



Churchill Brothers Lose I-League Title Battle as CAS Rules in Favor of Inter Kashi FC

■ AIFF's point deduction overturned by CAS; Inter Kashi FC reinstated as 2024-25 champions after eligibility row ends in legal defeat for Churchill Brother

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: In a dramatic turn of events, Inter Kashi FC has been officially declared the winner of the I-League 2024-25 season following a ruling by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

The decision comes after the club filed an appeal on June 4, 2025, challenging the All India Football Federation

(AIFF) Appeal Committee's decision issued on May 31, 2025.

According to the CAS ruling, the AIFF's prior decision has been set aside, and the points table for the season has been revised. The updated standings place Inter Kashi FC at the top with 42 points, narrowly edging out Churchill



Brothers FC (40 points), followed by Real Kashmir FC (37 points), and Namdhari FC (29 points).

As part of the ruling, CAS instructed the AIFF to immediately adjust the league table and formally recognize Inter Kashi FC as the I-League 2024-25



champions.

In addition to the title dispute, the CAS ruling also addressed the costs of arbitration. The AIFF is responsible for 55% of the arbitration expenses, while Churchill Brothers FC Goa, Namdhari FC, and Real Kashmir FC are each liable for 15%.

Furthermore, the AIFF

CONTD TO PAGE 06...



Goa Forest Department Seeks WII's Support to Tackle Rising Human-Wildlife Conflicts

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: With wildlife increasingly venturing beyond protected forests into human-inhabited areas across Goa, the state's Forest Department has reached out to the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) seeking assistance to assess wildlife presence and help devise conflict mitigation strategies.

In an official

communication dated 10 July 2025, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Goa, noted that the state's extensive green cover has led to wildlife being spotted not just in forests but also in surrounding landscapes, including human settlements. This trend has triggered a spike in human-wildlife conflict incidents, resulting in damage to life, property,

CONTD TO PAGE 06...

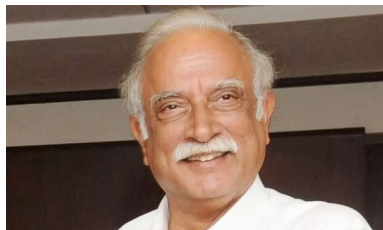
Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju to Take Oath as Goa Governor on July 26

Team Goemkarponn

Panaji: Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju, veteran politician and former Union Minister, will be sworn in as the Governor of Goa on July 26. The oath-taking ceremony will be held at Raj Bhavan in Panaji in the presence of top state officials and invited dignitaries.

Raju has been appointed to succeed P S Sreedharan Pillai, who has held the post since July 2021. The official announcement was made by the President of India, with the appointment coming into effect from the day Raju assumes office.

A senior leader of the



Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and a prominent political figure from Andhra Pradesh, Raju brings with him a wealth of administrative and political experience. He previously served as the Union Minister for Civil Aviation between 2014 and 2018 during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first term in office.

During his stint in the Civil

CONTD TO PAGE 06...

Goa University Secures A+ NAAC Grade; VC Lauds Collective Effort

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: Goa University has been awarded an A+ grade with a CGPA of 3.3, valid until 2030, in the recent National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accreditation cycle.

This marks a significant leap from the university's previous B+ rating, reflecting the institution's sustained efforts in academic excellence and institutional development.



Vice-Chancellor Prof. (HAG) Harilal B. Menon expressed pride and heartfelt gratitude while addressing the university community, attributing the achievement to the unwavering commitment and collaborative spirit of faculty, staff, and students.

"This remarkable accomplishment has not come overnight. It is the result of countless hours of dedication—from classrooms to laboratories, administrative desks to student support

CONTD TO PAGE 06...

