



India Exposes Pakistan's Air Defence Weakness in Back-to-Back Strikes

Air Defence Systems Neutralised in Lahore

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DELHI: The Indian Armed Forces have carried out targeted strikes on air defence radars and systems at multiple locations in Pakistan this morning, marking a significant escalation in the ongoing tensions between the two nations. According to the Ministry of Defence, India's response has been in the same domain and of equal intensity as the actions taken by Pakistan. One of the confirmed targets, an air defence system located in Lahore, has reportedly been neutralized.

In retaliation, Pakistan has increased the intensity of its unprovoked firing along the Line of Control (LoC). The Pakistani



military has been using mortars and heavy-calibre artillery to target Indian positions in several sectors, including Kupwara, Baramulla, Uri, Poonch, Mendhar, and Rajouri, all in Jammu and Kashmir.

The exchange of fire between the two sides has raised concerns about further escalation in the region, with both nations continuing their military actions. The situation remains tense as diplomatic efforts

to de-escalate the conflict seem distant.

The Indian Ministry of Defence has not provided further details on any casualties or damage caused by the latest strikes. Meanwhile, Pakistan has yet to comment on the specific nature of the Indian attack and its impact.

Sources confirm that HQ-9 air defence missile units, deployed by the Pakistan Army in cities like Sialkot and Lahore, suffered heavy damage, rendering them ineffective against the Indian air assault.

India's missiles crossed the border without resistance, successfully targeting terror camps

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Black Smoke Rises as Vatican Conclave Enters Second Day Without Decision

A plume of black smoke rose over the crowds thronging St Peter's Square late Wednesday, confirming that the conclave's first ballot had not secured a two-thirds majority to name a successor to the late Pope Francis.

Vatican City : A dense plume of black smoke curled into the evening sky above St Peter's Square on Wednesday, signaling that the first vote of the papal conclave had failed to produce a new pope. The lack of a two-thirds majority means the 2025 conclave will stretch into a second day.

Anticipation runs high among Catholics around the world as the 133 cardinal-electors prepare for another day of deliberations within the walls of the Sistine Chapel. After spending the night at the Santa Marta residence, the cardinals gathered early Thursday for a private Mass before



resuming their voting — a process guided by tradition, secrecy, and prayer.

The day's first ballot will be followed by additional votes if no clear decision emerges. Up to four ballots can be held in a single day, with voting continuing until a new pope — the 267th in

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Former Lairai Temple President Accused of Mismanagement & Misuse of Temple Funds



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PANAJI: The former president of the Shree Lairai Devasthan Temple Committee, Ganesh Gaonkar, is facing serious allegations of

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Cable Operators Move HC Against ₹30 Lakh Pole Usage Fee



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PANAJI: Cable operators have approached the High Court challenging an order issued by the Electricity Department, which mandates each operator to pay ₹30 lakh

towards the use of electricity poles for laying cables. In their plea, the operators have sought to set aside the department's directive, calling the charge arbitrary and financially burdensome. The application was filed earlier

this week, but no response has yet been submitted by the department. The matter was heard briefly and has now been posted for further hearing on June 24. The court has not granted any interim relief at this stage.

HC Grants Bail to Suspended Konkan Railway Cops Accused of Bribery

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PANAJI: The High Court of Bombay at Goa has granted bail to suspended Police Inspector Sunil Gudler and Constable Mohammed Hussein of the Konkan Railway Police Station, who were arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) for allegedly accepting a bribe from a beef trader.

According to ACB officials, the arrests stemmed from a complaint lodged by a beef trader who alleged that Gudler and Hussein had demanded a bribe in exchange for not initiating action under various laws related to cattle transport and meat trading. The complainant claimed the



officers threatened to implicate him in a false case if he failed to pay.

Acting on the complaint, the ACB laid a trap and allegedly caught the officers red-handed accepting the bribe. The incident took place in early April, after which both officers were suspended from duty pending the investigation.

A formal FIR was registered under sections

of the Prevention of Corruption Act, and the officers were remanded to judicial custody. The ACB has claimed to have sufficient evidence, including audio and video recordings of the alleged bribe-taking, to support the charges.

The case has drawn attention due to the involvement of law enforcement officers in

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Security Tightened in Tourist & High-Visibility Areas: DGP Goa

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PANAJI: Security measures are being significantly enhanced in high-footfall and tourist-heavy zones across the state, following directives from Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, Director General of Police Alok Kumar confirmed today.

Speaking to the press, DGP Kumar stated that both daytime and nighttime security will be bolstered to ensure the safety of residents and visitors alike. The move comes amid growing concerns about public safety in densely crowded and popular areas.

"As per the Chief Minister's orders, we



are intensifying security in all high-visibility and tourist-centric locations. This includes increased patrolling, surveillance, and deployment of personnel to ensure a round-the-clock presence," Kumar said.

Authorities have not cited a specific threat but emphasized the measure as a proactive step toward maintaining law and order and enhancing the public's sense of security.

The state government

is expected to coordinate with local law enforcement, tourism departments, and municipal bodies to implement the security upgrade effectively.

Further announcements regarding specific locations and operational plans are anticipated in the coming days. Besides a mock exercise simulating an air strike scenario was conducted at IOCL, Vasco.

The exercise depicted significant damage and fire resulting from the simulated strike.

Four seriously injured workers were shifted to Chicalim Sub-District Hospital (SDH), while twenty workers were successfully rescued.

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Goa Must Act Swiftly to Tackle the Cybercrime Surge



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A disturbing case has emerged from Carmona, where a woman was defrauded of ₹4.5 lakh by a man posing as a police officer via a WhatsApp video call.

The scam, audacious and deeply manipulative, involved the impersonator threatening the victim under the pretext of legal trouble, convincing her to transfer a large sum of money. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident. It is part of a much larger and rapidly escalating wave of cybercrime sweeping across Goa.

