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown said that he will be bringing a motion



to the City Council which would look at prohibiting protests at places of worship.

"Places of worship should safe spaces that are free of violence and intimidation. I have asked

our City solicitor to look into the legality of such a by-law for our next scheduled meeting of City Council," he wrote on X.

'Red Line Crossed By Khalistani Extremists' Condemned the violence,

Canadian Member of Parliament Chandra Arya said that a "red line has been crossed" by Khalistani extremists.

Shared a video of the incident on X, Arya wrote, "A red line has been crossed by Canadian Khalistani extremists today. The attack by Khalistanis on the Hindu-Canadian devotees inside the premises of the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton shows how deep and brazen has Khalistani violent extremism has become in Canada." He added, "I begin to feel that there is a small

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MLA Viresh denies rumours of Manoj Parab joining BJP

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ST ANDRE: St Andre RGP MLA Viresh Borkar today has denied rumours about Manoj Parab joining the BJP.

Borkar said, AI technology is being used a lot. With the help of AI anything is possible.

"I saw a poster of Manoj Parab with his picture but the original news cutting doesn't have his picture in it," he

added

Borkar said that it is a rumour, and has created using AI technology.

"This is an attempt by politicians to create propaganda. This is bad politics and we have never seen this kind of politics before but now it's happening a lot," he added

MLA also said that these politicians are spreading false rumours or false propaganda.



Work for IFFI 2024 expected to be completed by Nov 15: Goa CM

Says govt will spend Rs 26 crore for IFFI Goa 2024

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PANAJI: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant today informed that his government will spend Rs 26 crore for IFFI Goa 2024. "The work for IFFI 2024 is expected to be completed by November 15, with the CM scheduled to review the progress on the ground on November 18," said Sawant

He further informed that as part of IFFI 2024, a parade will be held featuring six floats from the Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG) to Kala Academy, showcasing the best of Carnival and Shigmotsav on November 22. "Over 3,659 registrations have been received so far for the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024," he informed. Sawant said that Delegates can register online on the IFFI official website, and preparations for IFFI 55 are in full swing.

The Indian Panorama, a flagship section of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), announces selection of 25 Feature Films and 20 Non-Feature Films to be showcased in the 55th edition of IFFI.

The package of 25 Feature Films including 5 films from mainstream cinema have been chosen from a broad spectrum of 384 contemporary Indian feature films. The Jury's choice for the opening Film of Indian Panorama 2024 is "Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (Hindi)", directed by Shri Randeep Hooda.

Further, a package of 20 non-feature films will be screened in the Indian Panorama selected from a spectrum of 262 films.

The package of Non-Feature Films exemplifies the capacity of emerging and established filmmakers to document, investigate, entertain and also reflect contemporary Indian values.

JOB SCAM: Mastermind Priya Yadav Arrested from Kolhapur

116 Gms Gold Recovered, 3 Cars Attached

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PANAJI: Bicholim police today have arrested Priya Yadav from Kolhapur for allegedly scamming locals with false job promises.

As per police complaint accused persons Priya Ajay Yadav and Rohan Rajendra Venji with their common intension cheated and duped the complainant and others for Rs. 20,70,000/- on pretext of giving job in railways.

In this connection Bicholim Police Station



Crime No. 81/2024, U/S 420 r/w 34 IPC stands was registered.

During the course of the investigation, it revealed that accused Priya Yadav mortgaged gold ornaments of the locals/victims and availed gold loan. Further the

Fake Jobs: CM urges Goans to come forward & file police complaint

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PANAJI: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant today appealed Goans to come forward and file police complaint for taking money on pretext of providing government jobs. "I appeal Goans to come forward & file police complaint if anyone has taken money from them on pretext of providing government jobs" said Sawant



Gold ornaments weighing about 116 approximate Worth Rs. 09 lakhs grams were attached in crime for further investigation.

Investigation revealed

that accused lady Mrs. Priya Yadav had duped many residents of Bicholim for tune for more then Rs 1 Crore on pretext of giving job

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Chaos Over Article 370, Sajjad's Taunts To Omar Mark First Hour Of J&K's New Assembly

■ Sajjad Lone taunted J&K CM Omar Abdullah for giving Kashmiri shawls to PM Modi and Amit Shah during his Delhi visit

New Delhi: The first hour of the newly-formed Assembly in Jammu and Kashmir was marked with chaos after People's Democratic Party (PDP) MLA Waheed Para introduced a resolution opposing the abrogation of Article 370.

A ruckus broke out in the Assembly after Para's



resolution on Article 370, which was strongly

opposed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs.

The BJP demanded that Para's remarks be expunged and accused him of violating the rules of the Assembly. Additionally, People's Conference leader Sajjad Lone taunted Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for giving Kashmiri shawls to Prime Minister Narendra

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India's 0-3 Whitewash Against Kiwis is Difficult To Digest

“Not only did they win the series but whitewashed the hosts, which had never happened to India in India since 1933. Seriously, India's defeat in Mumbai is difficult to digest. The loss has put a huge question mark on the future of ageing captains Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja. Of course, we do not need to take any knee-jerk reactions immediately but the BCCI needs to take this series as a reality check. The reality is our beloved Rohit and Virat are ageing and we need to groom Jaiswals, Pants and Gills for bigger roles.”

Barely a month ago Team India was on a high with a commanding victory over Bangladesh. Dishing out the aggressive brand of cricket Rohit Sharma's side looked invincible.

Then comes New Zealand which had

lost the Test series in Sri Lanka 0-2 and pundits felt it would be a cakewalk for team India but shockingly they have upset Team India's appletart. Not only did they win the series but whitewashed the hosts, which had

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The batting now looks vulnerable even at home forget the pitches abroad. One may wonder what would be the fate of Team India in Australian conditions.

