



# GOA ACID HORROR

## 17-Year-Old Student Attacked in Broad Daylight at Dhargal

Public Outrage Mounts as Police Probe Love Angle; Opposition Slams Collapse of Law and Order

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**DHARGAL:** In a shocking incident early Monday morning, a 17-year-old student from Dhargalim, Pernem, sustained serious burn injuries in a suspected acid attack at the local bus stand. Police are investigating whether a personal dispute linked to a love affair may have motivated the assault.

The attack took place around 7:50 a.m. as Rishab Shetye, a higher secondary school student in Mapusa, waited for his bus. According to police, an unidentified person on a two-wheeler approached and hurled acid from a bucket onto the teenager before fleeing the scene. Eyewitnesses described Shetye running along the

### Possible Love Angle Being Probed: MLA Pravin Arlekar

**Dhargal:** MLA Pravin Arlekar said investigators are probing a possible love angle as the motive behind the brutal attack on a 17-year-old boy in Goa. The minor, who is admitted at Goa Medical College, has suffered 30% burns on the right side of his body, including injuries to his eye. While authorities are still confirming whether acid or another chemical was used, the MLA has directed the police to arrest the accused by this evening "at any cost."

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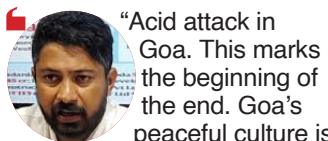
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- POLICE SUSPECT A POSSIBLE LOVE AFFAIR



"Acid attack in Goa. This marks the beginning of the end. Goa's peaceful culture is crumbling. No fear of law, no justice in sight. Law & order has collapsed. Goa is turning into a crime capital."

Manoj Parab, President, RGP

### Who Said What?



"We are examining all angles, including personal enmity, and are confident we will crack the case soon,"

- Rahul Gupta, SP, North Goa



"The family has provided some leads to the police. The motive could be related to a relationship angle."

- Pravin Arlekar, MLA, Pernem



Goans are becoming minority in Goa. I think there is no law and order at all. It looks like there is no government in Goa. The acid attack incident that occurred today, I have never seen such things happening in Goa.

The Goans are becoming a minority in Goa and outsiders are doing 'dadagiri'

- Vijai Sardesai, GFP President



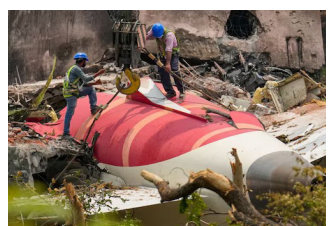
"I urge the police to apprehend the perpetrators immediately. A thorough investigation is crucial to deliver justice and prevent such heinous acts".

- Yuri Alemao, Leader of Opposition



"Rapes, murders, and robberies have become daily affairs. Criminals no longer fear the administration or the police."

- Durgadas Kamat, GFP General Secretary



### Air India Crash: Seven Sabotage Angles Under Probe as Investigators Explore Rare Dual Engine Failure

**New Delhi:** In a sweeping investigation following the tragic crash of Air India flight AI 171 in Ahmedabad, Indian security and intelligence agencies are examining possible sabotage as a key factor behind the rare dual-engine failure. The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner, which was en route to London, crashed shortly after takeoff on June 12, killing 274 people, including nine individuals on the ground. The aircraft plummeted into the BJ Medical College residential quarters in Meghaninagar around 1:30 PM, resulting in a massive fire.

### NEP 2020 Aims to Decolonise Education: Kerala Governor at GU Foundation Day

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**PANAJI:** Kerala Governor Rajendra Arlekar today called for Goa University to adopt a clear, long-term vision rooted in local values, research, and public engagement, while speaking at the university's 41st Foundation Day celebrations.

Emphasizing the importance of aligning education with India's cultural context, Arlekar said, "Our education



system keeps us rooted to our soil. The New Education Policy 2020 is the first serious attempt to decolonize our education." He stressed that research must remain central to any higher education institution's mission.

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### Phaldesai Tipped to Take Over as Speaker, Cabinet Doors Open for Tawadkar, Kamat

CM Pramod Sawant in Delhi to Finalise Reshuffle Ahead of Assembly Session

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**Panaji:** A major political reshuffle is likely in Goa, with sources indicating that Social Welfare and River Navigation Minister Subhash Phaldesai has been approached to take over as Speaker of the Goa Legislative Assembly.

While no official announcement has been made, senior

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### Goa Power Shuffle: Top 5 Updates

- ▶ Phaldesai likely to become Speaker, may quit ministerial post.
- ▶ Tawadkar set for Cabinet return as he vacates Speaker's chair.
- ▶ Digambar Kamat

- eyed for Cabinet berth amid political rejig.
- ▶ CM Sawant in Delhi to seal the reshuffle deal with BJP high command.
- ▶ Gaude's sacking sparks shake-up, aimed at tightening party control.

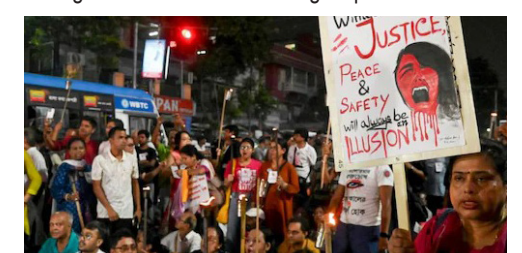
### Kolkata Gang-Rape Case: Technical Evidence Supports Survivor's Statement; SIT Recovers Accused's Clothing and Probes New Leads

**Kolkata:** The investigation into the gang-rape of a 24-year-old law student inside South Calcutta Law College has gained momentum, with technical evidence strongly backing the survivor's statement. CCTV

footage and call data records have aligned with the victim's timeline, lending critical support to her account of the incident. In a key development, the college's vice principal confirmed that the accused had no access to

the CCTV surveillance system, eliminating concerns of footage tampering. Based on this, investigators are now planning to recreate the crime scene to further verify the sequence of events from the night of June 25.

Matching CCTV Footage, Forensic Evidence, and Security Guard Testimony Strengthen Case as Public Outrage Mounts in Kolkata Gang-Rape Probe





# Acid at a Bus Stop: Is This the New Face of Goa?

The acid attack on a 17-year-old girl at a bus stop in Panaji has left Goa stunned and exposed. A crime so grotesque, so terrifying in its intent and brazenness, has forced the state to confront an uncomfortable truth: the Goa we knew is slipping away.