GOA DAY London 2025

20 JULY 2025

SHOWBIZ GLOBAL PRESENTS

CLAYARS

TEAM LORNA

PEYTON PIRES

VALISTON

JOHNATHAN BARRETO

BUNZVIS

www.showbiz.global

Venue Cranford Community College, Hounslow / Tw5 9pd
For Stalls Contact Somesh 07424000775 | 07904661598

For More Information Follow Us @SHOWBIZGLOBALTD | @IMPACTEVENTSGOAUK

There will be a Inaugural Mass in Konkani for Goa Day London 2025
Timing 11am to 12pm

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW - THEY'RE ALREADY ON SALE!

SUNDAY 20 JULY 2025

FOR TICKET BOOKING CONTACT
SOMESH 07424000775
PETER 07375555349
JONATHAN 07448072867
CALVIN 07904661598

EVENT SECURITY

PHOTOGRAPHER / VIDEOGRAPHY
I AM LESTER STUDIOS

IMPACT EVENTS

CAFE

ZIVAC

JOLLY WAGGONER

GOAPAGES

THE AEON

SCAN FOR TICKETS BOOKING

Holding Contractors Accountable for Road Deaths in Goa—An Urgent Need

Goa, once known for its scenic coastal beauty and laid-back charm, is increasingly becoming infamous for another, far more tragic reason: the alarming number of road accidents and fatalities caused by poorly maintained infrastructure. From crumbling roads and unmarked diversions to pothole-ridden stretches, the state's road network has become a hazard in itself. Behind many of these preventable deaths lies a deeper issue—government apathy and the impunity enjoyed by road contractors.

It is high time Goa considers a bold yet just proposal: making road contractors financially liable for every death or serious injury resulting from negligence in road construction or maintenance.

The idea is not radical—it's rational. Roads are not a luxury; they are a lifeline. When contractors accept public money to build or maintain roads, they take on a duty of care. If they fail to uphold that duty, especially through substandard work, missed deadlines, or cutting corners to boost profit margins, they must be held accountable—not just administratively, but financially and legally. If a doctor's negligence can result in malpractice charges or a builder's lapse can bring criminal action, why should road contractors be exempt when lives are lost due to their dereliction?

In Goa, the statistics are sobering. According to the National Crime Records Bureau and state transport department data, the state records hundreds of fatalities and thousands of accidents annually, many of which are linked to poor road conditions. Fatalities caused by potholes, sudden road collapses, unbarricaded construction zones, and incomplete repairs are not 'accidents'—they are consequences of deliberate negligence.

Currently, the accountability mechanisms in place are feeble at best. Most inquiries into road-related deaths rarely lead to prosecution or meaningful penalties. Contractors are shielded by a complex web of sub-contracting, bureaucratic delays, and lack of political will. Often, they are re-awarded contracts without regard for past

“The idea is not radical—it's rational. Roads are not a luxury; they are a lifeline. When contractors accept public money to build or maintain roads, they take on a duty of care. If they fail to uphold that duty, especially through substandard work, missed deadlines, or cutting corners to boost profit margins, they must be held accountable—not just administratively, but financially and legally. If a doctor's negligence can result in malpractice charges or a builder's lapse can bring criminal action, why should road contractors be exempt when lives are lost due to their dereliction?”

In Goa, the statistics are sobering. According to the National Crime Records Bureau and state transport department data, the state records hundreds of fatalities and thousands of accidents annually, many of which are linked to poor road conditions. Fatalities caused by potholes, sudden road collapses, unbarricaded construction zones, and incomplete repairs are not 'accidents'—they are consequences of deliberate negligence.”

performance or safety records. This creates a cycle of impunity—where the loss of life becomes just another data point rather than a call for reform.

Making contractors pay compensation—potentially in the range of ₹10–25 lakh per fatality—would serve multiple purposes. Firstly, it would introduce a sense of responsibility and financial deterrence. If poor workmanship or delayed maintenance could cost a firm crores in penalties, corners would

no longer be cut with impunity. Secondly, it would offer some form of justice and relief to grieving families who often face not only emotional trauma but also economic hardship after losing a breadwinner. Finally, it would elevate safety standards in the long run by forcing both contractors and government departments to rethink priorities.

