



BJP used Siddiqui's 2nd video as a **washing machine** to clear their names: Palekar

■ AAP demands probe into source of 2nd video featuring Siddiqui

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OLD GOA: AAP Goa President Amit Palekar today has demanded an investigation into the source of the second video featuring Siddiqui alias Suleman Khan.

"I demand an investigation into the source of the second video featuring Siddiqui alias Suleman Khan," said Palekar

He further said that BJP used Siddiqui's 2nd video as a washing machine to clear their names.

"Police should find out the source of 2nd video which was published on social media, it's evident that Siddiqui is reading a script," he added

Palekar also said that he is being targetted as



my party and him are the biggest hurdles for this government.

"After speaking with my legal team, I plan to ask the High Court to have an impartial organisation conduct a thorough investigation into this incident. Since the accusations are grave and directed at the deputy speaker of SP Crime, DySP, an independent probe is required", Palekar stated.



He went on to say that he helped the police arrest Suleiman by giving them the footage, but that he is now being persecuted. Palekar stated that the purpose of the entire incident is to fabricate evidence against him and have him arrested.

"In the future, the public won't come forward to help the police as the thought of getting harassed will be in their mind," he said.

All this drama doesn't have to be done by the police. They should go ahead and arrest me if they so choose. The police are attempting to hide both their own shortcomings and the crimes committed by BJP politicians involved in the land grab scheme. The BJP is in charge of this probe," Palekar claimed.

Speaking on the latest video of Suleiman,

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Court grants 7 days police custody to Suleiman Siddique

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PANAJI: PANAJI Court has granted seven days of police custody to Siddiqui Suleman Khan, who was arrested in Kerala and brought to Goa on Monday evening.

"Accused Suleiman has been granted 07 days PC by Magistrate. He was produced last evening. This custody granted is for Old Goa case" said SP North Goa Rahul Gupta of the SP Crime Branch revealed that Siddiqui's wife will also be taken into custody in connection with a Mapusa land fraud case.

Suleman was discovered hiding at his Kerala home, where his wife Afsana was also taken into custody.

Police found important evidence at his home during the search, including 16 passbooks, several Aadhaar cards, 12 phones, 30 cheque books, several ration cards, sale documents and stamp pads connected to certain businesses.

During his nine-day escape, Siddiqui changed places eight times throughout Karnataka and Kerala, according to the inquiry. "We notified the Ernakulam (Kerala) Police after receiving a tip, and they were able to apprehend him. "At the time, he was with his wife," SP Gupta stated.

To find Suleiman, the Goa police sent out 14 teams with a total of more than 70 officers.

No leadership change in Goa: BJP State President Tanavade

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PANAJI: The BJP Goa President Sadanand Tanavade, has dismissed recent press claims that Bihar Governor Rajendra Arlekar would succeed Pramod Sawant as chief minister, rejecting any potential shift in the state's government.

He added that the BJP is a disciplined party and that a process is followed to make any changes of this kind.

"There is no substance in claims of leadership change or cabinet reshuffle, and the party has not taken any such decision in the matter as of now," he said.

According to Tanavade, if a change in leadership was imminent, the party's national leaders would have come to Goa and



conferred with local party officials before making a final decision,"

Tanavade also said that Rane's discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other party national leaders shouldn't be interpreted as a sign of a potential leadership shift.

He also expressed concern about the news that the BJP central leadership had called BJP MLA Pravin Arlekar to New Delhi.

"Who had summoned him to the national capital is the real question," he

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Allu Arjun At Hyderabad Police Station For Questioning In 'Pushpa 2' Stampede Case

■ Allu Arjun was arrested in the 'Pushpa 2' screening stampede case on December 13. He was released from jail the next day after getting interim bail.

Hyderabad: In the ongoing investigation into the tragic stampede during the premiere of his film 'Pushpa 2', actor Allu Arjun has been summoned by the Hyderabad police for further questioning. The incident, which occurred on December 4 at Sandhya Theatre, resulted in the death of a 35-year-old woman, Revathi, and

left her eight-year-old son, Sri Tej, critically injured and currently on ventilator support.

Allu Arjun arrived at the Chikkadpally Police Station shortly after 11 am on December 24, complying with the police notice to provide his statement regarding the incident. This development comes after his initial

arrest on December 13, following which he was granted interim bail by the Telangana High Court the next day.

The stampede at Sandhya Theatre was triggered by the large crowd that gathered to catch a glimpse of Allu Arjun during the film's premiere. The police have charged Allu Arjun, his



security team, and the theatre management with culpable homicide not amounting to murder. The theatre owner, general manager, and security manager were also arrested in connection with

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"Have Some Shame": Manish Sisodia Vs Manoj Tiwari Over Arvind Kejriwal Video

BJP's Manoj Tiwari shared a 9-second clip in which Arvind Kejriwal was heard saying that "someone was saying that whoever has written the Constitution must be drunk while writing it".

New Delhi: A contentious exchange has unfolded between Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Manish Sisodia and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Manoj Tiwari, sparked by a manipulated video clip of AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal. The clip, shared by Tiwari, falsely suggests that Kejriwal made derogatory remarks about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution.

Tiwari posted a 9-second video on social media, where Kejriwal appears



to say, "Someone was saying that whoever has written the Constitution must be drunk while writing it." This post came amidst a heated debate following Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent comments on Ambedkar during the Winter

Session of Parliament. Sisodia swiftly countered Tiwari, sharing the full context of Kejriwal's speech, which dates back 12 years. In the complete video, Kejriwal is discussing the Constitution of the Congress party, not the Indian Constitution. He mentions a clause in the Congress party's constitution that prohibits its workers from consuming liquor and adds, "Someone amongst us said the one who wrote the Constitution must

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The Centre's Decision to Scrap the No-Detention Policy: A Worthy Change?