The peaceful, safe, close-knit society that defined our identity is under threat. And one cannot ignore the growing chorus—from citizens and even Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant himself that the unchecked rise in migration is playing a role in this transformation. Over the years, Goa has seen a significant influx of people from other states—come in search of honest work, others unfortunately bringing with them the chaos and criminal tendencies from places they've fled.

Dr. Sawant has on record voiced concerns about the need to monitor and regulate this inflow. His statements, though politically cautious, have pointed to a growing problem: lack of background checks, poor verification of tenants and labourers, and rising strain on infrastructure and law enforcement.

The result? A state that once prided itself on safety and community trust is now seeing rising cases of violent crimes, murders, assaults, sexual violence, and now, acid attacks.

Goans are beginning to feel like strangers in their own land. Local youth complain of job losses, residents speak of cultural dilution, and women say they no longer feel safe walking alone. And while it is important not to paint all migrants with a broad brush, it is equally irresponsible to ignore the patterns emerging.

The real question is not whether migration is happening, it is what the state is doing about it. So far, the answer seems to be: not much. There is no mandatory tenant verification

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system in place. There is no comprehensive migrant worker database. Many panchayats remain clueless about who is living within their jurisdictions. Police stations, under-resourced and overworked, rarely follow up on new arrivals unless a crime is committed.

The solution does not lie in xenophobia or blanket

blame. Goa has always welcomed people from other parts of India and the world. But there must be rules, and more importantly, enforcement. We need a state-wide Migrant Registration and Verification System, where landlords are legally required to submit details of tenants to local police.

Labour contractors must be registered, and workers must be issued ID cards verified through Aadhaar or other government documentation.

Police patrolling and surveillance must be increased, particularly in fast-growing urban and semi-urban pockets like Mapusa, Ponda, and Margao. CCTV coverage must be expanded, and most importantly, law enforcement officers need to be trained to deal with a diverse and growing population.

The judiciary must fast-track heinous crimes like acid attacks, and survivors must receive immediate medical and psychological support.

This cannot be left to political speeches alone. The Chief Minister must now move from observation to action. His past warnings must become policies. And these policies must be implemented with seriousness, not tokenism.

Goa is at a tipping point. We can either keep looking the other way and allow this quiet takeover of our culture, security, and peace or we can act now to preserve what remains of our identity. Being open-hearted does not mean being unprotected. Tolerance does not mean lawlessness.

This acid attack must not be dismissed as just another crime. It must be the final straw that forces our state to reimagine how we manage migration, police our communities, and safeguard our people. Goa can still remain a land of susegad—but only if we defend it.

## OPINION

### An Heinous Crime in Kolkata and the Irresponsible Statements from TMC



by Irfan Iqbal Gheta

West Bengal's capital, Kolkata, is once again in the news—and once again, for all the wrong reasons. The Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress (TMC)

government is drawing heavy flak, not only for the crime itself but more so for the irresponsible and misogynistic statements made by its own leaders. "Didi"—as Mamata Banerjee is fondly called—is expected to rein in the motormouths within her party ranks.

Last Wednesday, Kolkata witnessed an alleged heinous crime. A 24-year-old law student from a city-based law college was reportedly sexually assaulted. In a rare instance of swift action, Kolkata Police arrested four accused soon after the incident came to light. However, even before the public could fully process the horror of the crime, some leaders from the ruling party grabbed the limelight for all the wrong reasons. Their controversial, regressive, and misogynistic remarks have rightfully drawn nationwide outrage.

TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee shocked the nation on Friday by stating—according to reports across national dailies—that police cannot be deployed in every college, and that male students should protect "their female colleagues." The Honourable MP further said that women should also stand up against such crimes. If that wasn't enough, came another appalling remark—this time from Madan Mitra, TMC MLA from Kamarhati. In a statement that can only be described as victim-blaming, he suggested the incident could have been avoided had the victim not gone alone or taken friends along. According to him, informing someone or being accompanied by two friends might have prevented the crime.

These statements were not just insensitive—they were insulting. They undermined the pain of the survivor and attempted to shift the blame from the perpetrators to the victim. The nation expected outrage and solidarity from its elected representatives; instead, it got regressive advice and thinly veiled justifications. Facing intense backlash, the TMC quickly issued an "official statement" distancing itself from the remarks. It termed the comments as "personal opinions" of the leaders and not reflective of the party's stance. But by then, the damage had already been done. The words had been spoken. The wound was inflicted. The larger question is: Why does this happen every time a heinous crime of this nature occurs? Why do political leaders, across party lines, make remarks that are not only in poor taste but often shame the victim?

We've seen this pattern too many times. Each incident of sexual assault triggers three predictable reactions. First, the national conversation around "women are unsafe everywhere" gains fresh traction. While this debate is necessary, it often fades out without producing any concrete solutions. The truth is, it is men's responsibility to ensure that women feel safe—at home, in public spaces, and everywhere in between. Our society cannot progress unless women feel secure, empowered, and respected. Second, the political blame game begins. Opposition parties slam the ruling party, highlighting the failing law and order situation. Politicians parade before the media, expressing scripted outrage, while little changes on the ground. And third, some politicians—either out of ignorance or callousness—shame the victim, delivering unsolicited lectures that fuel public anger and cause further trauma to the survivor.





## Sardesai Vows to Raise Mandrem's CRZ, Tuem Hospital Concerns in Assembly

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**MANDREM:** Goa Forward Party chief and Fatorda MLA Vijai Sardesai has assured residents of Mandrem that he will take up critical local issues in the upcoming Assembly session, including Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) restrictions affecting

homes and the prolonged non-operational status of Tuem Hospital.

Speaking at a meeting at the Mandrem Zilla Panchayat hall, Sardesai criticised local representatives for failing to address these concerns in the Assembly, saying that neglect has left vital problems

unsolved. The session was organised to listen to complaints from Mandrem and Pernem residents.

Goa Forward general secretary Durgadas Kamat, North Goa district president Deepak Kalangutkar, and former Mandrem sarpanch Prashant Bala Naik joined Sardesai at the meeting.

Locals expressed worry over plans to widen the MDR road to 25 metres, arguing it would threaten many homes and businesses, and demanded justice on the issue. They also questioned why Tuem Hospital, which has been ready for seven years, remains closed.

## 11-Year-Old Boy Dies from Electric Shock in Canacona

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**CANACONA:** An 11-year-old boy, identified as Samesh Gauder, tragically lost his life after suffering an electric shock in the Bhatpal area of Canacona.