Goa's cybercrime numbers have steadily increased over the past few years, and the trend shows no sign of slowing. What makes the problem more alarming is the low detection and conviction rate. Fraudsters are no longer just anonymous voices behind emails—they now appear on video calls, dress the part, and exploit fear and confusion to swindle unsuspecting citizens. Often, these criminals operate from outside the state, or even from abroad, placing them beyond the reach of local law enforcement.

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In the meantime, awareness remains the best first line of defence. Citizens need to be far more cautious with how they respond to calls, especially those involving threats or urgent financial demands. No genuine police officer or government agency demands money over a phone or video call. This basic understanding, if widely communicated through public awareness drives, can drastically reduce the number of victims.

Moreover, the government must mandate digital safety education across schools and colleges. Cyber hygiene must become as integral to education as road safety or fire drills. For the elderly and rural populations—who are particularly

vulnerable—panchayat-level sessions and mobile awareness vans could play a vital role.

Financial institutions and telecom providers also need to play their part. Many frauds begin with identity theft enabled by leaked SIM data or weak KYC processes. There needs to be stricter scrutiny and a faster mechanism for freezing accounts and tracing transfers once fraud is reported.

Goa cannot afford to wait until cybercrime reaches unmanageable proportions. The loss of ₹4.5 lakh to one family is not just financial—it is emotional, psychological, and deeply personal. For many victims, the trauma of betrayal and helplessness is longer-lasting than the monetary loss.

This is a call for immediate, concrete action. The state government must invest in digital policing infrastructure, establish a dedicated cybercrime response unit, and launch aggressive awareness campaigns. Until then, the public remains a soft target in an increasingly connected yet perilous digital landscape.

Cybercrime is no longer a future threat. It is here, and it is hitting home. Will Goa respond with urgency—or continue watching from the sidelines as more citizens fall prey to faceless criminals?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tragedy at Shirgao Jatra Demands Accountability

I write with deep anguish over the tragic stampede at the Shirgao Jatra that claimed the lives of six devotees and left dozens injured.

What should have been a sacred and joyous celebration turned into a horrific scene of chaos, panic, and loss. The fact that no arrests have been made days after the incident is deeply disturbing and raises serious questions about accountability and administrative preparedness.

This annual religious event is not new. Thousands of devotees throng the temple every year. Yet, there appears to have been no effective crowd management plan, no proper emergency exits, and insufficient coordination among law enforcement, local authorities, and temple committees. The result was deadly and entirely avoidable.

When lives are lost due to negligence, silence cannot be the

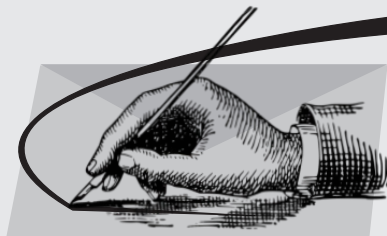
official response. Authorities must investigate who failed in their duty—be it the organizers, police, or district administration—and hold them accountable. Token compensation and empty condolences are not enough.

Moreover, this tragedy must serve as a wake-up call for better crowd control measures during large public events. Advance planning, strict adherence to safety protocols, and deployment of trained personnel are non-negotiable. Religious fervour must never come at the cost of human life. The victims deserve justice, and the public deserves answers. Until those responsible are held to account, such tragedies will continue to haunt our festivals.

- Shrikant Bicholkar
Sal, Bicholim

Rising Temperatures and Environmental Destruction

Goa is witnessing an alarming rise in temperatures this summer, a clear sign of the worsening climate crisis. Once known for its pleasant weather, the state is now grappling with heatwaves and unpredictable rainfall patterns. This is not a coincidence—it is the direct result of rapid deforestation, rampant construction, and the destruction of wetlands and green cover.



Our fragile ecosystems are being sacrificed in the name of unchecked development and tourism. Hills are being flattened, mangroves are vanishing, and illegal mining continues to scar the land. The result? Soaring temperatures, declining biodiversity, and increasing vulnerability to floods and droughts.

It is high time the government enforces strict environmental regulations and prioritizes sustainable development. Citizens, too, must play their part by reducing waste, planting trees, and raising their voices against ecological damage. If we don't act now, we risk losing the Goa we love forever.

- Brian Souza,
Nagoa

Shirgao Stampede: 15 still hospitalized, 1 critical

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PANAJI: The condition of the individuals injured in the tragic stampede at Shirgao is gradually improving, according to hospital officials at Goa Medical College (GMC).

A total of 21 people were admitted to the hospital following the incident, and six of them have since been discharged after receiving necessary medical treatment.

Currently, 15 injured individuals remain under care and are being closely monitored for further recovery. However, one patient who was critically injured in the stampede continues to be in a stable



yet critical condition, with doctors working diligently to provide intensive care.

Medical authorities have assured the public that all available resources are being utilized to ensure the best possible

treatment for the victims, and they are hopeful that the condition of the remaining patients will continue to improve.

The incident has drawn attention from local authorities, who are

closely investigating the circumstances that led to the tragic event.

Meanwhile, the community has expressed support for the affected families and the victims still in treatment.

Damu Naik Hails Operation Sindoor as Decisive Blow to Terrorism

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PANAJI: BJP Goa President Damu Naik lauded Operation Sindoor, a large-scale military strike reportedly carried out by Indian armed forces targeting nine major terrorist camps across Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir.

In a statement, Naik described the operation as a bold and historic response to the recent Pahalgam terror attack, in which Hindu pilgrims were selectively targeted and killed.

"Bharat has responded with strength and precision," Naik said, crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and the courage of the armed forces for what he called a "firm declaration of war against terrorism and



its sponsors." According to the statement, the camps were stretched from Bahawalpur to Muzaffarabad and were described as being actively supported by the Pakistani state.

Naik also extended gratitude to the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, and narishakti (women power) for their roles in the operation, while offering prayers for the safety of all soldiers. He emphasized that India would no longer tolerate terror in any form and had sent a strong message to the world through this decisive action.

FDA Cracks Down on Food Safety Violations Across Goa; Fines, Shutdowns Issued

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Panaji: Goa Health Minister Vishwajit Rane on Tuesday said the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) continued its state-wide surveillance operations on May 6, targeting food safety violations across multiple regions including Mormugao, Colva, Salcete, and Margao.