"Under the previous No-Detention Policy, which was introduced as part of the Right to Education Act in 2009, children were protected from being held back in their studies, with the intention of ensuring that no child drops out of school due to poor performance. While the aim was noble—fostering an inclusive educational environment—it inadvertently diminished the emphasis on academic achievement and discipline. Critics argued that the policy led to a culture of complacency among students, and many would graduate without mastery of essential skills and knowledge."

In a notable shift in educational policy, the Indian government has recently abolished the No-Detention Policy for self-operated schools. This change signifies that students who fail their annual examinations can no longer rely on automatic promotion to the next grade irrespective of their academic performance.

The amendment, articulated in a newly released gazette notification, aims to emphasize accountability and academic competence

as core tenets of educational progress.

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argued that the policy led to a culture of complacency among students, and many would graduate without mastery of essential skills and knowledge.

With the recent decision, the government has acknowledged these concerns and has reinstated a more traditional approach to academic progression. Now, students who fail to reach the minimum qualifying marks will receive additional guidance and an opportunity for re-examination within a period of two months after the results are declared. This approach not only provides a safety net for struggling students but also holds them accountable for their learning outcomes.

However, the Centre's move to scrap the No-Detention Policy doesn't signal a full surrender to a punitive educational stance. Importantly, the government has assured that no child shall be expelled until they complete their

elementary education, underscoring a commitment to protecting the foundational rights of children in the education system. This delicate balance aims to ensure that while students are encouraged to perform better, they are also supported in their learning journeys.

The implications of this policy change extend beyond the classroom. It necessitates that educators adopt new teaching methodologies and develop tailored support systems to help struggling students catch up. Schools will need to invest in teacher training, resource allocation, and remedial programs to ensure that the shift in policy translates into meaningful improvements in student learning outcomes.

Furthermore, this decision requires parents to play a more active role in their children's education. As the stakes for academic performance are raised, parental involvement and support become increasingly critical in

fostering an environment conducive to learning. Communication between teachers and parents will also be essential in identifying students who are at risk of falling behind.

In conclusion, the Centre's decision to abolish the No-Detention Policy appears to be a step towards enhancing the quality and rigor of education in India. By encouraging accountability while safeguarding the basic rights of children to remain in school, this policy change could potentially lead to a more robust educational framework that not only minimizes dropout rates but also ensures that students emerge with the requisite knowledge and skills for their future endeavors. As this approach unfolds, it will be pivotal for stakeholders—educators, parents, and policymakers—to collaborate to make this transition successful, paving the way for a more effective educational system.

Three Injured in Scooter Collision on Verna Bypass Highway

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VERNA: A road accident near Quadros Open Air Hall, Bypass Highway, Verna, resulted in grievous injuries to two women.

The incident occurred at around 12:30 PM when two scooters collided due to alleged rash and negligent riding.

According to a complaint filed by Head Constable Sudhakar Jadhav of Verna Police



Station, Sachin Dessai, the rider of an Activa scooter (KA-65-J-7488), was traveling from Margao towards Nagao, Verna.

Upon reaching the accident site, he reportedly took a sudden U-turn without proper care and precaution. This caused

an Ola scooter (GA-08-AS-2980), traveling in the same direction towards Panaji, to collide with the Activa. The rider of the Ola scooter, identified as Pooja Kudalkar, along with her pillion rider, Archana Kudalkar, both residents of Amrut Nagar, Gogal, Margao, sustained grievous injuries in the collision. The Verna Police have registered an offense under Sections 281 and 125(b) of the BNS.

Scooter Rider Sustains Injuries in Road Accident Near Verna

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VERNA: A road accident occurred near Agnel Ashram Circle, Matol, Verna, 2024, leaving a scooter rider with grievous injuries.

The incident, reported to the Verna Police Station, took place around 3:15 PM when a Honda Aviator scooter bearing registration number MH-07-R-3927 collided with a Maruti Swift car (GA-08-R-8476).



According to the complaint filed by Head Constable Sudhakar Jadhav of Verna Police Station, the accused rider, identified as Sanjay

Gawade, a resident of Housing Board, Gogal Margao, Goa, and originally from Amboli, Sawantwadi, Maharashtra, was traveling from Margao towards IDC Verna.

He was allegedly riding his scooter in a rash and negligent manner.

Upon reaching the Agnel Ashram Circle, the scooter reportedly dashed into the Maruti Swift car, which was heading from Panaji towards Margao.

Siddiqui Re-arrest: BJP says Oppn making baseless allegations

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PANAJI: Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) State unit accused the opposition of leveling unfounded and unsubstantiated accusations against the government.

BJP State spokesperson Adv Yatish Naik told reporters at the party office in the city at a press conference that the opposition parties' accusations against the State government were unfounded and untrue. They have no merit and are purely political.

According to Adv. Naik, the re-arrest of land-grabbing suspect

FALSE ALLEGATION

Siddique, also known as Suleman Khan, demonstrates the dedication of the Goa police force, the Sawant government, and the home department.

"The re-arrest of Suleman Khan has demonstrated that no criminal will be spared and that appropriate action will be taken

against them, so we should congratulate the State government and the police," he stated.

Adv. Naik denounced the remarks made by the opposition parties against the government and the chief minister following Suleman Khan's escape from the Crime Branch's custody, calling them

disrespectful.

"We denounce the personal remarks made against Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and spokesperson Giriraj Pai Vernekar by the leaders of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Goa Forward Party (GFP)." Politics must have some civility, he remarked.

"If the opposition was serious, then it should have supported the police and asked it to go to the root of the cause and unearth the whole thing completely," Adv. Naik added, accusing the opposition of failing to help the Goa Police Department when it was needed.



4-member panel to assess juvenile cases constituted

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PANAJI: To help the Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs) in North and South Goa determine the seriousness of juvenile offenses and make recommendations regarding whether cases should be handled by the Boards or sent to the Goa Children's Court, the State government has assembled a four-member panel.