The incident occurred on the afternoon of June 28, when the young boy was reportedly using a mosquito bat near an extension board inside his room.

According to family members, Samesh accidentally received an electric shock, which caused him to lose consciousness.

He was immediately rushed to the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Canacona, where he was later declared dead.

Local police conducted an inquiry at the health center and confirmed the cause of death through a post-mortem examination.

The Police Surgeon reported that the boy died from electrocution,



with burns found on the medical aspect of his right thigh (the probable point of entry for the electric current) and smaller burns on the left foot (possible exit wounds). The shock led to fatal cardiac arrhythmia.

The body of the deceased was handed over to the family after the post-mortem for disposal according to religious rites.

Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) Ajith Velip of the Canacona Police Station is handling the investigation and has urged locals to exercise caution when using electrical appliances.

## Arpora-Nagoa Panchayat Bans POP Ganesha Idols Ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi



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**ARPORA:** In a move to promote eco-friendly festivities and safeguard the environment, the Village Panchayat of Arpora-Nagoa has issued a public notice

banning the use of Plaster of Paris (POP) idols for the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi festival.

A meeting was recently held with temple committee members from the Arpora-Nagoa jurisdiction, where

the Panchayat emphasised the environmental hazards posed by POP idols.

The meeting highlighted the need to preserve Goa's natural water bodies and promote traditional practices.

## Navelim Dog Shooting Case: Accused Hands Over Second Firearm as Probe Continues

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**MARGAO:** The investigation into the Navelim dog shooting incident has seen a fresh development, with the accused in the case depositing a second firearm with the Margao police for forensic checks.

This move comes after the complainant alleged that the first gun submitted by the accused did not match the weapon seen in CCTV footage of the shooting.

Following this new submission, the complainant has called on the Margao police to pursue the case thoroughly, questioning whether officers have searched the accused's residence to verify if any other firearms are stored there.



On Saturday, the complainant, joined by family members and animal rights supporters, visited the Margao police station. They urged investigators to speed up the case and ensure the actual gun used to shoot the pet dog is tracked down and seized.

## Police Recover SIM Card from Cell of Colvale Jail Inmate in Drug Smuggling Probe

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**COLVALE:** Police investigating the smuggling of nearly 1.4 kg of suspected ganja into Colvale jail have recovered a SIM card from the prison cell of inmate Manthan Chari.

According to sources, while the mobile phone allegedly used by Chari to coordinate the smuggling

was disposed of before it could be seized, officers managed to find the SIM card, which will be key evidence in the investigation.

Chari was arrested on June 27 after three men — Gautam Talwar, Samuel Pujari, and Jafar Mulla — reportedly named him during police interrogation. Investigators suspect Chari directed the



group by phone to deliver drugs into the prison.

The case originated on June 14, when prison staff discovered seven tightly packed balls containing a greenish leafy and flowery substance with fruiting

tops, suspected to be ganja, weighing 1.397 kg and estimated to be worth ₹1.4 lakh.

Using CCTV footage from the jail and nearby areas, along with other technical leads, police identified and apprehended the three accused, who were later remanded to five days in police custody as the probe continues.

## Chorao Ferry Remains Stuck Underwater for a Week

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**CHORAO:** A week after it partially sank at the Chorao Island ferry ramp, the vessel Betim is still lying submerged, throwing daily travel plans of islanders and commuters into disarray. The prolonged disruption has raised questions over how soon the ferry can be retrieved and whether it will remain usable once salvaged.

Officials have

promised that normal operations will resume once the submerged vessel is removed and the route is made safe for other ferries. But repeated attempts to lift the sunken ferry have failed so far.

River Navigation Department (RND) Minister Subhash Phal Dessai admitted on Saturday that an earlier recovery operation was unsuccessful. "We tried once, but could not get



it out. Further efforts are underway and we will ensure the ferry is recovered intact—it won't go to waste," he told reporters.

Vikramsinh N Raje Bhosale, Director of the River Navigation Department, said workers

attempted another lift on Saturday but the vessel could not be raised. "We've now secured a pontoon to the ferry. We're hoping it can be lifted by tomorrow," he said.

The Betim ferry began sinking early on Monday, June 23, after one of its tanks reportedly flooded. Three parked motorcycles also went down with it, though they were recovered later the same day.



# Senior Citizen Duped of ₹3.13 Lakh in Cyber Fraud; One Arrested in Kolkata

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**OLD GOA:** In a significant breakthrough in a cyber fraud case, Old Goa Police have arrested a man from Kolkata for allegedly duping a 71-year-old retired individual of ₹3.13 lakh through a phishing scam conducted over WhatsApp.

The case was registered on June 5 under Crime No. 81/2025 at Old Goa Police Station under Section 319(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Section 66 of the Information Technology Act, following a complaint by the senior citizen residing in St. Cruz, Tiswadi.

According to police, the victim received a video call on May 30, allegedly from a person claiming to be "Mr. Dipak Agarwal" of



the Bank of Baroda. The caller falsely offered a free shopping benefit on the victim's credit card as a gesture for retired bank employees. During the call, the victim was tricked into sharing his CVV and OTP details, which led to an unauthorized withdrawal of ₹3,13,000 from his bank account.

An investigation team led by the Superintendent of Police, North Goa, Rahul Gupta, launched a detailed technical analysis. This led to the identification of the accused, Suman Ghughu,

a resident of Kolkata, West Bengal. Authorities revealed that the stolen funds had been swiftly transferred across multiple bank accounts in an attempt to conceal the trail.

Following requisite permissions from district authorities, a team from Old Goa Police proceeded to West Bengal and placed the accused under surveillance for two days. On June 27, with assistance from Netaji Nagar Police Station in Kolkata, Ghughu was apprehended. During

initial questioning, he reportedly gave evasive answers and denied any involvement, despite digital evidence suggesting otherwise.

The accused was presented before the A.C.J.M. Court in Alipore, which granted a three-day transit remand. He has since been brought to Goa and formally arrested at Old Goa Police Station after following due legal procedures and Supreme Court guidelines.

He is scheduled to be produced before the Hon'ble JMFC Court, Mercedes, on June 30. Police confirmed that further investigation is underway to trace the origin of the fraudulent network, recover the defrauded amount, and identify other members possibly involved in the scam.

# Youth Arrested in Goa for Alleged Rape of Minor

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**SANKHALI:** A 22-year-old man, Sachin Uallappa Kholkar, a resident of Karapur Sankhali, Goa, has been arrested and taken into police custody on charges of allegedly raping a minor girl.