In Mormugao, FDA teams took immediate action against a wholesale unit found operating without a valid license, ordering it to cease operations. Two additional units — a manufacturing facility producing traditional Goan products such as sausages, bebinca, dodol, and masalas, and a repackaging unit handling groceries, cereals, and pulses — were also shut down for operating without the necessary licenses. A fast-food vendor in the area was penalized and instructed to relocate their operations indoors after being found operating in an open and unsanitary setting. The inspections were led by DO South, SFSO Shri Shailesh Shenvi, and FSO Smt. Sonal Govekar.

In Colva and Salcete, FDA teams revisited previously flagged establishments and confirmed full compliance with hygiene and licensing norms.



Additional inspections were conducted at three restaurants, with inspection reports issued for continuous monitoring.

In Margao, however, officials found a restaurant operating in "utterly unhygienic conditions" despite earlier warnings and identified deficiencies dating back to April 28. The establishment was fined ₹20,000 under Sections 55 and 56 of the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSA), 2006. The inspection was carried out by Designated Officer Smt. Sanjyot Kudalkar and FSOs Shri Madhav Kavlekar, Miss Pradiksha Chopdekar, and Shri Amardeep Gaude.

"This should serve as a clear message — we have zero tolerance for those who compromise public health," Rane said. "Our FDA teams are working tirelessly to ensure the food consumed by our citizens is safe and hygienic."

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IPSCDL Completes Final Layer of Road Surfacing in Central Panaji under Smart City Mission

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PANAJI: Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited (IPSCDL) has completed the final Bituminous Concrete (BC) surfacing across all three phases of the Central Panaji road redevelopment project, a key component of the Smart City Mission. Spanning 6,850 meters, the project included the laying of the Dense Bituminous Macadam (DBM) layer and all required rectifications, completed without major road closures to ensure minimal disruption to the public.



The road improvement work was divided into three phases. Phase 1 covered 735 meters, including stretches of MG Road from St. Inez Junction to Caculo Island (185 meters) and onward

to Don Bosco School (275 meters), along with SV Road from Geeta Bakery to DB Road Junction (275 meters). Phase 2 comprised 1,024 meters, covering MG Road from Don Bosco to UCO Bank

(354 meters), TB Cunha Road from Café Bhonsle to DB Road Junction (320 meters), 18 June Road from the NGPDA Office to Caculo Island (140 meters), Cunha Rivera Road from Vinanti to DB Road Junction (40 meters), and MG Road from Liberty to Vinanti Restaurant (170 meters). Phase 3 completed an additional 1,415 meters, including MG Road from UCO Bank to Don Bosco School (380 meters), Market to DB Road (200 meters), Geeta Bakery to INOX (534 meters), Tom Liquor Shop to DB Road (200 meters), and two internal lanes (100 meters).

NIO Tasked with Fresh Beach-Carrying Capacity Study for Goa's Coastline



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PANAJI: With the tourism season approaching, the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) has commissioned the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) to conduct a new study assessing the carrying capacity of the state's beaches.

The detailed evaluation aims to guide future decisions on the number of temporary tourism-related structures, such

as beach shacks and tents, that can be allowed without harming the coastal ecosystem.

Sources revealed that GCZMA has formally issued a work order to NIO for the comprehensive study, which will factor in ecological constraints, existing no development zones, and CRZ (Coastal Regulation Zone) norms.

The findings will help determine shack density limits and provide recommendations based on current saturation

levels, as well as the need to protect sensitive environments such as estuaries, creeks, and river mouths.

The last such assessment was conducted in 2017 by the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), which had recommended a total of 1,131 beach shacks for the entire coastline. In reality, however, only about 360 shacks are permitted annually. NCSCM had advised that only 33 per cent of the usable beach area should be allocated for shack installation, excluding ecologically vulnerable zones and areas required for public access or traditional fishing activity.

Carmona Woman Duped of ₹4.5 Lakh in WhatsApp Impersonation Scam

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Margao: A woman from Carmona has filed a complaint with the Colva Police alleging she was defrauded of ₹4.5 lakh by a man posing as a police officer in a WhatsApp video call scam.

According to the complaint, the accused introduced himself as an Investigation Officer from

a Delhi Police station and falsely claimed that the woman was involved in a money laundering case. Under the pretext of "clearing her name," the scammer allegedly coerced the victim into transferring ₹4,50,000 to a bank account.

The woman later realized she had been misled and reported the matter to the Colva Police,



who have registered an offence and begun their investigation.

Speaking to reporters, a police official said, "We are treating this as a serious case of cyber

fraud and impersonation.

Preliminary findings suggest the use of spoofed identities and pressure tactics to extort money. We urge the public to be vigilant and verify such claims directly with local law enforcement."

Authorities have initiated efforts to trace the recipient bank account and identify the accused through digital forensics.

Maharashtra Crime suspect nabbed from Baga guest house by Calangute Police

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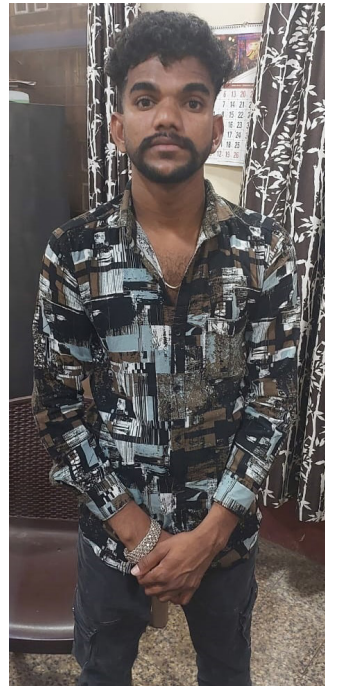
CALANGUTE: In a joint operation with the Crime Branch of Nandurbar, Maharashtra, the Calangute Police on Wednesday arrested a man wanted in multiple criminal cases across Maharashtra.