The Kangaroos will just swallow the Rohit Sharma side without water.

Shockingly a team which had the likes of Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, VVS Laxman and Sourav Ganguly is struggling to play spin due to faulty technique and falls short of chasing 147. Shame.

Even in bowling, we need to admit Jadeja, and Ashwin were not effective at all. They may have got wickets but it was more due to pitch than their expertise or variations.

How could Santaner and Ajaz Patel get so much turn and bounce and Ashwin, Jadeja and Washington Sunder looked average? Credit must also go to Kiwi batters who played with application and did not

commit harakiri like Kohli & co did on Day 1 losing three wickets in no time. That is when we had already lost the game.

Barring some individual performances like Sarfaraz Khan (150) in the first match, Shubman Gill (90) and the heroics of Rishabh Pant besides a 7-wicket haul of Sunder there was nothing much in India's performance.

Moving ahead, the BCCI has to keep one thing in mind though Virat and Rohit have served the country for a long and won accolades they have to be replaced someday and maybe sooner rather than later.

The Australia Series Downunder will make things clear. Of course, there seems to be only 10 percent chance now of India making it to WTC

Man detained on arrival at Mopa Airport for assaulting police personnel in 2015

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Placid D'Costa, a resident of Macazana, Curtorim, was nabbed by Police at Mopa Airport on Sunday after being intercepted by immigration authorities on his arrival from the United Kingdom. D'Costa has been wanted by Verna police since 2015, when he allegedly abused, obstructed, and assaulted police officers responding to an accident call near Goan Maharaja Hotel.

The case, filed on behalf of police constable Mujaved Khan of Verna Police Station, was charge-sheeted in 2016 under case number 29/IPC/2016 and had been under trial at the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) in Margao.

However, D'Costa



repeatedly failed to appear for court hearings, prompting the issuance of a proclamation against him in 2022. When he continued to evade court appearances, a Look Out Circular (LOC) was issued and shared with all border and immigration check posts across India.

D'Costa was detained by immigration officers upon his arrival in Goa and handed over to Verna Police who has been arrested after being formally charged under Sections 332, 353, and 504 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC)

Illegal Fishing: Two Malpe fishing trawlers seized at Nerul coast

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NERUL: At Nerul, Bardez, two fishing trawlers from Malpe, Karnataka, were apprehended for engaging in illicit fishing in Goa waters.

In addition to pursuing the trawlers, Goenchea Ramponkaranchi Ekvott (GRE) traditional fisherman assisted the Coastal Security police in capturing two fish-carrying vessels. Later, both boats were taken to



the Panjim jetty with fish that were valued at millions of rupees. It was told that legal action would be taken against the owners of both vessels.

Fishermen claim that between 50 and 60 trawlers were fishing

illegally in Goa waters. However, two vessels were seized by fisherman with the assistance of coastal security authorities. A variety of fish, including several that are prohibited from being caught this month, were loaded onto

both boats. Inside the boats they discovered fish species such as Somdhalo (butterfish), Diana (leather jacket fish), Korli (silver bar), Bangdo (mackerels), Gobro (reef cod), and Maanki (squids). The Department of Fisheries' lack of responsiveness was lamented by the fishermen. They said that boats from a neighboring state were utilizing LED lights, and that the government was not monitoring this practice.

Two arrested circulating obscene videos of a woman

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VERNA: Dayasagar Kashyap and Neeraj Kumar, both from Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh, and currently living in Sancoale, have been charged by the Verna Police with disseminating an explicit video of a woman online with the



intention of damaging the victim's and her family's reputation.

According to the authorities, the two suspects insulted and

defamed a local woman by spreading a pornographic film of her.

According to the victim's husband's complaint, the event happened on October 25 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

After receiving a complaint, the police filed a case against both defendants in accordance

with Section 79, 356(2) read with 3(5) of the BNSS and Section 67(A) of the Information Technology Act. Notices were then sent to the accused in accordance with BNSS Act Section 35/3.

Mormugao DySP Gurudas Kadam is guiding Verna PI Melson Colaco in his ongoing probe.

Exposition: All works to be completed by Nov 15

■ Complete & handover the place to the assigned departments/agencies by November 15: CM

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OLD GOA: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said that 90 percent development works in view of St Francis Xavier (SFX) Exposition has been completed while stating that entire work will be completed by November 15.

Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant in the presence of Minister For Law and Judiciary, and Dy. Chairman, Aleixo Sequeira and Secretary Revenue and Commissioner-I, Sandip Jacques, IAS reviewed the various works

underway for the solemn Exposition of the Relics of Saint Francis Xavier urged upon the respective HoDs to discharge their responsibilities in completing the assigned tasks at a meeting held at the Exposition Secretariat, Old Goa.

Chief Minister urged all the Functional Heads to conduct a site visit to ensure that nothing is left incomplete and also suggested to have a mock drill on November 18 to put and sort out issues, if any. Complete and handover the place to the assigned



departments/agencies by November 15, he directed.

CM emphasised on providing sound public transport to pilgrims of Panaji, Margao, Mapusa and Vasco to Old Goa and back at specific timings with due publicity for effective traffic management for common

person.

"Small EV buses could be used to ferry people from designated parking lots. Supdt of Police was directed to post designated police officials to manage traffic all along the route," he added

Dr Sawant also directed the Police Officials to

create awareness among the pilgrims to be cautious about pick pocketing to ensure safety of their belongings besides the installation and monitoring of CCTV Cameras all across.

Minister For Law and Judiciary, Aleixo Sequeira called on the officials to show urgency and exhorted to complete the works within the time frame provided while reviewing the various works to be executed by line departments for the forthcoming Solemn Exposition of the Relics of

St Francis Xavier.