The complaint was filed by the victim's mother, aged 40, also a resident of Sankhali.

According to the brief facts provided, Kholkar allegedly developed a relationship with the complainant's minor daughter between August 27, 2022, and June 28, 2025.

It is further alleged that he exploited her on the pretext of marriage and engaged in sexual intercourse with her on several occasions, constituting the offense of rape.

The alleged incidents took place at a location identified as C/o Hassan



Jahangir, Lalbag Kajuwada Karapur Tisk Sankhali Goa.

The accused has been booked under Section 376 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which deals with punishment for rape.

Additionally, charges have been pressed under Sections 4, 6, 8, and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, which provides a stringent legal framework for protecting children from sexual abuse, and Section 8(2) of the Goa Children's Act, 2003.

Sachin Kholkar is currently lodged in police custody, and further investigation into the matter is underway.

# AAP Seeks Accountability Over Irregularities in Invest Goa 2024

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**PANAJI:** The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has raised serious concerns over the findings of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), which highlight financial and procedural irregularities in the organization of the Invest Goa 2024 summit.

In a statement issued, Engr. Roque Virgilio Mascarenhas, Vice President of AAP Goa and leader from Curtorim, called for institutional accountability and immediate corrective measures.

He stated that while operational errors may be attributed to executive officers and procurement authorities, the overall oversight responsibility lies with the then Chairman of the Goa Industrial Development Corporation (Goa-IDC) and Investment Promotion Board, Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenço.

Mascarenhas emphasized that the issue is not about personal blame but about the need for transparency, due process, and responsible



governance.

He warned that when public money is misused or spent without proper scrutiny, it is ultimately the citizens of Goa who pay the price.

Calling the CAG's findings deeply concerning, he demanded that the Government of Goa initiate an independent inquiry into all financial approvals linked to the summit, fix individual accountability, and implement audit recommendations without delay. He also urged the government to ensure greater transparency in future public-private projects.

Reaffirming AAP's commitment to clean governance, Mascarenhas said the party will not stay silent when there are clear signs of governance failure.

# Fatal Accident in Valpoi: Reckless Truck Driver Causes Fatality and Injuries

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**VALPOI:** A tragic road accident on June 27, 2025, near Ganapati Temple, Redye Ghat, Valpoi, has left one person dead and another injured after a reckless Eicher truck driver collided with an Activa scooter.

The incident occurred around 8:15 PM when Kanifnath, a 39-year-old resident of Mawadikade, Pathar, Purandar, Pune, Maharashtra, was driving an Eicher truck (registration number MH-12-WX-2564) in a

negligent and dangerous manner.

As he approached the Redye Ghat area, Kanifnath reportedly changed lanes without warning, striking an Activa scooter traveling in the opposite direction.

The collision caused serious injuries to both the rider and the pillion rider of the scooter, who were identified as Ganesh Betkiker and Varsha Pokle.

Varsha, the 36-year-old pillion rider, was tragically declared dead on arrival by medical officials at the



Community Health Centre (CHC) Valpoi. Ganesh, the scooter rider, suffered significant injuries but is currently receiving treatment.

Shockingly, the truck driver fled the scene without providing assistance or notifying authorities or emergency services. The police were immediately alerted, and an offense was registered under multiple sections,

including Section 134(a) (b) of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, for failure to stop and assist after an accident, among other charges.

Raghnath, an Assistant Sub-Inspector at Valpoi Police Station, filed the case (M.V. Accident No. 14/2025) on June 29, 2025.

The investigation is currently underway, led by PSI Kushali Naik of Valpoi Police Station. Authorities are working to trace the truck driver, Kanifnath, who has yet to be apprehended.

# Tragic Drowning Incident in Mandrem River Claims Life of Local Security Guard

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**MANDREM:** A tragic drowning incident occurred this evening at Mandrem River, claiming the life of Ramesh Khathayat, a 30-year-old security guard working at Mandrem Beach Resort.

According to local sources, Khathayat, originally from Nepal, had been fishing in the

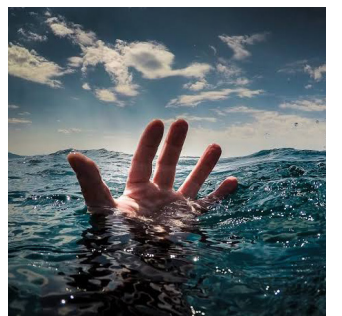
river along with his friend, Nabajyoti Bore. The two were using a small boat when the strong currents caused the boat to capsize, throwing them both into the water.

While Bore managed to find safety by holding onto nearby trees and bushes, Khathayat was unable to find support and was swept away by the current. Locals quickly

alerted the Fire Brigade, who were able to recover the body of Khathayat after an intense search.

The deceased's body was subsequently sent to the Goa Medical College Morgue in Bambolim for preservation and further medical legal procedures.

A case has been registered at Mandrem Police Station under UD No. 32/2025, and



investigations are ongoing.

Authorities have urged local fishermen and visitors to exercise caution when venturing into the river, especially during high currents.



# 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Celebrates Motherhood and Nature at Loliem-Polem

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**CANACONA:** An engaging event titled 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' was organized at the Loliem-Polem Panchayat in Canacona, honouring the deep bond between nature and motherhood through this meaningful initiative.

Speaker of the Goa Legislative Assembly and Canacona MLA Ramesh Tawadkar attended the function, where the Loliem-Polem Panchayat led a tree plantation drive and handed out saplings to villagers. Each participant was encouraged to plant a tree in their mother's name, strengthening personal connections to environmental conservation.

Inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, the program promotes tree planting as a heartfelt tribute to one's mother while supporting the goal of a greener,



healthier environment. Speaker Tawadkar emphasized this mission in his address, urging everyone to nurture these saplings as symbols of gratitude and responsibility.

He also spoke about ongoing development projects in the Loliem-Polem area, highlighted completed works, and praised the Panchayat team for their dedicated service and commitment to the village's growth.

Canacona Zonal Agriculture Officer Mahendra Pagi offered practical guidance on plant care, explaining the importance of regular watering, protecting young saplings, and monitoring their growth to ensure high survival rates.

Also present at the event were Loliem-Polem Sarpanch Smt. Nisha Chari, Deputy Sarpanch Rajesh Bandekar, Panchayat members Ajay (Ajit) Loleinkar,

Chandrakant Sudir, Rajesh Naik, Sachin Naik, Smt. Supriya Pagi, and Smt. Ratna Prabhu Gaonkar.