The accused, identified as Rajya alias Nagesh Damanya Valvi, 27, a resident of Katri Akrani in Nandurbar district, was traced to a guest house in Baga, Calangute.

Valvi is accused in at least seven cases registered between 2022 and 2025, including charges of housebreaking, theft, motor vehicle violations, and offences under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Maharashtra Prohibition Act.

His criminal record includes Cr. No. 113/2022, 92/2022, 50/2022, 115/2022, 278/2024, 35/2025, and 54/2025 across various police stations in Nandurbar.

The arrest was led by PSI Harish Vaigankar of Calangute Police Station, with assistance from PSI Vishwajit Dhavlikar



and a team of police constables including Vijay Naik, Bhagwan Palyekar, Siddhesh Naik, Gaurav Chodankar, Rohan Naik, Rajan Chandgadkar, and Nitesh Salgaonkar.

Valvi was arrested under Section 35 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in accordance with Supreme Court guidelines.

The Nandurbar Crime Branch has been informed and a team is en route to Goa to take custody of the accused for further legal proceedings.

SC Acquits Goa Man in Cheque Bounce Case After Full Payment

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PANAJI: The Supreme Court has acquitted a Goa resident in a cheque bounce case dating back to 2017, exercising its discretionary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution to deliver complete justice. The court noted that the accused had paid the full cheque amount along with compensation, amounting to ₹2.3 lakh, and thus saw no reason to continue with the conviction.

Article 142 empowers the apex court to pass orders necessary for doing complete justice in any matter before it. In this case, the court held that since the complainant had received the entire amount due, further



penal action would serve no purpose. The original conviction under the Negotiable Instruments Act had been challenged before the top court.

Observing that the primary intent of the law was to ensure repayment rather than punishment, the bench ruled in favour of acquittal, citing the absence of any outstanding dues or grievance. The judgment reflects the Supreme Court's approach in favour of equitable relief in cases where financial disputes have been fully resolved.

Goa Conducts 'Operation Abhyaas' Mock Drills as Part of Nationwide Civil Defence Preparedness

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PANAJI: Goa was among the 244 locations across India to participate in Operation Abhyaas a nationwide civil defence preparedness initiative led by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in response to heightened security concerns following recent terror attacks in Kashmir.

Both North and South Goa districts actively took part in the comprehensive mock drills aimed at testing emergency response mechanisms, inter-agency coordination, and public preparedness in the event of civil emergencies or terror strikes.

In North Goa, the drills were conducted

at the Indian National Watersports Centre in Miramar, the Panaji Ferry Wharf, and Goa Glass Fibre Ltd. in Colvale.

A simulated collapse of the Mandovi Bridge at the Ferry Wharf tested the readiness of various departments in executing search and rescue operations, evacuation protocols, and mass casualty management.

The operations were supervised by the District Collector of North Goa, Smt. Yashashwini B, IAS, in coordination with the police, fire and emergency services, health services, NCC, NSS, the District Disaster Management Authority, and Civil Defence volunteers.

Meanwhile, in South



Goa, mock drills were staged at Margao Railway Station, Dabolim Airport, and the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) terminal in Vasco.

At the Margao Railway Station, an air strike scenario was simulated, involving multiple casualties and a fire outbreak.

The rescue efforts included coordinated

participation from civil defence teams, fire and health services, NCC cadets, and the police.

The exercise was led by Deputy Collector of Salcete, Ganesh Barve, and Dy.SP Siddhant Shirodkar. A similar air strike simulation at the IOCL terminal in Vasco depicted significant damage and casualties, with four critically injured



workers taken to Chicalim Sub-District Hospital and twenty others rescued.

The drill was coordinated by Mormugao Mamlatdar Pravinjay Pandit, supported by teams from police, fire services, medical services, PWD, traffic department, and volunteer organizations.

At Dabolim Airport, the mock drill simulated

a strike scenario where twenty civilians, portrayed as trapped, were successfully rescued.

Operation Abhyaas demonstrated the proactive stance of the Goa state administration and its readiness to tackle emergency situations with a high level of coordination among departments and agencies.

2nd Accused in Human Trafficking racket Involving foreign Nationals nabbed by Crime branch

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PANAJI: In a significant breakthrough, the Crime Branch of Goa Police has apprehended the second key accused in an international human trafficking racket involving foreign nationals.

Zohair Ahmed Khalidi, a resident of Gulbarga, Karnataka, was taken into custody on Tuesday in Bangalore following a sustained investigation



into a case registered earlier this year. The case began on March 3, 2025, when a Kenyan national approached the Crime Branch with a complaint against another Kenyan citizen, Nancy King'ori alias Alian.

Manohar Int'l Airport, Strengthens Global Connectivity with Launch of AIK Direct Flights to Kuwait & Abu Dhabi

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MOPA: Manohar International Airport has announced the commencement of scheduled international services to Abu Dhabi and Kuwait, operated by Air India Express.

This milestone marks a significant step forward in enhancing the state's international connectivity, providing greater travel options for tourists, business travelers, and the Goan diaspora, while



opening new avenues for tourism, trade, and cultural exchange. The flight schedule for Goa to Kuwait is on Thursdays and Saturdays & for Goa to Abu Dhabi on Mondays and Tuesdays. With these new services, travelers from Kuwait and Abu Dhabi can now easily access Goa's

vast array of offerings — from pristine beaches, lush monsoon landscapes, and waterfalls to its distinctive culinary experiences, rich cultural heritage, and vibrant festivals. The launch underscores Manohar International Airport's commitment to expanding Goa's global

reach and positioning the state as a sought-after international destination. Rohan A. Khaunte, Minister for Tourism, remarked "Goa's international connectivity is about creating bridges between cultures, economies, and people. The launch of Air India Express' direct flights from Kuwait and Abu Dhabi complements our efforts to attract quality tourism, strengthen the local economy, and establish Goa as a year-round destination."