Sequeira reiterating Government commitment to execute the works committed to the Church authorities directed the PWD department to take on board more agencies to ensure that the civil works which are underway are taken on war footing and completed well within the time frame provided.

Discussing further on various issues and works one by one Shri Sequeira set a deadline for all the pending works and urged the officials to be serious in achieving the set deadline.

2 dead in Multi-vehicular accident at Mollem

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MOLLEM: An collision involving three vehicles at the Biodiversity Park at Suktollem, Mollem, resulted in the deaths of a truck and bus driver and the serious injuries of two others.

The deceased has been identified by the Collem Police as Khwaja Mohiddin Maniyar (48), a Hubballi native and Ramnagar, Karnataka, bus driver Bhima Naik. The Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC) in Bambolim is treating a female passenger who suffered serious injuries in the collision.

According to the police, the truck driver was killed when the bus, which was traveling from Goa to Bengaluru, collided with the incoming vehicle while it was speeding.

Firefighters and villagers worked together to rescue the bus driver and the female



passenger who was sitting in the front seat after they were trapped inside the vehicle.

The crash caused significant damage to both the truck and the bus. A six-person Porvorim family was driving home in an SUV when the bus struck their car and then crashed into a roadside tree. They were just slightly hurt. Sushil Morajkar, the Ponda Station Fire Officer (SFO), and his crew raced to the scene and saved the lives of the injured.

ESA: Expert Panel to visit Goa this month

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PANAJI: This month, an expert committee constituted by the Union Ministry for Environment, Forests, and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) to look into the State governments' opinions and complaints about Western Ghats Eco-Sensitive Areas (ESA) is probably going to travel to Goa to verify the State's submission on the ground.

In its submission to the Union Ministry, the Goa government suggested removing 21 villages off the ESA list.

This proposal was based on the findings of a seven-member committee constituted by the State and led by Dr. Devendra Pandey, the former director



general of the Forest Survey of India. The committee has suggested that 87 communities be classified as ESA since they satisfy the Ministry's requirements.

In contrast to the previous list of 99 villages, the Center nominated 108 localities from Goa as ESA in its draft notification, which was released in August.

We have demanded that many of the villages be dropped from the ESA list says Min Sequeira



Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration
Government of Goa



Guidelines to be followed by the Food Business Operators (FBOs)



- ✓ Please ensure that you have obtained and displayed the mandatory FSSAI License/Registration certification at your premise.
- ✓ Maintain basic hygiene and follow sanitary guidelines at your premise.
- ✓ Cook food by using less oil, sugar and salt.
- ✓ Ensure that all products kept for sale have proper labelling as per FSSAI Labelling guidelines.
- ✓ Print FSSAI License /Registration number on the bills, invoices, cash memo.
- ✓ Sweet marts are advised to display best before date on trays and containers of loose sweets.
- ✓ Do not reheat cooking oil more than 3 times.
- ✓ Don't use newspapers for wrapping, packing and serving food.
- ✓ Do not use stapler pins for packing food items.
- ✓ Use only potable water for cooking and making edible ice.
- ✓ All food handlers should have sanitary cards.
- ✓ Use only permitted food colours only in the permitted amounts.

Preserve & protect 'Hatkatro Khamba' of Old Goa as Historical Heritage: Hindu Rashtra Committee



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PANAJI: The Hindu Rashtra Coordination Committee has appealed to the Archaeology Minister, Subhash Faldesai, to preserve the 'Hatkatro Khamba' of Old Goa as a historical heritage site.

To safeguard this heritage pillar, it should be fenced for protection.

Arrangements should be made to maintain and preserve the pillar, and a prominent plaque, made of brass or stone, should be placed beside the pillar to clearly convey its historical significance.

Hindu Rashtra Coordination Committee has submitted a memorandum to the Minister Shubhash Faldesai on 3rd November

in this regards.

The delegation from the Committee comprised of Nitin Faldesai, the National Chief of 'International Bajrang Dal'; Shivananad Desai, Anand Gurav, Paresh Panshikar, Sajjan Juvekar, Gajanan Harmalkar and Rohan Desai from 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai Sanghatana'; Sanju Korgaonkar from Vishva Hindu Parishad;

Vishal Desai from Hindu Janajagruti Samiti; and Govind Lolayekar from Sanatan Sanstha.

The memorandum further states that objects and structures that commemorate the history of valor and bravery bear witness to history.

"Such heritage items inspire patriotism, serving as a reminder to prevent the recurrence of past events," they said

The 'Hatkatro Khamba' in Old Goa has unfortunately become a shelter for laborers. Additionally, the pillar was recently painted yellow, an act that has desecrated this historical structure.

"Action should be taken against those responsible for this desecration," committee added



Goa govt committed to extend support for Cooperative movement: CM Sawant

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CUTBONA: Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant inaugurated the Cutbona Fisheries Co-operative Society at Velim in the presence of Fisheries Minister Nilkanth Halarnkar, Law & Environment Minister Aleixo Sequeira and others.

CM congratulated all the fisherman, allied professionals who are coming together to form the society.

Sawant also

stated that the Union Cooperation Ministry is set to roll out new comprehensive Cooperation Policy and the Goa State Govt is always committed to extend support for the Cooperative movement in the state in various sectors.

CM expressed confidence that the Cutbona Co-op society shall strengthen the Fisheries activities, business in the region and contribute to our vision of Swayampurna Goa.

Agonda locals say no to mega projects in village

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CANACONA: Action packed Agonda Gram Sabha rules out 'Mega projects' says any types of mega projects will not only destroy and disturb ecology, but will put undue pressures on already inadequate power-supply, insufficient water-resources, erratic road networks, and also infringe on locals livelihoods.