The panel will include a representative of ARZ NGO (Anyay Rahit

Zindagi), an assistant professor from V M Salgaonkar College of Law in Miramar, a doctor nominated by the Institute of Psychiatry and Human Behavior (IPHB), Bambolim, and the chairperson of the North and South Goa Child Welfare Committee.

The Juvenile Justice Boards in North and South Goa have also had their terms extended by the state government by an additional three months, or until the new boards are constituted.

Govt deliberately creating hurdles to sabotage beef supply: MLA Vijai

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PANAJI: Goa Forward Chief Vijai Sardesai expressed concern about the State's continued beef supply issues and questioned whether the actions of the BJP government amounted to good governance.

Sardesai claimed that the State administration was purposefully

erecting obstacles to disrupt the beef supply in advance of the Christmas and New Year celebrations, which are mostly observed by Goa's minority population.

He voiced his displeasure with the ongoing obstacles placed on traders and noted that the minority population is the primary



consumer of beef during the holiday season.

"Why does the supply of beef constantly face

obstacles during the holiday season? Only members of the minority population who celebrate Christmas and New Year's are eating meat. However, we see that numerous obstacles have been put in place to disrupt the supply, and dealers are being singled out," he stated.

Many Goans who live overseas come back

to the State to enjoy the holidays with their relatives, the Fatorda MLA added.

The display of St. Francis Xavier's relics has drawn Goans. He went on to say, "It is the same Chief Minister who instructed someone to speak against Goencho Saib in order to deflect the situation and was granted protection."

Morod resident booked for assault

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MAPUSA: A resident of Morod has been taken into custody by Mapusa Police on suspicion of beating a woman and her driver over a car's movement.

Jaffar Garodi has been recognized as the accused.

Police

said that Anand Krishna Khobrekar filed a complaint alleging that the accused had threatened to harm his driver Pramod Uttam Korgaonkar and his daughter Sneha Kadam. According to the lawsuit, he also publicly disparaged the woman's modesty. A formal complaint has been filed.

Under BNS sections 52, 79, 118(1), and 351(3), and Head Constable Abhijit Mangoankar is looking into the matter.



CISF Unveils Comprehensive HR Policy to Make the Force Future-Ready

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DABOLIM: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has introduced a transformative HR policy to equip the force for emerging security challenges while ensuring better work-life balance for its personnel.

A press release by Shrikant Kishore, Dy. Inspector General, Chief Public Relations Officer, CISF said that This policy marks a significant departure from the previous guidelines issued in 2017, reflecting the dynamic growth and operational changes in the force.

Underlining its commitment to adaptability and innovation, the CISF has prioritised human

resources, aiming to impact over 98% of its personnel throughout their 38-year service cycle.

Key Highlights of the New Policy

Domain Experts to Drive World-Class Security Solutions

For the first time, the CISF will develop a pool of domain experts in at least 10 specialized fields, including cyber security, aviation security, anti-drone technology, weapons and tactics, and fire management. These experts will undergo rigorous training with leading institutions and implement international security standards across various sectors.

Specialized Skill Development

Personnel in highly skilled roles, such as



training instructors, SSG personnel, K9 experts, and sports professionals, will receive enhanced training and performance reviews. These individuals will also be prioritized for choice-based postings, reflecting the demanding nature of their roles.

Choice-Based Postings

In a landmark move, CISF personnel can now list ten preferred locations for postings, ensuring

greater consideration of their personal and family needs. Special provisions include:

Retirees: Personnel retiring within two years will receive one of their top three location choices.

Women and Married Couples: Women personnel will receive choice postings for the majority of their service after six years of non-choice postings. Married couples can now opt for postings in the same location to foster family stability.

Fixed Timeline for Posting Orders

To streamline the process and aid in planning, the CISF has introduced a fixed timeline for issuing posting orders:

Retirees: By December 31

Stray Dog Presence in Goa is Linked to Garbage Management Issues: Animal Expert

Stray dogs cannot be relocated to areas other than their birth by law, according to Dr Karlette Fernandes.

Contraband medication used to turn animals aggressive during bullfights, she said

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PANAJI: Stray dog presence on Goan roads is "highly associated" with garbage management, according to veterinary doctor Dr Karlette Ann Fernandes, who also said that it is against the rules of the land to relocate a stray animal away from the place it is born.

Fernandes was speaking at an interactive MOG Sunday session held at the Museum of Goa in Pilerne, on the subject of 'Animal Rights in India,' during which she also addressed issues of public relevance like the ongoing stray dog conundrum and dog bite incidents in recent times, some of which have turned out to be fatal.

"It (stray dog presence) is highly associated with the way we manage our garbage. And dogs being dogs, they have domesticated around humans," she said, drawing a link between the presence of garbage and the emergence of



stray dogs in a particular area.

Fernandes said that the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023, in force in the country, threw a protective shield around community dogs. "One of the rules says that community dogs have the right to live in the territory where they were born. So relocation of dogs, just picking up dogs because you don't like them from one place and then leaving them on a hill to fend for themselves, is against the law," she said.

Pet behaviour, the animal expert said, was largely defined by how pets are kept and conditioned.

"When animals are confined for too long,

they end up building up frustrations. Most of the conflict is because the animal is not socialised enough and it has (a sense of) frustration of its own, as a result of the way the animal is brought up in that environment," she said, adding that prospective guardians of such pets should "first understand whether they can provide the correct environment for the animal that they are adopting."

Fernandes said that indiscriminate slaughter of chickens in stores in public spaces was also against the letter of the law of the land. "One of the glaring things that comes to me is all the chicken shops we have

around everywhere. All the corner chicken shops. None of them are legal as per the regulations," she said, adding that animal slaughter has to be carried out in designated slaughterhouses.