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India Exposes Pakistan's Air Defence Weakness in Back-to-Back Strikes

in Pakistan's Punjab province. The attacks were part of the ongoing Operation Sindoor, a coordinated military response to the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians in Jammu and Kashmir. The

HQ-9 system, developed by China and based on the Russian S-300 model, was among the air defence units hit in Lahore. These systems failed to detect or neutralize the Indian threat, signalling

a significant breach in Pakistan's national security preparedness. Apart from Lahore, drone activity was reported in Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Chakwal, Bahawalpur, Mianwali, Karachi, Chor,

Miano, and Attock. In Lahore, sirens blared and explosions were heard near Walton airport, causing panic among residents. Local reports stated that flight operations at Sialkot, Karachi, and Lahore airports were temporarily suspended.

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alleged corruption and has raised questions about accountability within the police ranks, particularly in sensitive regions like the Konkani belt where cattle transport and beef trade are contentious issues.

Former Lairai Temple President Accused of Mismanagement & Misuse of Temple Funds

mismanagement and misuse of temple property and funds during his three terms in office. Dinanath Gaonkar, the current president of the committee, has publicly criticized his predecessor for failing to contribute positively to the temple and allegedly using its resources for personal gain. In a recent statement, Dinanath

Gaonkar claimed, "Ganesh Gaonkar did nothing for the temple during his previous three terms; instead, he misused temple property and temple funds for his personal gains." As part of his efforts to restore the temple's integrity, Dinanath Gaonkar also announced a significant change regarding the

area around the temple. Starting next year, the temple committee will no longer allow stalls to be set up along the lane leading to the temple. "The committee will not allow the stalls alongside the lane leading to the temple from next year onwards," Gaonkar confirmed. This decision comes as part of a broader initiative

by the current committee to improve the environment around the temple and preserve its sanctity. The removal of the stalls is expected to enhance the temple's accessibility and ensure that the area remains free of overcrowding, contributing to a more spiritual and peaceful atmosphere for devotees.

Black Smoke Rises as Vatican Conclave Enters Second Day Without Decision

the Church's history — is elected. Communication from within the conclave remains strictly limited. The only public indication of progress is the smoke that rises from the chapel's chimney: black for inconclusive votes, white for a successful election. The signal on Wednesday,

watched by thousands gathered in the square below, drew audible groans as the black smoke confirmed no result. Still, the mood among the faithful remained hopeful. "I'm not disappointed by the black smoke," said James Kleineck, 37, who traveled from Texas. "It means the Holy

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The operation was led by the Mamlatdar of Mormugao, Pravinjay Pandit alongwith Officials from the Police Department, Fire Services, Civil Defence, Medical Services, PWD, Traffic Department, and various volunteer organizations extended their assistance during the exercise.

Goa Launches India's First Commercial 3D Printing Facility, Marking a Leap in Advanced Manufacturing

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PANAJI: In a landmark development for India's high-tech manufacturing sector, Goa has become home to the country's first commercial 3D printing facility. The Advanced Additive Manufacturing Facility, established by Nirmitsu Design Labs in collaboration with global 3D printing leader 3D Systems, was officially inaugurated in Old Goa, setting the stage for transformative growth in aerospace, defence, tooling, and industrial design.

The state-of-the-art facility was inaugurated by Shri Rohan A. Khaunte, Minister for Information Technology, Electronics & Communications, Government of Goa, alongside key dignitaries including Cumbarjua MLA Rajesh Faldessai, Bank of Maharashtra Zonal Manager Anand Dingankar, and senior leadership from Nirmitsu Design Labs and 3D Systems India.

Speaking at the launch, Minister Khaunte highlighted the facility's role in propelling Goa into



the forefront of Industry 4.0. "This is more than a technology milestone—it is a glimpse into Goa's future as a hub for advanced innovation.

With robust policies in electronics manufacturing and our vision for a knowledge-driven economy, we're equipping our youth with the skills and opportunities to shape tomorrow," he said, pointing to the development of the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in Tuem as a key part of this vision.

The facility showcases two high-end 3D printers: the EXT Titan 1070 Pellet Extrusion System and the Figure 4 Standalone Resin 3D Printer. These machines offer rapid, precision manufacturing of advanced plastic and

composite parts, meeting the rigorous needs of critical sectors such as defence and aerospace.

Mr. Iraj Sheth, Co-founder and Director of Nirmitsu Design Labs, emphasized the broader mission behind the initiative. "This isn't just about machines—it's about unlocking innovation. Our goal is to empower creators and entrepreneurs to turn ideas into impactful products through cutting-edge manufacturing," he said.

Nirmitsu's model focuses on sustainable, on-demand production that reduces reliance on extended supply chains, while promoting faster prototyping and innovation. The company aims to become a global

leader in 3D printing technology solutions.

Backing this vision, Shri Deelip Menezes, Managing Director of 3D Systems India, announced the signing of an MoU with Nirmitsu to provide ongoing support. "We are excited to collaborate with Nirmitsu and contribute to the evolution of India's advanced manufacturing ecosystem," he said.

The launch not only boosts Goa's industrial capabilities but also opens doors for startups, MSMEs, and academic institutions to engage in high-tech R&D and prototyping. The Government of Goa sees this as a key step in building a robust, innovation-led economy driven by collaboration between industry, government, and academia.

The project aligns with India's broader goals of self-reliance, digital transformation, and global competitiveness in manufacturing, with Goa poised to become a national model for high-tech industrial development.

Elon Musk's Starlink Edges Closer to India Launch with Letter of Intent from Centre

■ Starlink provides high-speed, low-latency broadband internet worldwide using satellite technology.

New Delhi: Elon Musk's satellite internet venture Starlink has moved a step closer to officially launching its services in India. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has issued a Letter of Intent to the SpaceX-owned company, signaling progress toward formal regulatory approval, according to a report by news agency PTI.

Starlink, which delivers high-speed, low-latency broadband via a constellation of low-earth orbit satellites, aims to bring reliable internet connectivity to even the most remote parts of the country. Government sources said that Starlink's Letter of Intent follows similar ones granted to other players in the satellite internet space, including Eutelsat OneWeb and Jio Satellite Communications.