It was a well attended gramsabha, where almost every members took part in discussions, raised apprehensions and expressed concerns for protecting the village for villagers itself and allow outsiders particularly Delhites, and raised eco and development concerns. Earlier a congratulatory motion was moved resolving to appreciate and congratulate Agonda

Sarpanch Prettal Fernandes for being nominated as the only and first sarpanch in the whole State of Goa go to be elected on the Sarpanch Samvad Advisory committee, a prestigious appointment on Quality Council of India. Various developmental and other related works were brought to the fore and notice of the Panchayat body to which sarpanch Prettal along with secretary Amol Naikgaunkar assured to continuously work on it and take it to its logical end.

Former sarpanch Badal Naikgaunkar submitting a memorandum demanded that no mega projects should be allowed in the village at the cost of local livelihoods. 'In recent times a private entity (Dugal/Alchemist ARP) is filing complaints with the GCZMA and other authorities against many

local establishments and troubling local populace who are engaged in tourism trades.

After a hot discussion a resolution proposed by Badal and seconded by Godwin Fernandes is passed unanimously not to allow any mega projects in Agonda particularly which are detrimental to the locals. As more members demanded Sarpanch informed any file received for mega projects would be mandatory brought to the notice of teh gramsabha. People than shouted we don't need any mega projects in the village as people are already suffering for lack of power supply, water scarcity and erratic road network, and teh village doesn't need additional burdens. 'moreover these mega projects especially if hotel projects will eat on local livelihoods.



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grain of truth in the reports that in addition to Canadian political apparatus, Khalistanis have effectively infiltrated into our law enforcement agencies." The Canadian Member of Parliament further expressed concerns that Khalistani extremists are getting a free pass in Canada under the freedom of expression. "As I have been saying for long, Hindu-Canadians, for the security and safety of our community, need to step up and assert their rights and hold politicians accountable," Arya wrote. Canadian opposition leader Pierre Poilievre

condemned the attack on the Hindu Sabha temple by Khalistani extremists. He said emphasised that all Canadians should be able to practice their faith in peace. From Brampton Violence To Ram Dham Vandalism, Attacks On Hindu Temples In Canada What Police Said Canada's Peel Regional Police dubbed the violence as "protest" and then said any acts of violence, threat of violence or vandalism will be investigated. The police said it has increased its presence to monitor and respond to any unlawful activities.

JOB SCAM: Mastermind Priya Yadav Arrested from Kolhapur

/shops in Railways. Investigation also revealed that accused lady didn't had any personal bank accounts nor any personal vehicle registered in her name. The accused lady upon registration of the crime, remained absconded and till date was untraceable. Further Bicholim Police Station formed consisting of PSI Vikesh Hadfadkar, PC

Vishal Parab and LPC Smita Popkar was deputed to proceed for investigation in Maharashtra and by using technical surveillance and intelligence accused lady Priya Ajay Yadav was traced at Phulewadi Kolhapur Maharashtra where she was hiding for almost two months and brought at this police station and placed under arrest in this crime.

Chaos Over Article 370, Sajjad's Taunts To Omar Mark First Hour Of J&K's New Assembly

Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his Delhi visit. PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti hailed Waheed Para's resolution in the J&K Assembly. "Proud of Waheed Parra for introducing resolution in JK Assembly opposing the revocation of Article 370 and resolve to restore the special status. God bless you," she said on X.

'Resolution on Article 370 only for cameras': Omar Abdullah. Commenting on the resolution on Article 370, Omar Abdullah said it had no importance and was brought only for the cameras without proper consultation. "The reality is that the people of J&K do not approve of the decision taken on 5th August 2019. If they had approved, then the results today would have been different. How the House will reflect and discuss this will not be decided by any one member," he said.

"The resolution brought today has no importance but it is only for the cameras. If there was a purpose behind it, then they would have discussed this with us before," Abdullah added.

GKF demands equal Status of Roman Script at Maha Sabha

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MANGALORE: The Global Konknni Forum (GKF) and All Script Associations of Konknni declared at a major gathering in Mangalore that they will convene an Akhil Bharatiya Konknni Maha-Sabha in Goa on January 3. Discussions about the script issue will be the main topic of this meeting. The Global Konknni Forum (GKF) President Kennedy Afonso declared that Ravindra Bhavan in Margao would host the next Akhil Bharatiya Konknni Maha-Sabha. This location will act as a hub for conversations around the script problem, bringing together different Konknni community stakeholders for fruitful cooperation and



discourse. The Maha Sabha wants Romi and Nagri to have equal status under the Goan official language act, for Roman script Konknni to be introduced into schools from first to Xth grade, for all scripts to be respected, for Sahitya Akademi to grant them equal rights, and for the Konknni Advisory Board's selection process to be made more transparent, democratic, and approved by the Sahitya Akademi

after being chosen by the respective script associations. For the first time, a historic decision has been made to convene a grand Maha Sabha that will include all Konknni associations within the Konkann region. Every year, this event will take place," Afonso stated. He added that this AIKMS will showcase the rich diversity of the Konknni language and its culture.

SIT probe demanded in cash-for-jobs scam

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FATORDA: In light of FIRs and the suicide of government employee Shridhar Satarkar, who is suspected of being involved in the cash-for-jobs scam, the Goa Forward Party (GFP) has called for the creation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to look into the alleged "systematic job mafia."

In order to guarantee the transparent employment of qualified applicants across government agencies, the regional party also demanded that all current recruiting campaigns be put on hold until a comprehensive inquiry is finished.

"For the past two monsoon sessions, I have stood in the Legislative Assembly, repeatedly raising this issue, alleging that government jobs



are being sold rather than earned. I warned that Goa's public recruitment processes are tainted by "cash-for-job" schemes, where employment is auctioned off, overstepping the deserving youth of Goa," said Vijai Sardesai

"My warnings were dismissed: instead, the government continued to accelerate the hiring processes, ignoring all calls for transparency or investigation. One glaring instance of this negligence is the Lower Division Clerk (LDC) recruitment process at the South Goa District Collectorate," he added

Vijai said that he had formally requested the

government to place this interview process on hold and conduct a thorough inquiry into the numerous complaints, and irregularities that had sufaOed.