In the course of her interaction, Fernandes further said that while the use of animals in sports like bullfights is illegal, she also pointed towards a growing trend where fighting bulls are plied with contraband medicine to give them an aggressive edge. "Those animals should not be used as animals for fighting. But they now use contraband medications to make the animals more aggressive to have a more impactful conflict between the two animals," Fernandes said.

Fernandes who has also played a part in the very successful 'Mission Rabies' in Goa, said that the local strain of rabies had been eradicated from Goa and the rare cases that crop up were linked to rabies virus strains from outside the state.



Cong President Amit Patkar & S. Goa MP Meet Prakash Ambedkar to Discuss Current Political Developments

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PANAJI: In a significant meeting, Goa Congress President Amit Patkar along with South Goa MP Capt. Viriato Fernandes OBC Chairman Nitin Chopdekar and others, had the honor of meeting Prakash Ambedkar, a distinguished leader and the grandson of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

The discussion revolved around the current political landscape and the ongoing challenges that threaten the principles of social justice, equality, and democracy that Dr. Ambedkar stood for.

Prakash Ambedkar, known for his relentless commitment to upholding his grandfather's legacy, shared his insights on the prevailing political scenario and the urgent need to protect the constitutional rights of marginalized communities.

We deliberated on the role of opposition

parties in uniting against divisive forces, ensuring accountability in governance, and reinforcing the ideals enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

The meeting highlighted the importance of inclusive development and policies that prioritize the welfare of every section of society, especially the underprivileged.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's vision continues to inspire us to work tirelessly for a just and equitable society.

Congress remains steadfast in its commitment to safeguarding the constitutional values of liberty, equality, and fraternity, as envisioned by Babasaheb.

This meeting marks the collaborative effort to address the pressing issues faced by people of Goa and to reaffirm our collective resolve to uphold the ideals of one of India's greatest visionaries, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

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BJP used Siddiqui's 2nd video as a washing machine to clear their names: Palekar

Palekar said, "The latest video in which Suleiman makes accusations against me, it is clearly seen that the accused is reading a statement as he has worn a reading glass. It can be clearly made out that the accused is told to read the statement." Palekar

then demanded that those who released the latest video of Suleiman should also be investigated. "As we are being investigated for releasing the first video to the public, the one who released the latest video should also be investigated," he demanded.

No leadership change in Goa: BJP State President Tanavade

continued. According to Sawant, the BJP central leadership makes all decisions, even those involving a change in leadership, a reshuffle of the cabinet, or a reshuffle of the portfolio, and the State unit has no input. The central party, the BJP, does

not make decisions at the state level. I shall confer with the party high command over the reorganization of the cabinet. Although it will take time, a cabinet change will eventually occur. "Portfolio reshuffle will also take place," he added, "not so soon."

"Have Some Shame": Manish Sisodia Vs Manoj Tiwari Over Arvind Kejriwal Video

have been drunk while writing it." Sisodia criticized Tiwari for spreading misinformation, urging him to maintain the dignity of his office. "You are an MP, have some shame. You are tweeting lies. If not yourself, at least respect the post of an MP," Sisodia stated. Tiwari responded, arguing that there should be decorum in debates and questioning the interpretation of Kejriwal's words. "If the members of Congress wrote the Constitution of the party after drinking alcohol, then how can Arvind Kejriwal interpret it to mean that 'whoever wrote the Constitution, wrote it after drinking alcohol'?" Tiwari asked, highlighting what he perceived as a confusion between the Indian Constitution and the Congress party's constitution. This exchange is part of a broader controversy that began with Amit Shah's remarks on Ambedkar. Shah had suggested that taking Ambedkar's name

Allu Arjun At Hyderabad Police Station For Questioning In 'Pushpa 2' Stampede Case

the incident. Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has alleged that Allu Arjun visited the theatre despite police permission being denied, a claim the actor has vehemently denied. In a recent statement, the husband of the deceased, Bhaskar, expressed that he does not hold Allu Arjun responsible for the tragedy and is willing to withdraw the police case against him. Bhaskar acknowledged the full support he has received from the actor for his son's medical treatment and added that his daughter remains unaware of her mother's death. In a gesture of solidarity, Allu Arjun has announced financial assistance of ₹25 lakh to the victim's family, while the producers of 'Pushpa 2' have provided an additional ₹50 lakh.

Despite these efforts, the incident has sparked widespread

outrage, with a group of protesters, claiming to be students of Osmania University, vandalizing Allu Arjun's residence on Sunday. The police arrested six individuals involved in the protest, who were later granted bail by a local court.

The investigation into the stampede has highlighted several lapses in safety protocols, including the theatre management's failure to inform local authorities about Allu Arjun's attendance, inadequate security measures, and the absence of clear entry and exit points. These oversights have been criticized for contributing to the chaos and tragedy.

As the investigation continues, Allu Arjun's appearance at the police station marks another significant step in unraveling the circumstances surrounding the 'Pushpa 2' stampede incident.

Indian Red Cross Society AGM held on Panaji

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PANAJI: Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Red Cross Society, Goa State held at Raj Bhavan (Old Durbar Hall)

Present on Dias Gaurish Dhond, Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society, Maguirish Pai Raikar, Vice Chairperson, John Aguiar, General Secretary and Mario Pinto De Santana, Treasurer.

Earlier, Gaurish Dhond, Chairman of Indian Red Cross society welcomed the guests.

Maguirish Pai Raikar, Vice Chairperson presented minutes of the



previous AGM.

Gaurish Dhond also presented the Annual Administrative Report for the year 2023-24.

In the message by the Governor and President

of IRCS, Goa has said that the, Indian Red Cross Society is a humanitarian organization working to provide relief to the needy and the underprivileged people in the community.

This organization has been working tirelessly through various activities like Health Camps, Awareness Campaigns, providing Free Medical Aids, Counselling, etc.