The development marks a shift in momentum for Starlink, which has been attempting to enter the Indian market since 2022 but faced opposition from local telecom giants like Airtel and Jio. Ironically, both companies have since signed conditional



agreements to partner with Starlink — pending government approval of its operations in India.

Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw briefly welcomed Starlink earlier this year with a social media post that was later deleted. "Starlink, welcome to India! Will be useful for remote area railway projects," he had written on X (formerly Twitter). In a further sign of warming relations, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal met with a Starlink delegation last month. "Discussions covered Starlink's cutting-edge technology platform, their existing partnerships, and future investment plans in India," Goyal shared in a post.

If approved, Starlink's entry could be transformative for India's rural and underserved regions, providing reliable internet access where terrestrial infrastructure has been difficult to deploy.



Deviya Rane Congratulates Sentari Feni on Historic Gold Win at London Spirits Competition

Team Goemkarponn

Panaji: Goa MLA Deviya Rane has congratulated Sentari Limited Edition Feni for winning a prestigious Gold Medal at the London Spirits Competition 2025, calling it a historic achievement for both the Feni industry and the state of Goa.

"This is the first time that any Feni has earned such an international

accolade," Rane said in a statement. "With a remarkable score of 95 points, Sentari has set a new standard for quality, value, and packaging in the spirits industry."

Rane, a staunch advocate for promoting Feni, highlighted that this recognition would significantly elevate the global profile of Goan Cashew Feni, a product deeply tied to the state's heritage.

Goa Tourism Wraps Up Successful Showcase at GITB 2025 in Jaipur

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: Goa Tourism has successfully concluded its dynamic participation at the Great Indian Travel Bazaar (GITB) 2025, held from May 4 to 6 in Jaipur. The event underscored Goa's continued dedication to sustainable and regenerative tourism that supports local communities and safeguards the state's rich cultural and natural heritage.

The Goa delegation was led by Sanjeev Ahuja, IAS, Secretary (Tourism), and included Kedar Naik, Director of Tourism; Gavin Dias, GM (Marketing), GTDC; Rajesh Kale, Deputy Director (South), along with a host of Goan co-exhibitors. Together,



they actively engaged with national and international industry stakeholders at the Goa Tourism Pavilion.

The pavilion provided visitors with an immersive experience into Goa's evolving tourism narrative, showcasing hinterland exploration, heritage and spiritual tourism, wellness retreats, adventure

offerings, and grassroots community initiatives.

With a strong focus on Regenerative Tourism, the exhibit promoted travel experiences that emphasize long-term value for both visitors and local residents.

Commenting on the event, Rohan A. Khaunte, Minister for Tourism,

stated, "Goa's presence at GITB 2025 reflects our shift toward a tourism model that is sustainable, community-driven, and future-focused. We're redefining Goa beyond the beach, highlighting local experiences and ecological responsibility.

Platforms like GITB are crucial for connecting with like-minded partners aligned with our vision." Kedar Naik, Director of Tourism, added, "GITB 2025 served as an important platform for promoting Goa's diverse and responsible tourism offerings. We thank our co-exhibitors and partners for their participation and look forward to translating these engagements into meaningful collaborations."

Pakistan's Attempt to Breach Indian Airspace Foiled by IAF; Loitering Munitions Shot Down

■ A loitering munition is a type of precision weapon that hovers over a target area to locate and strike targets, often autonomously or under human control, before being expended

New Delhi: In a sharp escalation following Operation Sindoor, India has issued a stern warning to Pakistan after multiple attempts were made to violate Indian airspace using loitering munitions. According to top government sources, these precision-guided weapons were launched during the night with the intent to target radar installations along the Indian border. However, the Indian Air Force (IAF), on high alert, intercepted and neutralized the threats before they could cause any damage.

Loitering munitions—often referred to as kamikaze drones—are advanced aerial weapons that combine the features of drones and missiles. Unlike traditional missiles



that are launched at a specific target, loitering munitions are designed to hover in an area, autonomously or under human control, until a suitable target is identified. Upon target acquisition, the munition dives into the target and detonates, destroying both itself and the objective.

Sources familiar with the situation indicated that remnants of Pakistani

munitions were recovered in Indian border states, particularly Punjab.

Among the debris, parts of a PL-15E missile—an export variant of the Chinese PL-15—were discovered in Hoshiarpur, further pointing to foreign involvement in Pakistan's latest provocations. India has emphasized that its response has so far been measured.

"We have robust air defense systems that have effectively managed the threat and avoided escalation. Our retaliation during Operation Sindoor targeted only terror hideouts, avoiding civilian or military installations in Pakistan," the sources stated. They also highlighted the contrast with Pakistan's alleged targeting of civilian populations, including minority Sikh communities in Poonch.

Social media was flooded with images of the destroyed Pakistani munitions, drawing further public attention to the failed incursion. Meanwhile, Indian authorities continue to monitor the situation closely amid fears of further provocations.

Pakistan Continues Cross-Border Shelling in J&K's Kupwara; Civilians Evacuated

■ The Pakistani side targeted civilian areas in the Karnah area, firing shells and mortars after midnight, officials said.

Srinagar: Pakistani forces opened fire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district for a second straight night, targeting civilian areas in the Karnah sector with mortar and shelling attacks, officials confirmed early Thursday.

The unprovoked aggression comes a day after India launched Operation Sindoor, a series of precision missile strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, in retaliation for the deadly terror attack in Pahalgam.

According to officials, the shelling began shortly after midnight and was directed at civilian zones.



Indian troops responded swiftly and effectively to the firing, ensuring a strong counteraction.

No casualties have been reported so far, but the situation remains tense. The majority of the residents from the Karnah area had already evacuated to safer locations on Wednesday in anticipation of further cross-border hostilities.

Over 100 Terrorists Killed in Operation Sindoor, Rajnath Singh Reveals at All-Party Meet

■ Sindoor was a synchronised 25-minute strike - using precision weapons like the SCALP missile and HAMMER bomb - at nine terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, or PoK.