Among the other dignitaries were BJP Canacona Mandal President Prabhakar Gaonkar, General Secretary Divakar Pagi, BJP Canacona Mahila Morcha President Smt. Vinda Satarkar, OSD to Speaker Santosh Lolyekar, and many local residents who took part enthusiastically.

# Goa Strengthens National TB Elimination Efforts, Aims for TB-Free State

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**PANAJI:** The ongoing efforts under the National Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Program are gaining significant momentum in Goa, as the state government intensifies its actions to eliminate TB. Health Minister Vishwajit Rane highlighted the importance of these coordinated efforts and expressed optimism about the state's progress in the battle against TB. "Our goal is to make Goa the first TB-free state in India."

With the implementation of these comprehensive directives, we are on track to eliminate tuberculosis in the state. Every patient's care and treatment are being prioritized, and we are committed to ensuring that no one is left behind in the fight against TB," said Rane.

Several key initiatives have been launched across Goa to



ensure the successful implementation of the program. Among these, 100% implementation of the Nikshay Poshan Yojana stands out, with all TB patients in the state set to receive the benefits of the scheme. To ensure smooth disbursement, bank details of all patients will be collected on a priority basis. Additionally, medical officers, Community Health Officers (CHOs), and AYUSH doctors will be assigned to TB patients across Primary Health Institutions (PHIs) to reduce mortality and guarantee quality care.

In a bid to strengthen contact tracing, all household contacts of TB patients will be mapped, screened, and recorded in the Nikshay portal.



## Man Booked for Assaulting Brother Over Property Dispute in Bicholim

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**BICHOLIM:** Bicholim police have registered a case after a man allegedly assaulted his brother during a dispute over ancestral property.

According to police, Sagun Shankar Halarnkar, 48, a resident of Gaonkarwada in Bicholim, filed a complaint on June 28. He reported that on June 19, at around 7.45pm, he was attacked by his brother, Babal Shankar Halarnkar, at Cairo Hospital in Bicholim.

The complainant alleged that Babal punched him in the face, causing grievous injuries, during an argument related to rights and claims over their ancestral property.

Police said an investigation into the matter is underway.

## Ponda Police Probe Kidnapping of Minor Girl

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**PONDA:** Ponda police have launched an investigation following a complaint that a minor girl was abducted from her guardian's custody.

According to police, the complainant, a Ponda resident whose name has been withheld for privacy, reported that on June 28,



unidentified person(s) kidnapped his minor daughter from Ponda.

PSI Krishna Gawas of Ponda Police Station is conducting further investigation into the case.

## Russian National Detained for Staying Illegally in Goa

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**ARAMBOL:** A 44-year-old Russian national, identified as Vladimir Oberman, was detained for staying illegally in India without valid travel documents, including a passport and visa. The incident occurred in Morjim, Pernem, on June 28, 2025. According

to a complaint filed by Police Constable (PC) 7380 Sarvesh Gawas of Mandrem Police Station, the accused was found in contravention of the Foreigners Order 1948 and the Foreigners Act of 1946. Oberman was discovered to be residing in Goa without the required documentation, violating immigration laws.

The complaint was registered at 18:59 hrs, and the authorities are continuing their investigation into the matter. The accused has been taken into custody for further proceedings.

The investigation is ongoing, with further action expected as per the relevant sections of Indian law.



## 47 yo Agonda woman end life by jumping into a house-well

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**CANACONA:** A 47 year old woman from Agonda ended her life by jumping into a Well late in Canacona.

According to Canacona police, information was received from 108 emergency service staff that one lady jumped into the well near her residence at Agonda

late Saturday evening. Police visited the spot and noticed the body of the woman- Jovita Miranda lying inside the well, and thereafter the lifeless woman was taken out from the well with the help of Fire Brigade staff of Canacona Fire and Emergency Services and shifted to CHC Canacona by 108 ambulance. The doctor on duty at CHC

declared the lady brought dead.

According to sources, taking advantage of rains, the woman taking umbrella along without anybody's knowledge slipped out from house at dusk hours and proceeded to the well situated a few metres away, before taking the extreme step to jump into the well. Some people

noticing the umbrella near the well, peeped into the well (used by the locals) out of curiosity and saw the woman in the well and raised an alarm, before alerting the F&ES, police.

Police informed that Jovita Miranda, aged 47 was not keeping in sound health for the last 10 years and was taking specialized

treatment in government speciality hospital. Police conducted inquest panchnama over the dead body and preserved it at SGD, Margao for their medico legal formalities. Police registered UD under section 194 BNSS 2023 and further enquiry is in progress with PSI Ajith Velip of Canacona Police Station.





# Adani Group Named India's Fastest-Growing Brand, Driven by Green Energy and Infrastructure Push

■ Adani Group's growth is attributed to aggressive and integrated infrastructure focus, surge in green energy ambitions, and increased brand equity across key stakeholders.

**New Delhi:** The Adani Group has emerged as India's fastest-growing brand in 2025, witnessing an impressive 82% surge in brand value, according to the latest Most Valuable Indian Brands 2025 report by London-based Brand Finance. The remarkable growth is credited to the conglomerate's aggressive push in infrastructure, ambitious green energy expansion, and a rising brand equity among key stakeholders.

The Group's brand value jumped from \$3.55 billion in 2024 to \$6.46 billion this year—a gain of \$2.91 billion. This increase alone exceeds the company's entire brand valuation from the previous year. As a result, Adani Group climbed three spots in the national rankings, securing the 13th position, up from 16 in 2024.

In a celebratory post on social media platform X, Group Chairman Gautam Adani highlighted



a major milestone: "Delighted to share that Adani Green has surpassed 15,000 MW of renewable energy capacity, marking the largest and fastest green energy build-out in India's history. From the desert landscapes of Khavda to a proud place among the world's Top 10 Green Power Producers, this milestone is more than a number—it reflects our commitment to the planet and to driving India's green resurgence."

At the recently held 33rd Annual General Meeting of Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL), Mr. Adani emphasized the Group's performance

across all sectors in FY25, noting not just scalability but also impact, innovation, and a deepened national commitment.