The Indian Red Cross is a pioneer in the field of blood services and one of the largest voluntary blood banks in India.

The organization is dedicated to work for the development and to bring positive changes in the Indian Health-System, the Governor concluded.

Students were awarded best Red Cross Volunteer and best Red Cross taluka branch.



Godman's hatred or jealousy?: Prabhav Naik

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MARGAO: Stating nothing will be allowed on Traffic Islands & Open Spaces, Display Boards of Christmas & New Year wishes of Madganvcho Awaaz removed by Godman Digambar Kamat run Margao Municipal Council. Hatred or Jealousy? I condemn this negative mindset, stated Youth Leader Prabhav Naik.

Expressing his anger on the act of the Margao Municipal Council to remove display boards installed behind municipal building and Bank of Baroda square, Prabhav Naik slammed Margao Municipal Council for adopting to partisan approach.

These boards in a way helped in covering up the ugly face of traffic islands in Margao which are in dilapidated conditions.

People can see

the difference in the photographs released by us before and after the boards were installed and removed, said Prabhav Naik.

Even the Giant Christmas Tree installed by a business firm of a philanthropist family added glory to the City which is otherwise poorly managed by Margao Municipal Council. Our boards were properly framed and placed systematically.

We had obtained permission from Margao Municipality by paying necessary fees, claimed Prabhav Naik.

We will keep a watch now and see if boards and banners of select persons are allowed by Margao Municipal Council.

They should have common rules for all and implement them impartially, said Prabhav Naik.

Russian nat'l assaults German tourist at Siolim

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SIOLIM: A German person was allegedly assaulted at a Siolim restaurant by a Russian national, for which the Anjuna Police have filed a formal complaint.

Grigory Babuschkin, 53, a German national who currently resides in Mardi Wada, Morjim, Pernem, filed a complaint with the police, alleging that on December 12, the accused Kiril Kirilov entered

a restaurant, assaulted him with a sharp object on his left hand, mistreated him, and wrongfully restrained him.

PSI Navneet Goltekar of the Anjuna Police Station is investigating the FIR, which was filed under BNS sections 352 (intentionally insulting someone to provoke a breach of peace), 118(1) (intentional infliction of harm on another person using dangerous tools or methods), and 126(2) (wrongful restraint).

District level workshop on good governance practices/initiatives held

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PANAJI: The Office of the Collector, North Goa District, as part of the ongoing Good Governance Week, organized a District Level Workshop on Good Governance Practices/ Initiatives at Sanskruti Bhavan, Directorate of Art and Culture, Panaji.

The workshop was graced by Daulat Hawaldar, IAS (retired), who highlighted the importance of trained personnel in delivering services efficiently and effectively.

He talked about the bureaucracy in the state and stressed the importance of routine service delivery, ensuring that work is done diligently and on time.

While acknowledging the benefits of new



technology, Hawaldar underlined that face-to-face contact is very important for enhancing human value in governance.

Sneha Gitte, IAS, Collector, North Goa, addressed the gathering, stating, "Good governance is about making the right decisions and ensuring their effective implementation. It serves as a bridge between the government and the public. The public should feel assured that their work is being handled swiftly and

efficiently when they approach government services."

Sagun Velip, Director of Art and Culture, also shared his insights during the event. Other speakers included Smt. Sanjivani Satardekar, Jt. Mamlatdar II, Tiswadi; Shri Dattaprasad Toraskar, Jt. Mamlatdar III, Tiswadi; and Shri Ishwar Madkaikar, Deputy Collector (DRO) of North Goa, who provided valuable perspectives on the ongoing Good Governance initiatives.

The event was attended by Smt. Pallavi Mishra, Deputy Collector and SDM, Sattari, North Goa; Shri Mahadev Araundekar, Additional Collector I, North Goa; Mamlatdars; officers and staff from the North Goa Collectorate; and several other dignitaries.

Consumer rights movement should reach the grass root level: Rodrigues

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PANAJI: The consumer Rights movements have created awareness among people about the rights as consumer and safeguarded their right indicates that this movement has gained importance and has rooted among people said Secretary Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Sanjit Rodrigues IAS while addressing at a function organised to celebrate National Consumer Rights Day organized by the Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs.

Rodrigues speaking further stressing the need to reach the consumer rights movement at the grass



root level said it has been noticed that the incidents of fraud and cheating are on the rise.

People are cheated right in front of their nose. It has therefore become necessary to educate and spread awareness among people about their consumer rights.

Rodrigues pointed out that the Government has enacted various laws to protect the rights of the people which is not sufficient because people equally have to

respond and cooperate.

The celebration of National Consumer Rights Day is an occasion for us to renew our commitment towards the cause of protection of rights of consumers, he reiterated.

Chief Editor, Direct Selling Today, Rahul Sudan who was the keynote speaker enlightened the participants about Empowering the Modern Consumer and modern Dynamic Business Landscape through power point presentation.

A magazine on Landmark Judgements for the year 2023 brought out by Goa State Consumer Commission was released at the hands of chief guest Sanjit Rodrigues.

Seminar at Panaji Central Library Highlights the Transformative Power of Reading



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PANAJI: In a recent four-day mini-book fair held at the Central Library in Panaji, Goa, a series of engaging seminars and cultural events left a profound impact on the attendees. The event, designed to foster a

vibrant reading culture, included multilingual poetry presentations, a personality development camp, and a yoga camp, all aimed at promoting the benefits of reading.

One of the standout seminars, moderated by Dr. Sushant Tandel, the Curator of the Central

Library, delved into the numerous advantages of reading books. The panel consisted of esteemed individuals such as Senior Journalist Bhaskar Dattaram Desai, Assistant Forest Range Officer Daksh Phadte, Anchor Pradeep Naik, and teachers Ujwala

Potekar and Vaishnavi Potekar, all of whom are avid readers at the library.