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced that over 100 terrorists were killed in Operation Sindoor, a retaliatory military operation by India in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

The operation targeted nine major terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), using precision weapons like the SCALP missile and HAMMER bomb during a synchronized 25-minute strike.

The initial casualty count of 70 was revised upward to over 100, with an additional 60 terrorists reported injured.

Operation Sindoor was specifically aimed at the headquarters and training camps of terrorist groups Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed—two groups involved in major attacks in India.

Lashkar-e-Taiba, a proxy group, was behind the Pahalgam attack that



claimed the lives of 26 people, mostly civilians. Jaish-e-Mohammed was responsible for the 2019 Pulwama attack that killed 40 soldiers.

Colonel Sofiya Qureshi of the Indian Army clarified that the operation was carried out based on credible intelligence and was focused solely on terrorist groups involved in cross-border terrorism. Importantly, no Pakistani military establishments were targeted during the strike. The operation was strategically planned to minimize civilian casualties.

The 9 Terror Targets in Pakistan Hit by India and Their Key Details

■ Operation Sindoor: The targets that were hit today included Muzaffarabad, Kotli, Bahawalpur, Rawalakot, Chakswari, Bhimber, Neelum Valley, Jhelum, and Chakwal

New Delhi: In a forceful response to last month's terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which claimed the lives of 26 tourists, India launched Operation Sindoor, carrying out 24 precision cruise missile strikes on nine key terror locations across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Intelligence indicated that the attackers had clear cross-border affiliations.

The missile strikes targeted major terror infrastructure operated by groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM). The targeted locations—Muzaffarabad, Kotli, Bahawalpur, Rawalakot, Chakswari, Bhimber, Neelum Valley, Jhelum, and Chakwal—have long been identified as major hubs of militant activity, according to Indian defence sources.

Here are key details of the nine terror targets:

1. Markaz Subhan Allah (JeM) – Bahawalpur, Punjab Located on National Highway-5 near Bahawalpur, this 15-acre complex is the main operational HQ of JeM. It houses top leaders including Maulana Masood Azhar and Mufti Abdul Rauf Asghar. It served as a key training ground for the Pulwama attack perpetrators and continues to host weapons and religious training

sessions.

2. Markaz Taiba (LeT) – Muridke, Punjab

The largest LeT training base, spread over 82 acres, this facility includes religious schools, living quarters, arms training grounds, and even a fish farm. It is where 26/11 attackers like Ajmal Kasab were trained. Osama bin Laden reportedly funded infrastructure within the facility.

3. Sarjal/Tehra Kalan Facility (JeM) – Shakargarh, Narowal District, Punjab Hidden inside a government primary health centre, this base is used for launching infiltrations into India via cross-border tunnels. It's been a central point for drone operations delivering arms and narcotics into Jammu and Kashmir.

4. Mehmoona Joya Facility (HM) – Head Marala, Sialkot Used by Hizbul Mujahideen for infiltrating terrorists into Jammu, this camp is tied to several major attacks, including the 1995 Jammu stadium bombing. Weapons training and infiltration logistics are handled here by known figures like Irfan Tanda.

5. Markaz Ahle Hadith (LeT) – Barnala, PoJK Strategically located near the LoC, this facility facilitates infiltration into the Poonch-Rajouri-Reasi sector. It has been connected to attacks in Rajouri and Reasi in 2023 and 2024. Top LeT operatives like Qasim

Gujjar and Khubaib operate from this markaz.

6. Markaz Abbas (JeM) – Kotli, PoJK This heavily guarded facility near a military camp hosts up to 125 JeM terrorists. It is led by Qari Zarrar, a top JeM commander wanted in the 2016 Nagrota attack. It also stores weapons and manages fundraising for JeM.

7. Maskar Raheel Shahid (HM) – Kotli, PoJK One of HM's oldest training camps, located in dense forests, this facility provides specialised training in sniping, mountain warfare, and BAT operations. It can house up to 200 terrorists and is currently supervised by Abu Maaz and Abdul Rehman.

8. Shawai Nallah Camp (LeT) – Muzaffarabad, PoJK Also known as Bait-ul-Mujahideen, this well-established LeT camp offers religious and arms training. It hosts over 40 rooms, training grounds, and is used for both new recruit induction and advanced combat refreshers. Pakistani Army trainers reportedly support its operations.

9. Syedna Bilal Markaz (JeM) – Muzaffarabad, PoJK Situated opposite Muzaffarabad's Red Fort, this complex acts as JeM's main transit and training hub in PoJK. Operated by Mufti Asghar Khan Kashmiri, it also hosts fugitive Indian terrorists and has been used for SSG-supported training activities.



Shubman Gill Tipped to Succeed Rohit Sharma as India's Next Test Captain, Jasprit Bumrah Likely Snubbed Due to Workload Concerns

■ Jasprit Bumrah's workload as an all-format leader of pace attack, coupled with his recent return to the game during the Indian Premier League (IPL) after a stress injury in his lower back, has concerned the selectors.

New Delhi: As India prepares for a fresh chapter in Test cricket following Rohit Sharma's impending retirement from the format, young batter Shubman Gill has emerged as the frontrunner to take over the captaincy.

According to a report by ESPNcricinfo, selectors are leaning towards the 25-year-old as a long-term leader, especially with the upcoming five-Test series in England starting June 20 marking the beginning of the new 2025–27 World Test Championship (WTC) cycle.

Despite Jasprit Bumrah's impressive performances, including 32 wickets in five Tests during the recent



Border-Gavaskar Trophy (BGT), concerns about his workload have led selectors to reconsider his suitability for the leadership role. Bumrah, who returned to action in the Indian Premier League (IPL) after recovering from a stress-related lower back injury, is viewed as a critical asset across formats and may be rested during

some matches for injury prevention.

While Bumrah did captain India in two Tests during the BGT — once in Rohit's absence for the birth of his child and again when Rohit opted out due to form — his role as vice-captain is now seen more as a supporting leadership function rather than a stepping stone to the full-time captaincy.