"Unfortunately, the administration not only failed to act but also proceeded with the recruitment process at double the speed, blatantly disregarding the call for transparency," he added. Vijai said that a Special Investigation Team, dedicated to probing these recruitment scams, must be established without delay. The SIT should comprise professionals from outside the Goa administration to ensure an impartial and thorough investigation.

"This team should have unrestricted access to records, documents, and personnel necessary for uncovering the full extent of this scam," he added

5-day National level FDP organized at St. Xavier's College



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MAPUSA: Five day National level Faculty Development Programme was organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa from 22nd to 26th October, 2024.

The programme was conducted in a hybrid format and brought together faculty participants from institutions across the country.

The inaugural ceremony was held with notable dignitaries in attendance, including Fr. Lucio Dias, President of the Diocesan Society of Education (DSE), and Fr. Jesus Rodrigues, Secretary of DSE.

The event opened with the ceremonial lighting

of the lamp, joined by Fr. Antonio Salema, Administrator of College; Ms. Ursula Barreto, Acting Principal; Ms. Sandra Fernandes, Vice Principal; Dr. Sharmila Pais, Convenor of the FDP; and Dr. Ubaldinha Noronha, IQAC Coordinator. Fr. Mariano Dias and Fr. Joism De Souza also graced the event. An important highlight of the inaugural session was the release of two significant publications: Xavierite, the college newsletter, and Microscope, the Department of Microbiology's publication.

Following the ceremony, the first session, "Weaving Stories of Goan Art and Culture: The Kunbi Sari," was led by architect Pritha Sardesai. She shared the cultural and historical

significance of the Kunbi Sari, a traditional garment of Goa's Kunbi and Christian Gauda communities.

On the same day, Sagar Ram Sakordekar introduced Vedic Mathematics, showcasing its potential in enhancing cognitive abilities and mental clarity. Later in the day, Dr. Maryanne Christine V. Borges e Lobo, a food studies specialist, discussed Ayurvedic health practices, emphasizing the importance of balance among bodily elements, seasonal diets, and mindfulness.

Over the course of the following days, sessions continued to explore educational strategies, including "Empowering Teachers for Lifelong Learning" by

Dr. Arlof Johnvieira, who advocated for value-based education as a foundation for character development in students. Dr. Niradhar Dey from IGNOU outlined modern pedagogical approaches, incorporating elements of inclusivity and the use of technology.

On the concluding day, topics expanded to environmental sustainability with Dr. Ashwini Pai Panandikar's session on "Circular Economy Strategies for Combating Climate Change." Dr. Panandikar underscored the role of educational institutions in fostering sustainable mindsets and adapting circular economic practices. The final session, "From Stress to Serenity: A Journey to Wellness," was led by Prof. Sanjeev Sawardekar, who promoted a holistic lifestyle rooted in yogic principles to mitigate stress and improve well-being. The five-day FDP concluded with feedback from participants and a group photograph, cementing St. Xavier's commitment to advancing holistic education in higher learning.



MLA Krishna Salkar Inaugurates Upgraded Transformer to Boost Power Supply in Vasco

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VASCO: In a significant step toward enhancing the power infrastructure in Vasco, MLA Krishna Salkar inaugurated a newly upgraded 200 KVA transformer on Monday. The inauguration was attended by Mormugao Municipal Council (MMC) Chairperson Girish Borkar, Ward Councillor Shami Salkar, and Councillor Deepak Naik. This new transformer installation is part of a broader project that has seen 22 transformers upgraded across the city, aiming to improve power supply quality for Vasco residents. Speaking at the event, MLA Salkar highlighted the importance of this initiative for Vasco's power reliability, particularly in areas that frequently experience power cuts and voltage fluctuations.

"This upgraded transformer will play a critical role in stabilizing the power supply for residents in Vasco, ensuring fewer disruptions and consistent voltage," said Salkar.

The enhanced power infrastructure is expected to address ongoing issues with power fluctuations and will contribute to reducing frequent power outages in Vasco's wards. Councillor Shami Salkar expressed optimism that these improvements would provide residents with a more dependable power supply, thereby benefiting both homes and businesses in the area. "The upgrade project, covering a total of 22 transformers, underscores the commitment to improving public services and enhancing living conditions in Vasco by MLA Krishna Salkar with the support of the Government".

Goa Tourism to Showcase Regenerative Tourism at WTM London 2024

Goa – The Department of Tourism is pleased to announce its participation in the World Travel Market (WTM) London, scheduled to take place from 5th to 7th November 2024 at ExCeL London. This prestigious event is set to bring together industry leaders from around the globe, offering Goa a prime opportunity to present its distinctive tourism experiences and innovative sustainable travel initiatives on an international platform.

At WTM London, Goa Tourism will spotlight the state's cultural richness, natural beauty, and progressive tourism experiences, with a core emphasis on regenerative and eco-conscious tourism. The Goa Tourism pavilion will offer a vivid showcase of the state's vibrant festivals, adventure pursuits, heritage traditions, and tranquil beaches that together shape Goa's unique identity as a travel destination.

A highlight of this year's participation is the concept of Regenerative Tourism, a step beyond sustainability that focuses



on actively revitalizing and enhancing Goa's natural and cultural treasures. The display will feature initiatives like hinterland tourism, preservation of heritage sites, wellness tourism centered around Ayurveda, and Goa's emerging prominence as a destination for MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) and wedding events. These initiatives aim to benefit local communities and ensure that the environment is preserved for future generations.