During the seminar, panelists shared personal stories and insights about how reading has enriched their lives, helped them overcome challenges, and contributed to their personal growth. They stressed the importance of developing a reading habit to enhance knowledge, intelligence, and overall personality. The audience, largely comprising students, was inspired by motivational quotes from influential figures like Swami Vivekananda, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Lokmanya Tilak, and former President Dr. Abdul Kalam, which were

displayed in the hall.

The event served as a powerful call to action, encouraging the audience to integrate reading into their daily lives. By doing so, individuals can gain a deeper understanding of the world, develop critical thinking skills, and become more informed and successful.

The mini-book fair was inaugurated by Minister Govind Gaude and was a significant step towards promoting literacy and a love for reading in the community. The event's success underscores the importance of such initiatives in fostering a culture of reading and personal development.

"Indian Navy's INS Tushil Embarks on Historic Maiden Voyage"

Commodore Robert Bellfield, Royal Navy Commander London and Eastern England received the Indian Navy warship on behalf of the UK government on Sunday.



London: In a significant display of naval cooperation and diplomatic ties, the Indian Navy's newest multi-role stealth guided missile frigate, INS Tushil, has made its inaugural port call in London as part of its maiden operational deployment. This visit underscores the strong relationship between the Indian and Royal navies.

Commodore Robert Bellfield of the Royal Navy, Commander for London and Eastern England, warmly welcomed INS Tushil on behalf of the UK government. Captain Peter Varghese, the Commanding Officer of the ship, was present to

receive the dignitaries. Bellfield emphasized, "It is a privilege to host INS Tushil in London for its first international visit, highlighting the close bond between our navies and our shared interests."

India's Deputy High Commissioner to the UK, Sujit Ghosh, also visited the warship docked on the River Thames before its departure on Monday evening. Commissioned on December 9 in the presence of Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Kaliningrad, Russia, INS Tushil set sail for India on December 17.

During its journey, the 3900-tonne warship will navigate through

the Baltic Sea, the North Sea, the Atlantic Ocean, and finally the Indian Ocean, making strategic port calls at several friendly nations. According to the Ministry of Defence, this maiden deployment will involve a range of activities, including diplomatic engagements, military exercises, and constabulary duties. INS Tushil will conduct joint patrolling and maritime partnership exercises with various navies, focusing on piracy hotspots and enhancing regional maritime security.

The port calls are designed to bolster India's maritime

cooperation with littoral countries and reinforce the Indian Navy's commitment to safeguarding the global seafaring community. The ship will also engage in capability-building activities with host navies and interact with senior military and government leaders. Additionally, these visits will provide opportunities to connect with the Indian diaspora in the region.

INS Tushil, built in Russia as part of a USD 2.5-billion deal, represents a significant enhancement to the Indian Navy's operational capabilities, particularly in the Indian Ocean. This advanced warship is a testament to the collaborative efforts of Russian and Indian technologies, boasting enhanced stealth features and improved stability.

As INS Tushil continues its maiden deployment, it symbolizes the growing naval ties between India and its international partners, reinforcing a shared commitment to maritime security and cooperation.

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"Fundamentally Flawed Process": Congress On Rights Panel Chief Selection

While Justice Ramasubramanian V has been named NHRC chairperson, Priyank Kanoongo and Dr Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi have been appointed members of the rights panel

New Delhi: In a significant development, the Congress party has expressed strong dissent over the selection process for the new Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), terming it as "fundamentally flawed" and "pre-determined."

This criticism comes a day after President Droupadi Murmu appointed former Supreme Court judge Justice V. Ramasubramanian as the NHRC Chairperson. Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and Mallikarjun Kharge, the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, have jointly issued a dissent note highlighting their concerns. They attended the Selection Committee meeting on December 18, where they argued that the process lacked the essential elements of mutual consultation and consensus. According to



the Congress leaders, the selection committee's approach was a departure from established traditions, undermining the principles of fairness and impartiality. "The committee relied on its numerical majority to finalize the names, disregarding legitimate concerns and perspectives raised during the meeting," they stated. The NHRC, a vital statutory body, is tasked with safeguarding the fundamental human rights of all citizens, especially those from marginalized sections. Gandhi and Kharge emphasized that the commission's effectiveness

depends significantly on the inclusiveness and representativeness of its composition. "A diverse leadership ensures the NHRC remains sensitive to the unique challenges faced by various communities, particularly those most vulnerable to human rights violations," they noted.

The Congress leaders had proposed alternative candidates for the chairperson's post, including Justice Rohinton Fali Nariman and Justice Kuttiyil Mathew Joseph, highlighting their merit and the need for inclusivity. "Justice Nariman,

from the minority Parsi community, is renowned for his intellectual depth and commitment to constitutional values. Similarly, Justice Joseph, from the minority Christian community, has consistently delivered judgments emphasizing individual freedoms and the protection of marginalized groups," they explained.

For the positions of NHRC members, Gandhi and Kharge recommended Justice S. Muralidhar and Justice Akil Abdulhamid Qureshi. "Justice Muralidhar is widely respected for his landmark judgments on social justice, including his work on custodial violence and civil liberties. Justice Qureshi, from the Muslim minority community, has consistently defended constitutional principles and demonstrated a strong commitment to accountability in governance," the dissent note mentioned.

"It Pains My Heart...": PM Cites Germany, Lanka Attacks At Christmas Event

The teachings of Lord Christ celebrate love, harmony and brotherhood and it is important for all to work to make this spirit stronger, said PM Modi.

New Delhi: In a poignant address at a Christmas celebration hosted by the Catholic Bishops Conference of India in Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his deep sorrow over recent acts of violence that have marred the festive season. Referencing the devastating attack at a Christmas market in Germany and the 2019 Easter bombings in Sri Lanka, PM Modi emphasized the need for unity and collective action against such atrocities.