Shubman Gill, on the other hand, has steadily grown into a leadership role, having captained India in five T20Is against Zimbabwe and currently leading the Gujarat Titans in the IPL. Under his captaincy, GT has bounced back strongly this season with eight wins from 11 matches, after a disappointing 2024 campaign.

Gill's Test record since debuting in the 2020-21 BGT series includes 1,893 runs in 32 matches at an average of 35.05, with five centuries and seven fifties. However, his away form remains under scrutiny, having averaged just 27.53 in overseas conditions with only one century to his name.

"Who Are These People...": Gautam Gambhir Dismisses Rumours of Rift With Rohit Sharma

■ India men's cricket team head coach Gautam Gambhir recently slammed the "experts" and some YouTubers for spreading fake news about his rift with skipper Rohit Sharma.

New Delhi: India men's cricket team head coach Gautam Gambhir has strongly dismissed ongoing rumours about a rift between him and team captain Rohit Sharma, calling them baseless and driven by a thirst for attention and viewership.

Speaking at the ABP India At 2047 Summit, Gambhir took aim at self-proclaimed experts and certain YouTubers, accusing them of spreading misinformation for TRP gains. The speculations about a strained relationship reportedly surfaced after India's defeat in the five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia, despite the team's recent Champions Trophy triumph in March under the leadership of both Gambhir and Rohit.

"First of all, who are these people? Where are these stories coming



from? Just because someone on YouTube or a self-proclaimed expert says something for views, it doesn't make it true," Gambhir asserted. "We won the Champions Trophy just two months ago. If we hadn't, imagine the kind of questions you'd be asking me. A coach and captain lift a trophy together, and now suddenly, people want to create drama?" Gambhir emphasized that his relationship with Rohit Sharma is built on mutual respect and a shared dedication to Indian cricket.



Carmel Boys Curtorim Storm into Finals of 18th Rebello Pandal Football Tournament

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: Carmel Boys Curtorim secured a thrilling victory over Ghantamorod Boys Navelim, edging past them 6-5 in a tense tiebreaker to book their spot in the finals of the 18th Rebello Pandal Football Tournament. The semi-final clash took place at St. Rita Church Ground in Maina Curtorim.

Both teams displayed high-intensity football from the start, but neither could find the back of the net during regulation time, with the score locked at 0-0. In the ensuing penalty shootout, Carmel Boys Curtorim held their nerve and emerged as the superior side in the tiebreaker.

Meliston Dias of Ghantamorod Boys Navelim was adjudged the 'Man of the Match' for his standout performance and was presented with the award by Rosario Fernandes.

Carmel Boys Curtorim will now face hosts Rebello Pandal Maina in the tournament final, scheduled for Sunday, May 11, 2025, at 4:30 PM.

Madan Lal Lauds Rohit Sharma After Test Retirement: "Haven't Seen a Batsman Like Him"

■ Rohit Sharma on Wednesday announced his retirement from Test cricket, bringing an end to a celebrated chapter in his international career.

New Delhi: Former India cricketer and 1983 World Cup champion Madan Lal has paid glowing tribute to Rohit Sharma following the veteran batter's retirement from Test cricket. Lauding Rohit's unique batting style and leadership, Lal said the 38-year-old leaves behind a legacy few can match.

"I haven't seen a batsman like Rohit Sharma," Lal told ANI. "He has entertained us immensely. No one plays the

cut, hook, and pull shots like him."

Rohit announced his retirement from the longest format on Wednesday via an Instagram post, marking the end of a distinguished Test career that began in November 2013 against the West Indies. Over the span of 67 Tests, Rohit amassed 4,301 runs at an average of 40.57, including 12 centuries and 18 fifties. His highest score, 212, came against South Africa in a

dominant home series in 2019.

Reflecting on Rohit's decision to step away, Lal noted, "Retirement is a deeply personal and often difficult decision, especially for someone of Rohit's calibre."

While Rohit initially struggled to cement his place in the Test side, especially in overseas conditions, his resurgence from 2019 onward, particularly as a Test opener, transformed his red-ball career. Between 2013 and 2018, Rohit



played 27 Tests, scoring 1,585 runs at an average of 39.63. But his dominant run at home — where he averaged over 51 and struck 10 centuries in 34 matches — cemented his reputation as a formidable Test player.



Taipei: Indian shuttlers put on a promising display at the Taipei Open Super 300 Badminton Tournament, with former World No. 1 Kidambi Srikanth and several emerging talents advancing to the second round on Wednesday. Srikanth, currently ranked World No. 61 and looking to reclaim his form, opened his campaign with a comfortable straight-game

Taipei Open 2025: Kidambi Srikanth, Unnati Hooda, Mhatre, and Mannepalli Advance to Second Round

■ Star Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth start his campaign on a bright note with a straight game win over as he, along with a host of other youngsters, progressed to the second round of the Taipei Open

victory over compatriot Sankar Subramanian, a silver medallist at the 2022 World Junior Championships. The 32-year-old ace won 21-16, 21-15 to book a second-round clash with rising Indian star Ayush Shetty.

Shetty, a bronze medallist at the 2023 World Junior Championships and a semifinalist at the Orleans Masters, pulled off a significant

upset by defeating third seed Lee Chia Hao of Chinese Taipei 21-17, 21-18 in a tightly contested 50-minute match. Meanwhile, Tharun Mannepalli, the 2023 National Games gold-medallist, showed tremendous grit in his first-round encounter. He edged past Japan's Shogo Ogawa 21-17, 19-21, 21-12 in a 70-minute thriller. Mannepalli will now

face Indonesia's Moh. Zaki Ubaidillah in the next round. However, Meiraba Luwang Maisnam fell short against Canada's Brian Yang, losing 21-23, 12-21 in straight games despite a close opening set. In women's singles, Unnati Hooda impressed with a composed performance, defeating fellow Indian Anupama Upadhyaya 21-13, 21-17.