The pavilion will also present the Ekadasha Teertha Circuit, a spiritual exploration of 11 historic temples in Goa. The forthcoming Exposition of St. Francis Xavier, will also be one of the highlights, the exposition

is scheduled to be held from 21st November 2024 to 5th January 2025 at the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the iconic Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa. Additionally, the pavilion will highlight the International Film Festival of India, encouraging film lovers to delve into Goa's vibrant cinematic culture. Through engaging displays, Goa Tourism will communicate its commitment to fostering responsible tourism that safeguards both the environment and the cultural heritage of the region. The pavilion is also an excellent opportunity for the Goan diaspora in London to reconnect with their roots and explore the latest tourism developments from their homeland.

Mr. Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Director of Tourism and Managing Director of GTDC, remarked, "Our dedication to Regenerative Tourism represents our goal to go beyond preservation and to truly reinvigorate Goa's natural landscapes and cultural heritage. With the presence of Goan hoteliers, travel agencies, and tourism stakeholders at WTM London, we aim to offer visitors an authentic experience of Goa's unmatched hospitality. We want to inspire global travelers to engage with Goa's beauty while contributing positively to its sustainable development."

Make sure to visit the Goa Tourism pavilion at WTM London 2024 to explore forward-looking tourism practices that prioritize regeneration, and discover how Goa is redefining sustainable tourism by focusing on creating enduring benefits for both its people and the environment.

For more details, please visit:
GTDC: www.goatourism.gov.in Goa Tourism: www.goa-tourism.com



Why India Is Disappearing Under China In Tectonic Tug-Of-War

The Indian tectonic plate is gently but firmly being squeezed and swallowed under the Tibetan plate at the rate of 5 to 6 centimetres per year

Hanle, Ladakh: The military stand-off between India and China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) found an amicable solution recently.

However, another kind of tug-of-war between India and China - a continuous and ancient tectonic one - has been going on with the Indian tectonic plate constantly losing land by sliding under the Tibetan plate. The Indian landmass has been shrinking as its tectonic plate has been sliding under the Eurasian or Tibetan plate.

This correspondent experienced the war of continents first-hand high in the Himalayas at Hanle in Ladakh, where in the last 25 years or so Hanle may have risen by about 2.5 centimetres since this correspondent's last visit almost a quarter century ago to the same locations.

In a quirk of geological history, the Indian landmass is subducting or slipping under the Tibetan of the Asian landmass mainly comprising the current geographical area of China. This is also the reason the Himalayas - considered the ever-growing and youngest mountains - keep rising 5 millimetres per year. The height of Mount Everest, too, keeps going up. This pull and tug below the Earth's surface in northern India below the Himalayas is the root cause of earthquakes in the Himalayan region.

As the Indian plate slides below the Eurasian plate, steadily tension is built up almost like slow tightening of rubber band, then there comes a point when the taut tension is released as the ground gives way, leading to earthquakes.



Mumbai, Pune & Nagpur See Over 50% Spike In PM2.5 Levels As Pollution Peaks After Diwali

Tier II cities like Dhule, Nanded, and Pimpri-Chinchwad topped pollution levels, showing air quality concerns beyond major urban areas

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As part of Respirer Living Sciences' AtlasAQ platform, a report analysed air quality data for Mumbai, Pune, and Nagpur before, during, and after Diwali 2024. Using air quality monitoring data from October 30 (pre-Diwali), October 31 (Diwali), and November 1 (post-Diwali), the study sought to examine the impact of festival-related pollution on particulate matter levels (PM2.5 and PM10).

India and China Made 'Some Progress' In Disengagement: EAM Jaishankar

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New Delhi: India and China have made "some progress" in disengagement, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Sunday, describing it as a "welcome" move which opens up the possibility that other steps could happen.

His comment comes days after Indian and Chinese troops completed disengagement at two friction points at Demchok and Dopsang Plains in eastern Ladakh. The Indian Army commenced verification patrolling at Dopsang while patrolling at Demchok started on Friday. "In terms of India and China, yes, we have made some progress. You know, our relations were very, very disturbed for reasons all of you know. We have made some progress in what we call disengagement, which is

when troops were very close to each other, with the possibility that could lead to some untoward incident," Jaishankar said while responding to a question during interaction with the Indian diaspora here. "There are very large numbers of Chinese troops deployed along the Line of Actual Control who were not there before 2020. And we, in turn, have counter-deployed. There are other aspects of the relationship, which also got affected during this period. So clearly, we have to see after the disengagement, what is the direction we go. But we do think the disengagement is a welcome step. It opens up the possibility that other steps could happen," said the minister.

He said that the expectation after Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Chinese President



Xi Jinping in Russia last month was that "both the national security advisor and myself, we would meet our counterpart. So that's where things are".

On October 21, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said in Delhi that an agreement had been finalised between India and China following negotiations over the past several weeks and that it would lead to a resolution of the issues that arose in 2020. The agreement was firmed up on patrolling and disengagement of troops along the LAC in eastern Ladakh, a breakthrough to end the over four-year standoff.

The ties between the two Asian giants nosedived following a fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in decades. Jaishankar, who arrived in the Australian city of Brisbane earlier in the day on the first leg of his two-nation tour, said that there are right now two conflicts, which are in everybody's mind.

"One is Ukraine. And one is what is happening in the Middle East. In different ways, we are trying to do something in both," he said while replying to another question. On the Ukraine-Russia conflict, Jaishankar said that India is making efforts to bring diplomacy back to the forefront, with Prime Minister Modi personally involved in meetings with leaders of the two countries.

'Canadian Strategy To Attack': India Reacts To Trudeau Govt's 'Cyber Adversary' Label

■ The MEA said the categorisation was an example of how Canada strategised to attack India.