"Seeing attempts to spread violence and disrupt societal harmony is deeply painful," PM Modi stated. "The recent incident at a Christmas market in Germany, which resulted in the loss of five lives, and the Easter bombings in Sri Lanka in 2019, which claimed many lives, including those of children, are stark reminders of the challenges we face. I had the opportunity to pay my respects to the victims in Colombo, and it is crucial that we come together to



combat these threats."

PM Modi highlighted the importance of fostering the values of love, harmony, and brotherhood, as taught by Lord Christ. "These principles are essential for strengthening our society," he said. "India's approach to foreign policy prioritizes human interests alongside national interests, reflecting our commitment to global well-being."

The Prime Minister also shared personal anecdotes about India's efforts to protect its citizens, regardless of the circumstances. "The successful rescue of Father Alexis Prem Kumar from Afghanistan, where he was held hostage for eight months, was not just a diplomatic mission but an emotional commitment to bring back one of our own," he explained.

"No Comment": India On Bangladesh Seeking Sheikh Hasina's Extradition

India Receives Extradition Request for Former Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina

New Delhi: In a significant development that could strain diplomatic relations between India and Bangladesh, the Indian government has confirmed receiving a formal extradition request from Bangladesh for former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. This move comes after Hasina fled to India on August 5 following widespread protests that ended her 16-year rule.

Bangladesh's interim government, led by Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus, has been adamant about bringing Hasina back to face trial. According to Touhid Hossain, the de facto Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, a note verbale was sent to the Indian government

requesting Hasina's return for judicial proceedings. "We have formally asked the Indian government to return Sheikh Hasina to Bangladesh so she can face the legal process," Hossain stated.

The request is based on arrest warrants issued by the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) in Bangladesh, which accuses Hasina and several former officials of "crimes against humanity and genocide." Bangladesh Home Adviser Jahangir Alam confirmed that his office has initiated the extradition process through a letter to India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

India and Bangladesh have an extradition treaty in place, which



was signed in 2013 and amended in 2016. However, this treaty also includes provisions that allow India to refuse extradition if the accusations are deemed to be of a political nature or if they lack good faith.

The Indian MEA has acknowledged receiving the request but has chosen not to comment further at this time. Sheikh Hasina's departure from Bangladesh was marked by intense protests and subsequent violence, including attacks on minority communities such as Hindus and Christians.

AAP Unveils Ambitious Plans for 24-Hour Water Supply and Free Senior Care Ahead of Delhi Elections

In the 2020 Assembly elections, AAP secured a landslide victory, winning 62 out of 70 seats. The BJP managed only eight.

New Delhi: AAP Unveils Ambitious Plans for 24-Hour Water Supply and Free Senior Care Ahead of Delhi Elections

In a bid to bolster its electoral prospects for the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections in 2025, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has announced a series of promising initiatives.

AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal recently revealed plans to implement a 24-hour water supply across the capital city, building on the party's previous successes. Kejriwal announced that the 24-hour water supply has already been initiated in the Rajendra Nagar area of Delhi, with plans to expand this service to the entire city soon. "We are delighted to start 24-hour water supply in a colony of Rajendra Nagar. This service will soon be available citywide," Kejriwal stated.



This latest announcement is part of a broader set of welfare measures introduced by the AAP. One of the most significant initiatives is the Sanjivani Yojana, designed to provide free medical treatment to senior citizens aged 60 and above. Under this scheme, the Delhi government will cover the entire cost of treatment for elderly individuals, whether they receive care in government or private hospitals. Registration for the Sanjivani Yojana has already begun in the Jangpura assembly constituency, where former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia is contesting the upcoming

elections.

"The Sanjivani Yojana aims to benefit around 20-25 lakh senior citizens in Delhi by ensuring they receive comprehensive medical care without any financial burden," Kejriwal explained.

In addition to the Sanjivani Yojana, the AAP has also seen a positive response to the Mahila Samman Yojana, which provides a monthly allowance of ₹2,100 to women residents of Delhi. According to Kejriwal, approximately 2.5 lakh women registered for this scheme within hours of its launch.

The party has also introduced the Dr. Ambedkar Scholarship to support the higher education of Dalit students, although specific details regarding the budget and implementation of this scholarship are yet to be disclosed.

'Modern-Day Greats Will Figure Out...': Rohit Sharma Addresses Virat Kohli's Batting Woes In Australia

On Kohli's form, and his supposed shortcoming outside off-stump, Rohit said, the stalwart will find a way out of the slump.

Australia: As the highly anticipated Boxing Day Test approaches, India's captain Rohit Sharma has alleviated concerns about his recent knee injury and expressed confidence in his team's batting lineup. During a media interaction on Tuesday, Rohit assured that his knee, which was hit during a training session at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on Sunday, is not a cause for worry.

"My knee is fine, and we shouldn't be focusing on individual batting positions right now," Rohit stated, emphasizing the team's collective strategy. This reassurance comes after speculation arose about the severity of his injury, which could have impacted his participation in the upcoming test.



Rohit had missed the first test of the series to be with his family for the birth of his second child. Upon his return, he was expected to reclaim his spot as an opener, but KL Rahul's impressive performance, including a 77 in India's win at Perth, led to a reshuffle in the batting order. Rohit has since struggled, scoring only 10, 3, and 6 runs in his last three innings, while

Rahul has capitalized on his opportunity with a notable 84 in the first innings of the third test at Brisbane.

Despite these challenges, Rohit remains committed to the team's best interests. "We need to figure out what works best for the team, and that's not something I'll discuss here," he said, highlighting the importance of team strategy over individual roles.

When questioned about Virat Kohli's recent form, particularly his struggles outside the off-stump, Rohit defended his teammate with conviction. "Players like Kohli, who are modern-day greats, always find their way out of tough periods," Rohit explained. Kohli had scored a century in the second innings of the Perth Test but faced setbacks in the subsequent tests, being dismissed for 7 and 11 in the second test and 3 in the third.