The Group reported consolidated revenues of ₹2,71,664 crore, with adjusted EBITDA standing at ₹89,806 crore—an 8.2% increase. Revenues rose 7% overall, while the net debt-to-EBITDA ratio remained healthy at 2.6x. Looking ahead, Adani outlined plans for an ambitious capital expenditure roadmap, estimating a \$15–20 billion annual CAPEX spend over the next five years. "These are not just investments in

our Group," he said, "but investments in the possibilities of building India's infrastructure and shaping its future." Adani Power also recorded a historic feat, crossing 100 billion units of power generation—an unprecedented scale for a private sector firm. It is now on track to reach a generation capacity of 31 GW by 2030.

The report further reflected positively on India's broader economic momentum. The total brand value of India's top 100 companies reached \$236.5 billion in 2025, indicating stability and steady gains across sectors amid resilient macroeconomic policies. The Adani Group's stellar rise, driven by strategic clarity, sustainability, and robust execution, reinforces its position not just as an industrial powerhouse, but as a brand deeply aligned with India's developmental aspirations.

## Passport Seva 2.0: All You Need to Know About E-Passports, How to Apply, and Key Benefits

■ **Passport Seva 2.0:** An e-passport is embedded with an electronic chip that stores biometric and personal information of the passport holder.

**New Delhi:** The Ministry of External Affairs has officially rolled out the e-passport initiative across India under the upgraded Passport Seva Programme (PSP) 2.0. Initially introduced as a pilot project in select cities, the nationwide launch marks a significant step in building a digitally integrated travel ecosystem aligned with the Government of India's Digital India vision.

Union External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, announcing the rollout, said the new initiative will harness cutting-edge technologies to provide more citizen-centric services.

An e-passport is a modern version of the traditional passport, equipped with an embedded electronic chip that stores the passport holder's biometric and personal information. The chip is embedded in the back cover of the passport and includes details such as the individual's name, passport number, date

of birth, photograph, and fingerprints. It also includes a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) chip and antenna, enabling contactless reading by immigration systems. A distinctive gold-colored symbol on the front cover helps distinguish e-passports from standard ones.

Applying for an e-passport involves a few simple steps. Applicants must visit the official Passport Seva website, sign up or log in to their account, and fill in the e-passport application.

After selecting an appointment slot at the nearest Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) or Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK), applicants need to pay the required fee and appear at the center for biometric data capture and document verification.

E-passports come with several advantages. The embedded chip ensures enhanced security and significantly reduces the risk of tampering or counterfeiting.



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## Goa Acid Horror: 17-Year-Old Student Attacked in Broad Daylight at Dhargal

He was first rushed to the District Hospital in Mapusa and later shifted to Goa Medical College (GMC) in Bambolim for specialised treatment. Doctors reported he suffered approximately 30% burns but is currently stable.

Speaking to reporters, the victim's father said the family was at a complete loss to explain the motive behind the horrific attack. "We have no idea why this happened. Our family has always lived peacefully and there were no threats or issues," he said, adding that they were hopeful for his son's swift recovery but remained anxious about the investigation. Pernem MLA Pravin Arlekar, who

visited the family at GMC, said preliminary information indicated the assault could have arisen from a personal dispute or a love affair gone wrong.

"The family has provided some leads to the police. The motive could be related to a relationship angle," Arlekar stated. Superintendent of Police (North) Rahul Gupta said multiple teams are working to trace the attacker. "We are examining all angles, including personal enmity, and are confident we will crack the case soon," Gupta said. The incident has triggered outrage across the community, with many demanding swift justice and tougher

measures to prevent such crimes. Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemão condemned the attack as "awful" and called for urgent action. "I urge the police to apprehend the perpetrators immediately. A thorough investigation is crucial to deliver justice and prevent such heinous acts," he said. The Goa Forward Party also criticised the BJP-led state government, accusing it of failing to maintain law and order. "Rapes, murders, and robberies have become daily affairs. Criminals no longer fear the administration or the police," said the party's General Secretary and spokesperson Durgadas Kamat.

## Phaldesai Tipped to Take Over as Speaker, Cabinet Doors Open for Tawadkar, Kamat

party insiders confirm that discussions have advanced significantly, and Phaldesai has been informally advised to be ready to resign from his ministerial portfolios.

If he agrees to step down and accept the Speaker's post, the move is expected to pave the way for current Speaker Ramesh Tawadkar to be inducted into the Pramod Sawant-led Cabinet. In addition, former Chief Minister Digambar Kamat is also being considered for a Cabinet position, especially following the dismissal of Art and Culture Minister Govind Gaude. Gaude's removal came after his repeated public criticism of the government, in which he accused Chief Minister Pramod Sawant of tolerating corruption

and failing to act against entrenched interests. His sacking is widely seen as a signal from the CM to reassert his control over the administration and warn against public dissent. Meanwhile, CM Sawant arrived in Delhi last night for meetings with senior BJP leaders to finalise the details of the impending Cabinet reshuffle. Phaldesai, the Sanguem MLA, has recently expressed dissatisfaction with his current portfolios, even describing them as "chillar" (loose change).

The remark was widely interpreted as a sign of frustration over not being given more prominent departments. The Speaker's post now offers him a significant constitutional role, albeit outside the Cabinet.

## NEP 2020 Aims to Decolonise Education: Kerala Governor at GU Foundation Day

"Where there is no research, it cannot be called a university," he remarked, urging Goa University to strengthen its focus on research and innovation.

Arlekar also encouraged the university leadership to involve students and the wider public in

shaping its academic priorities. "Get to the students, get to the public to decide what is best needed for the university," he advised.

Calling for strategic planning, he proposed that the university develop a comprehensive Master

Plan to guide its future growth and development.

The event saw participation from faculty members, students, and dignitaries, who reflected on Goa University's four decades of contribution to higher education in the state.



# India-US Trade Deal Likely Within a Week Amid Tariff Deadline Pressure

■ India and the US are set to finalise a trade deal within a week, with mutual concessions on agriculture and automobiles, sources have said.

**New Delhi:** India and the United States are on the verge of concluding a significant bilateral trade agreement, with sources indicating that the deal could be finalised within the coming week. The breakthrough comes as the clock ticks down on a 90-day tariff reprieve announced by former US President Donald Trump — set to expire on July 9 — prompting a renewed urgency in trade negotiations.

According to senior officials, both nations have agreed on key concessions in sectors such as agriculture and automobiles. Rajesh Agarwal, Special Secretary in India's Department of Commerce and currently leading a high-level delegation in



Washington, confirmed that India would continue to safeguard its core agricultural interests, particularly regarding staples like rice, wheat, fruits, and millets.