New Delhi: India criticised Canada on Saturday for labelling it as a cyber threat "adversary," calling this classification yet another instance of Canada's ongoing strategy to "attack" India. The external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal criticised Canada over its National Cyber Threat Assessment 2025-2026 report which accused New Delhi of preparing for so-called state-sponsored hacking and cyber-espionage attempts.

"We judge that official bilateral relations between Canada and India will very likely drive Indian state-sponsored cyber threat activity against Canada," the report, published earlier this week, said. Their senior officials have "openly confessed" that they are seeking to "manipulate global



opinion against India", and as on other occasions, imputations are made "without any evidence," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told reporters in response to queries on the issue.

The October 30 report includes a category 'Cyber threat from state adversaries' with China placed as the "most comprehensive cyber security threat". India is

named fifth after China, Russia, Iran and North Korea. It is the first time India has been included in the list.

"Another category, Canada has put India into. This categorisation is as per the cyber report that they have issued. It appears to be another example of a Canadian strategy to attack India," Jaiswal said.

"As I mentioned earlier, their senior officials

have openly confessed that they are seeking to manipulate global opinion against India, as on other occasions, imputations are made without any evidence," he said.

While rejecting India being bracketed in that category, the MEA spokesperson said, "You first state absurd and baseless things and then level such an accusation against us. This is absolutely not right".

The report, whose last edition was issued two years ago, comes amid an escalating diplomatic row between the two countries.

The report also categorises India as a "state adversary" along with China, Russia, Iran and North Korea. It also accused India of building 'cyber programmes' that threaten Canada.



At Least 22 Killed After Bus Falls Into Gorge In Uttarakhand's Almora

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Dehradun: At Least 22 passengers were killed after a bus fell into a gorge near Ramnagar in Uttarakhand's Almora district on Monday morning. Sources said that the bus was overloaded and several children were among those killed. The bus was going from Garhwal to Kumaon when the accident took place at Marchula in Almora, District Magistrate Alok Kumar Pandey said. There were around 40 passengers in the bus when it fell into a 200-metre-deep gorge,

Pandey said. CM Dhani reacts Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhani took note of the accident and directed the administration to carry out the relief operations swiftly. He also instructed to airlift severely injured passengers. "The unfortunate news has come in regarding the casualties of passengers in a bus accident that occurred in Marchula, Almora district. The district administration has been directed to swiftly carry out relief and rescue operations.



UP: Stones Hurlled At Vande Bharat With Bhim Army Chief Onboard, Windowpane Damaged

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New Delhi: Azad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) MP Chandra Shekhar Azad on Sunday claimed that stones were hurled at a Vande Bharat Express train early this morning, damaging a windowpane, in which he was travelling.

Azad said that the incident took place at around 7:12 am after the train passed the Kamalpur station in Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr district.

In a post on X, the Nagina MP shared the occurrence of the event, saying, "This morning I was travelling from Delhi to Kanpur by Vande Bharat train. As soon as the train

crossed Kamalpur station in Bulandshahr district at around 7:12 am, some antisocial element threw stones from outside, due to which the glass near the passenger sitting two seats ahead of me got shattered."

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"I was shocked and stunned by this incident. This incident not only caused damage to government property but also raised questions on the safety of passengers.

12 Wounded In Grenade Attack Near Srinagar's Lal Chowk

■ A grenade was hurled near TRC, an area close to Lal Chowk in Srinagar, sources said

Srinagar: A total of 12 civilians sustained injuries in a grenade attack near the heavily-guarded Tourist Reception Centre, an area close to Lal Chowk in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar on Sunday, J-K police said. According to Srinagar Police, terrorists lobbed a hand grenade at a security force deployment near crowded Sunday Market of Srinagar on Sunday at around 2pm.

The grenade exploded within the crowd, injuring 12 civilians, one among them a lady who sustained serious injuries.

The injured have been identified as Misba aged about 17 years, Azaan Kaloo aged about 17 years, Habibullah Rather aged about 50 years, Altaf Ahmad Seer aged about 21 years, Faizal Ahmad aged about 16 years, Uer Farooq, Faizan Mushtaq aged about 20 years, Zahid aged about 19 years, Gulam Muhammad sofi aged about 55 years, and, Sumaiya Jan aged about 45 years.

Out of these, four people were discharged



after giving first aid. Srinagar Deputy Commissioner Dr Bilal Mohidin said that two injured would have to undergo a surgery due to severe injuries. "We came here (hospital) to meet the injured. They are undergoing treatment, 2 patients will have to undergo surgery. Special care will be given and the remaining injured will be released after treatment..." he said.

Case FIR No. 66/2024 under sections of 16 UAP Act, 109, 115(2) BNS and 3/4 of Explosives Substances Act has been registered in Police Station Kothibagh and investigation has been initiated, the police said.

Today's attack came a day after the top Pakistani commander of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was gunned down by security forces in the Khanyar area of downtown Srinagar. Special Operation Group of J&K Police has been deployed to investigate the attack. A search operation has also been launched by the security forces to track down the attackers.

The explosion triggered panic in the area as the shoppers were seen scrambling for cover. A local resident said, "Nothing like this ever happened here. I don't know what's going on here for a few days now... Even during the peak of

militancy, nothing like this ever happened."

The Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir visited the injured civilians and assured them that strict action would be taken against the perpetrators of this crime. Omar Reacts, LG Takes Stock

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah described today's attack as "deeply disturbing" and said that those responsible for people's security "must do everything possible to end this spurt of attacks". "The last few days have been dominated by headlines of attacks & encounters in parts of the valley. Today's news of a grenade attack on innocent shoppers at the 'Sunday market' in Srinagar is deeply disturbing. There can be no justification for targeting innocent civilians. The security apparatus must do everything possible to end this spurt of attacks at the earliest so that people can go about their lives without any fear," Abdullah posted on X.