Rohit also offered words of encouragement for young Yashasvi Jaiswal, who has not replicated his match-winning 161 from the first test. "We don't want to alter Jaiswal's mindset. He understands his batting better than anyone else, so we encourage him to play freely," Rohit said.



Concerns Over India's Bowling Strength Ahead of Boxing Day Test

Veteran cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara reflected on India's bowling weakness at the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy (BGT) series and said that they have to take 20 wickets

New Delhi: As the highly anticipated Boxing Day Test approaches, Indian cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara has expressed concerns about the team's bowling performance in the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy series against Australia. The series is currently tied at 1-1, with the third Test ending in a draw in Brisbane.

Pujara, speaking to Star Sports, highlighted the vulnerability in India's bowling attack, which he believes could be a significant hurdle in the team's quest for victory.

"The Indian bowling is appearing somewhat weak, and this is a major concern," Pujara noted. While acknowledging that the batting, particularly the middle and lower order, has shown some resilience, he emphasized the need for a stronger bowling unit.

Jasprit Bumrah has been the standout performer among India's bowlers, taking 21 wickets at an impressive average of 10.90, including two five-wicket hauls and one four-wicket haul in the series so far.

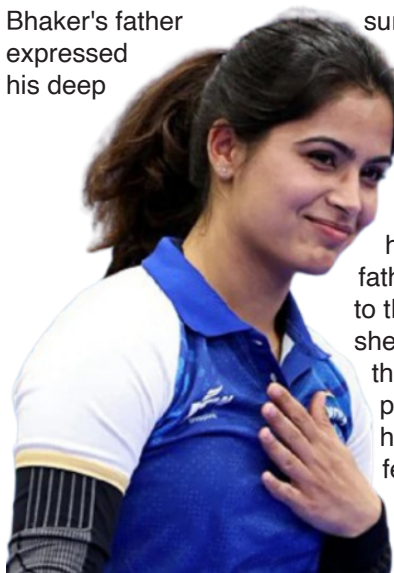
Manu Bhaker Said "Shouldn't Have Gone To Olympics, Won Medals": Heartbroken Father

Manu Bhaker's Olympic Achievements Overshadowed by Khel Ratna Snub

New Delhi: India's esteemed shooter, Manu Bhaker, who made history at the 2024 Paris Olympics by securing two bronze medals, is grappling with disappointment following her exclusion from the Khel Ratna award nominations. Despite being the first Indian sportsperson to win two medals in a single Olympic Games, Bhaker's name was notably absent from the shortlist, sparking a heated debate. Bhaker's father expressed his deep

frustration in an interview, questioning the decision-making process of the sports ministry and the selection committee. "I regret encouraging her to pursue shooting," he said. "Perhaps she should have been a cricketer; then she would have received all the accolades she deserves. Winning two Olympic medals is a monumental achievement, yet it seems her efforts are being overlooked."

The controversy surrounding Bhaker's nomination is further complicated by conflicting reports. While the sports ministry claims that Bhaker did not submit her application, her father and sources close to the family insist that she did indeed apply through the online portal. This discrepancy has prompted the federation to engage in discussions with the ministry to clarify the situation.



All Stars Cup Badminton - Mormugao Eagles emerge victorious, Chicalim Tigers and BPS Army clinch runners up and 3rd place

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Mormugao: In a dramatic showdown, Mormugao Eagles defeated title favourites Chicalim Tigers to claim the championship title at the 2nd All Stars Cup 2024. Both teams finished the league stage tied with 7 points each, but the Eagles' head-to-head victory secured their well-deserved triumph.

Organized by the Panjim Smashers Club in aegis with the Goa Badminton Association, the tournament held at the Indoor Stadium, Campal featured eight teams battling in an exciting league format of 6 doubles matches. The day long team event featured Goa's young talents in action from mini (U11) age

groups up to U21 ages.

The league saw several thrilling matches, with BPS Army initially dominating after defeating the eventual champions, Mormugao Eagles, in the group stage. However, BPS Army narrowly lost their last two matches by just one point, to settle for third place. Panjim Warriors, which tied with BPS and three other teams on points, secured fourth place through a superior points difference, showcasing the team balance and competitiveness of each of the squads. Sanquelim Shuttlers, South Stallions, Sunlite Shooters and North Knights were the other four teams that participated in this Inter club format league event.

The winning squad,

Mormugao Eagles, was brilliantly led by captain Sahil Sayed Ahmed, with star performances from their icon players Shivam Prabhu Desai and Niharika Parwar. The runners-up, Chicalim Tigers, showcased exceptional talent under the leadership of Goa's top State player Yash Desai, with Sudhanva Udupa and Avni Khyalia shining as their icon players.

BPS Army, captained by the dynamic Aryan Kumar, boasted two standout icons, Aaryaa Metry and Sparsh Kolwalkar, whose contributions were pivotal throughout the tournament. Meanwhile, Panjim Warriors, led by Siddharth Hazra, impressed with the skills of their icon players

Minoshka Pereira and Vansh Natekar, earning them a well-fought fourth-place finish.

Squads:
Champions – Mormugao Eagles: Kamesh Naik, Niharika Parwar (Icon), Nilaya Walavalkar, Pratyush Patil, Sahil Sayed Ahmed (Captain), Sambhavi Bhardwaj, Shivam Prabhu Desai (Icon), Shourya Sinari, Viaan Redkar, Vishwa Parab

Runners-up – Chicalim Tigers: Anshul Bhandari, Avni Khyalia (Icon), Ishaan Dessai, Komal Kothari, Noman Khan, S Krithik Reddy, Sambhav Bhardwaj, Shreyas Morudkar, Sudhanva Udupa (Icon), Viraditya Pai Kane, Yash Desai (Captain), Kavish Melvani