On the US side, the Biden administration (carrying forward Trump's pending frameworks) is poised to offer market access for Indian auto components, which would enjoy reduced tariffs under the new arrangement. In

return, India will provide incentives for select American vehicles, including models from electric vehicle giant Tesla, and allow greater access for certain American auto parts and spares.

"These are sensitive areas for both economies, but we've found common ground," said Agarwal, speaking to reporters during ongoing talks with officials from the

United States Trade Representative (USTR) office.

The looming July 9 deadline, set by Trump as part of a previous executive order dubbed "Liberation Day," has added significant pressure to seal deals. Trump had previously stated that countries failing to reach trade agreements with the US would face heightened tariffs. In a recent interview with Fox News, he warned that trade penalties would be reinstated if no deals materialised.

"We'll look at how a country treats us — are they good, are they not so good — some countries we don't care, we'll just send a high number out," Trump said in a taped segment aired Sunday.

## Indian Officials Extend US Visit to Finalize Trade Deal Ahead of July 9 Tariff Deadline

■ The bilateral talks, which were originally scheduled to wrap up on June 27, continued for an extra day as both sides sought to bridge key differences

**New Delhi:** Indian officials have extended their stay in Washington as last-minute negotiations intensify to secure a trade agreement with the United States before a critical July 9 deadline. The talks, originally scheduled to conclude on June 27, continued into an extra day as both sides pushed to resolve lingering issues, according to sources familiar with the discussions.

The extension has fueled speculation that the two nations are close to finalizing an interim trade deal. Sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitive nature of the negotiations, told Bloomberg that the prolonged discussions signal meaningful progress. At the center of



the talks is a bid to avoid a renewed imposition of higher US tariffs on Indian exports. The 90-day pause in these tariffs, granted earlier by the US, is set to expire on July 9, creating urgency for a resolution. One major sticking point remains the US push for India to allow imports of genetically modified (GM) agricultural products. Indian negotiators have firmly resisted the demand, citing risks to domestic agriculture and food security. India maintains that such a move could negatively impact its small and marginal farmers.

## 6 Feared Dead, 20 Injured in Massive Explosion and Fire at Telangana Chemical Factory

■ Telangana Chemical Factory Blast: The incident occurred at a chemical factory in the industrial area in Sangareddy district around 9 a.m.

**Telangana:** A devastating explosion rocked a chemical factory in the industrial hub of Pashamailaram in Telangana's Sangareddy district on Monday morning, leaving six workers feared dead and at least 20 others injured.

The blast occurred around 9 a.m. at the premises of Sigachi Industries, triggering a massive fire that engulfed large sections of the facility.

According to initial reports, the explosion originated from a reactor unit inside the factory, where several workers were stationed at the time. Eyewitnesses described the sheer impact of the blast as catastrophic, with some workers reportedly hurled several meters into the air. The explosion caused a portion of the factory's structure to collapse and fire quickly spread to adjoining buildings within the compound. The incident caused widespread panic among employees



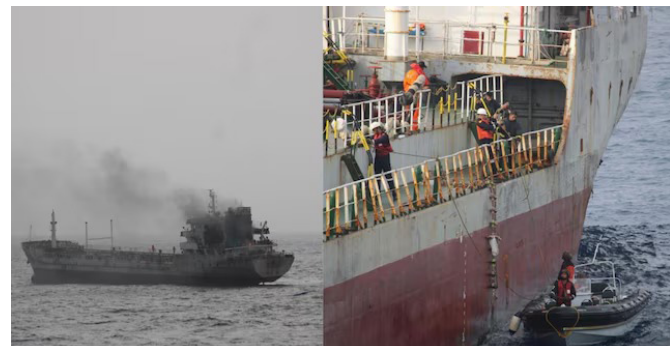
working not just at Sigachi Chemicals, but also at nearby industrial units. Dozens of workers rushed out of the premises in fear as thick smoke billowed from the site. Emergency services responded swiftly. At least 11 fire engines were deployed to battle the blaze, while rescue personnel from fire services, police, and local administration began coordinated efforts to evacuate and assist those affected. Ambulances were seen ferrying the injured to nearby hospitals—both government and private. Several of the injured are in critical condition, according to medical sources.

Rescue teams, fearing that more workers may be trapped under the debris, deployed earthmovers to clear the collapsed sections of the facility.

## Indian Navy Rescues 14 Indians After Oil Vessel Catches Fire in Gulf of Oman

■ According to the Indian Navy, the oil vessel was going from India's Kandla to Oman's Shinas when a fire broke out in the engine room and a total power failure on June 29.

**New Delhi:** A major maritime disaster was narrowly averted in the Gulf of Oman on Sunday after an oil tanker with 14 Indian crew members caught fire mid-sea. The Indian Navy's warship, INS Tabar, swiftly responded to a distress call from the vessel — MT Yi Cheng 6 — and launched a rescue and firefighting operation that is being hailed as a textbook example of



naval efficiency and preparedness.

The tanker, flying a Pulau flag, was en route from Kandla port

in Gujarat to Shinas in Oman when a fire erupted in its engine room on June 29, leading to a complete power failure

onboard.

"Indian Navy's stealth frigate INS Tabar, mission deployed in the Gulf of Oman, responded to a distress call from Pulau-flagged MT Yi Cheng 6 on 29 June," the Navy said in an official statement.

"The vessel, with 14 Indian crew members, experienced a major fire in the engine room and total power failure while transiting from Kandla to Shinas."

## Puri Stampede Tragedy Triggers Major Administrative Overhaul Ahead of Rath Yatra

■ With several crucial Rath Yatra events approaching, the CM has reassigned experienced IAS and IPS officers to ensure tighter coordination and public safety.

**Bhubaneswa:** In the wake of the tragic stampede near the Shree Gundicha Temple in Puri that claimed three lives and left nearly 50 injured, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has initiated a sweeping administrative overhaul to restore public confidence and tighten preparations for the upcoming Rath Yatra events.

With several high-footfall rituals



scheduled in the coming days, the Chief Minister has reassigned key IAS and IPS officers to ensure

improved coordination and public safety. The move follows mounting public outrage and demands for accountability after the incident, which occurred during the annual pilgrimage's early rituals.

In a key decision, Additional Director General of Police (Police Modernisation) SK Priyadarshi has been entrusted with overall charge of law and order for the



# AB de Villiers Slams India's Workload Management of Bumrah, Cites Dale Steyn's Example

■ AB de Villiers believes Jasprit Bumrah should have played all five Tests in the series against England, comparing his workload management to Dale Steyn.