'It's Been 4-5 Months...': Rohit Sharma Lifts Lid On Gautam Gambhir And Coaching Staff

Rohit Sharma felt that the players needed to step up and take the responsibility rather than put the blame on the coaching staff after the NZ Test series defeat.

New Delhi: Following India's whitewash at the hands of New Zealand in the recently concluded three-match Test series, questions were asked regarding Gautam Gambhir and his coaching staff who are now under pressure to get the team firing again. But the Indian captain, Rohit Sharma, feels that the coaches are still getting to understand the players and figure out how they operate.

Following the third Test defeat, Rohit suggested that all was well between



the team and the coaching staff, indicating that it was the lack of performance from the players and it was their responsibility

to step up when the side needed it.

"Yes, the coaching staff have been good. They have just come in.

It's not been a lot of time for them. They are also understanding how this team operates, and how the player operates. This is obviously a first Test series loss in the two Test series that they have been," said the Indian captain in the post-match press conference.

Rohit also commented on the difficulties for the coaches to come in and get the team going right away when there are so many players who have their own method of operating.



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New Delhi: Team India's catastrophic performance against New Zealand in the 3-match Test series against New Zealand has raised many questions about the players' preparation. India comprehensively defeated Bangladesh in a 2-match Test series before gearing up for the New Zealand assignment.

At the same time, there were suggestions of Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, R Ashwin, and Jasprit Bumrah's participation in the Duleep Trophy, as part of the preparations for the Bangladesh and New Zealand series.

But, none of the four featured in the domestic competition, much to

the disappointment of some experts. 'Excuse' Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma Gave Agarkar Before Withdrawing From Duleep Trophy Participation

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'Something Seriously Wrong': Anil Kumble Feels Indian Team Should 'Accept' Batting Concerns

Anil Kumble, feels that the time has come for the current side to openly accept that there is indeed a problem with the side's batting performances of late.

New Delhi: The legendary leg-spinner and former Head Coach of the Indian Cricket Team, Anil Kumble, feels that the time has come for the current side to openly accept that there is indeed a problem with the side's batting performances of late, which has become a cause for concern as the World Test Championship comes

down to the final stages. Kumble was not pleased with the performance shown by the Indian batting unit, who failed to chase down a target of 147 in the spin-friendly conditions in Mumbai as New Zealand went on to whitewash India to secure a 3-0 series win on Indian soil, a first since 1999/2000. Rishabh Pant

was the only batter with a good score, as he scored 64 runs while the others crumbled to showcase a sorry batting display at home yet again. Senior stars like Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli have also come under fire for their lack of runs with the bat despite playing at home and under spin-friendly conditions.



Navelim Villagers Union score a narrow win over United Club of Seraulim

Team Goemkarponn

MARGAO: Navelim Villagers Union scored a 1-0 goal victory over United Club of Seraulim to enter into the quarterfinals of the All Goa Navelim Villagers Union trophy organised by Navelim Villagers Union at Rosary Church ground Navelim on Saturday

The match started at a fast pace and Navelims forward Prestly Gomes, Ronald Pereira and Nash tried to score goals but neither the defence of Seraulim Nor the goalkeeper came in their way so Seraulim Gladstone, Dylan and Keith also wasted the

opportunity that came in their way, both teams showed urgency to score goals but couldn't break the deadlock and remained 0-0 till the half time.

The all-important goal came from the penalty kick as Navelim player was brought down in the danger area and Referee Raja Pir awarded a penalty which was well converted by Ronaldo Pereira in the 56th minute of play.

In the dying minutes of the game, Jit Gupta goalkeeper of Navelim Villagers saved two attempts made by Seraulim and turned the game in Navelim's favour.

Curtorim Gymkhana lift the 23rd Fr Basilio Andrade Memorial Cup

Team Goemkarponn

MARGAO: Curtorim Gymkhana lifted the 23rd Fr Basilio Andrade Memorial football tournament by defeating Dicarpali Sports Club 1-0 in the finals organised by Associacao Academica de Majorda Utorda Calata at Musson ground Majorda on Sunday.

The finals were played between two aspiring young and talented teams from the South Dicarpali Sports Club and Curtorim Gymkhana in front of a large Sunday crowd

The team had the equal share of opportunities Curtorim Gymkhana had a combination that always tried to keep the crowd on their toes ace striker Milagres Fernandes, young Anselm Fernandes, Veron, Aliston and Stiket who scored the only goal who attacked the Dicarpali defence on many occasion while Dicarpali SC defence



remained intact on many times and denied more scoring opportunity by Shail, Piedade Colaco, Aeren Figueiredo

The goalkeeper of Curtorim Gymkhana Johnson Bogot had an outstanding performance under the bar and denied the Dicarpali strikers scoring opportunity.

The all-important goal came in the 18th minute of play through the boots of Gilbert Fernandes of Curtorim Gymkhana as he beat the defence and

Dicarpali goalkeeper Francisco Colaco.

The following prizes were awarded Best goalkeeper Johnson Bagot Curtorim Gymkhana Best defender very Paes Curtorim Gymkhana Best half William Niasso Dicarpali SC. Best forward Milton Colaco Dicarpali SC Man of the match Veron Fernandes of Curtorim Gymkhana.

Abhay Bhamaiakar president of the Goan Hockey Association

was the chief guest and gave away the prizes in the presence of Jhon Gonsalves President of Lions Club Nuvem, Special invites GFA'S Constancio Paul Rodrigues, Anthony Leo Fernandes, Andrew Ferrao, Joaquim Manuel Silva, Anthony D'costa, Francisco Nunes Mrs Linet vaz sarpanch Carlisto Rodrigues dy sarpanch other panch members, club officials and other dignitaries were present for the finals.