**New Delhi:** Former South African skipper and IPL great AB de Villiers has criticised the Indian cricket team's approach to managing Jasprit Bumrah's workload, particularly during the ongoing high-stakes Test series against England. According to de Villiers, Bumrah, currently regarded as the world's top bowler across all formats, should have featured in all five matches rather than being rested for pre-planned games.

"Test cricket is the ultimate format," de Villiers remarked on his YouTube channel. "And this England series would have been the perfect stage to unleash Bumrah for all five Tests. You don't rest your best bowler when the stakes are this high."



De Villiers, who faced Bumrah in the twilight of his career, believes the Indian team should adopt a strategy similar to what South Africa once used with pace spearhead Dale Steyn. "With Dale, we made sure he was always available for the big Test series—against Australia, England, India, and sometimes New Zealand depending on the context.

He would skip T20s and less significant ODIs to be fresh for marquee Test matches," he said.

India is currently in the middle of a tough five-Test series for the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, and Bumrah's planned absence from two Tests, including the second one at Edgbaston, has sparked intense debate. Given the English conditions that suit

his bowling style, many fans and analysts are questioning the rationale behind resting him.

While de Villiers acknowledged that medical advice could have played a role in the decision, he remained critical of how Bumrah's schedule has been handled. "Maybe the doctors or his surgeon advised against playing all five Tests, especially after his injury layoff," he said. "If that's the case, it's understandable—but from a cricketing standpoint, these are the moments you prepare for." The former Proteas captain underlined the importance of managing elite fast bowlers sensibly but also emphasized the significance of marquee series.

## Ayush Shetty Clinches Maiden BWF World Tour Title at US Open; Tanvi Sharma Finishes Runner-Up

■ Rising shuttler Ayush Shetty notched up his first BWF World Tour title with a commanding straight-games victory over Canada's Brian Yang in the men's singles final of the US Open Super 300

**New Delhi:** India's young badminton star Ayush Shetty made headlines on Sunday by capturing his first-ever BWF World Tour title at the US Open Super 300, ending the country's title drought this season.

The 20-year-old produced a dominant performance in the men's singles final, defeating Canada's third seed Brian Yang in straight games, 21-18, 21-13, in just 47 minutes.

The victory capped off a remarkable week for Shetty, who also stunned top seed Chou Tien Chen in the semifinals with a gritty comeback win. This win marks Shetty's third triumph over Yang this year, following earlier victories at the Malaysia and Taipei Opens. Shetty, a bronze medallist at the 2023 Junior World



Championships, displayed composure and tactical brilliance throughout the final. The opening game saw a neck-and-neck battle early on, with scores locked at 6-6. However, Shetty found his rhythm quickly, reeling off a series of winners to lead 11-6 at the mid-game interval. Though Yang mounted a brief comeback to level at 16-all, Shetty responded with precise placements and a decisive jump smash to take the first game.

## Jolly Boys of Sinaibhag Edge Past Madel SC in Penalty Shootout to Enter Caniza Peixoto Memorial Quarterfinals

**Curtorim:** In a tense and evenly matched contest, Jolly Boys of Sinaibhag secured a hard-fought 3-0 victory via a penalty shootout against Madel Sports Club to book their spot in the quarterfinals of the 2nd Caniza Peixoto Memorial Football Tournament. The tournament, organised by Black Arrow Boys Agxem Sports Club, is being played at the St. Alex Church Ground in Curtorim. Both sides played aggressive, attacking football throughout the regulation time but failed to convert their chances, with the match ending in a goalless draw after 70 minutes of regulation time.

Jolly Boys came close to opening the scoring as early as the 2nd minute when Shubert sent a long ball to Elson, who, despite being well-positioned, fired the shot over the crossbar. In the 20th minute, Madel's Saish Korgaonkar delivered a perfect pass to an unmarked Regan, but his shot was collected comfortably by the



Sinaibhag goalkeeper. The first half ended 0-0, with both teams creating chances but lacking the finishing touch. The second half saw more missed opportunities from both camps.

Joy, Clifton, and Asher of Madel squandered good chances, while Jolly Boys' own forwards—Asher, Clifton, and Joy—also failed to break the deadlock. Despite an intense battle in midfield and several close calls, neither team managed to find the back of the net, leading to a penalty shootout to decide the winner.

In the tiebreaker, Jolly Boys of Sinaibhag held their nerve as Joeban,

## Pralhad Panda Defends Featherweight Title at Susegado Strike Fight Night 3, Goan Boxers Shine on Home Turf

■ Kailas Gauns also registers a win as Fight Night 3 showcases India's rising boxing talent in electrifying bouts.

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**Panaji:** Goa's professional boxing star Pralhad Panda made the state proud once again by successfully defending his Indian Boxing Council (IBC) West Zone featherweight title at the third edition of Susegado Strike Fight Night, held at Clube Tennis de Gaspar Dias, Miramar. The 29-year-old from Bastora

defeated Pune's Amit Kumar in a gruelling eight-round contest via unanimous decision, cementing his place as Goa's most successful professional boxer to date. The night also saw another Goan triumph as Kailas Gauns of Chimbél edged out Mumbai's Prasad Katnoor in the super flyweight category, bringing home the second win of the evening for the host state. Gauns,



30, won via a split decision after six closely-fought rounds.

## Navelim Sporting Club Storms into Quarter-Finals of 52nd Custodio Memorial Tournament

### Team Goemkarponn

**Raia:** Navelim Sporting Club booked their place in the quarter-finals of the 52nd Custodio Memorial Football Tournament with a well-deserved 2-1 win over Shiroda Youth Club in an action-packed match held at the Panchayat ground in Raia on Sunday.

The thrilling encounter unfolded in front of a vibrant crowd of over 1,000 spectators, with both sides showcasing high-intensity football. Navelim's Rován Pereira



dazzled with his creativity, while Shiroda's Elias Colaco impressed with his relentless energy and determination.

Navelim struck early, capitalising on a clever

move by Rován Pereira who set up Noah Luis to net the opening goal in just the 5th minute.

Riding on the momentum, Navelim doubled their lead three

minutes later when Rehan Sayed finished clinically to make it 2-0.

Shiroda came close to responding in the first half through Elias Colaco, who had a golden opportunity to score but missed narrowly. Despite mounting pressure and an inspired midfield effort by Myron, Shiroda trailed 2-0 at halftime as Navelim's defense, marshalled effectively, remained unbreached. After the change of ends, Shiroda upped the tempo in search of a comeback.