Critics may argue that such a measure could increase project costs or dissuade contractors from bidding. But cost must never come at the price of human lives. Moreover, robust guidelines and independent audits could help ensure fairness—compensation would only be levied where clear evidence of negligence exists. The government can also consider establishing a Road Safety Accountability Tribunal to investigate such cases swiftly and impartially.

This approach has precedents. In Maharashtra and Karnataka, there have been increasing calls—and some judicial interventions—to hold officials and contractors liable for pothole deaths. The Supreme Court of India, in multiple rulings, has observed that bad roads are a violation of the fundamental right to life under Article 21. Some High Courts have directed civic authorities to pay compensation to victims' families—though the cost is often borne by taxpayers, not the erring contractors.

Goa must lead by example. In a small state with manageable road networks and an active civil society, reforms like these are not only feasible—they are necessary. Setting up a Road Contractor Accountability Framework, mandating third-party quality audits, and linking contractor payments to long-term performance could radically change the state's infrastructure landscape.

Let us be clear: this is not about punishment for its own sake. It is about justice, deterrence, and systemic improvement. Every life lost on Goa's roads due to negligence is a preventable tragedy. By making contractors financially liable, the state can send an unambiguous message—human lives are worth more than profits, and safety is non-negotiable.

OPINION

Discipline in BJP? A Tall Order with Congress Imports

A few days ago, I read about BJP State President Damu Naik issuing a stern warning to MLAs and ministers, demanding discipline and unity within the party ranks. While such a call may sound commendable on paper, one must ask: Is it genuinely possible to enforce discipline when nearly 90 per cent of the BJP's current MLAs and ministers are former Congress leaders? The very infighting, factionalism, and opportunistic politics that plagued the Congress for years have now found a new home within the BJP. What we are witnessing in Goa today is not an ideological party functioning with cohesion, but a patchwork of political expediency stitched together by power, not principle. The defections that hollowed out the Congress have only shifted the problems to the BJP's doorstep. Internal rifts, public spats, and growing personal egos now dominate the political narrative, making a mockery of Damu Naik's warning. The reality is that these “imported” leaders bring not only their vote bases but also their baggage—of entitlement, rivalry, and a tendency to put personal ambition over public service or party discipline. If the BJP wishes to regain its credibility, it must stop being a shelter for political migrants and start cultivating loyal, principled leaders from the grassroots. Until then, calls for discipline will remain hollow threats in a party that has, ironically, become what it once opposed.

- Sneha Kankonkar, Thivim

A Fitting Tribute to Justice Eurico da Silva, But a Moment Marred by Misplaced Words

It was heart-warming to watch this morning the Bombay High Court full Court Reference in memory of late Justice Eurico Santana da Silva. The words of Justice Mahesh Sonak were reverberating and said it all about the very illustrious Eurico da Silva who was a beacon, a rare fusion of knowledge and wisdom in the field of Law and Jurisprudence. Advocate General Devidas Pangam and President of Goa High Court Bar Association Adv. J.E.Coelho Pereira had also resounding and very emphatic words about our late Justice Silva's wisdom and uprightness. However, it was amusing to hear the Assistant Solicitor General of India Pravin Faldessai who said 'Justice Eurico da Silva was born under the outrageous Portuguese rule'. Given the occasion wasn't this an uncalled for and out of context statement?

A true tribute to the very eminent, calm and composed jurist would be if late Justice Silva remains a benchmark with every Judge aspiring to attain his level of performance, integrity and competence. Let us hope and be optimistic that the Judiciary remains as a pillar of hope to always ensure that Good Governance and the Rule of Law prevails.

- Aires Rodrigues, London

FDA Cracks Down on Illegal Chicken Supply and Misbranded Sweets in North Goa

Team Goemkarponn

Panaji: In two separate enforcement drives, the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) seized and destroyed unhygienically stored chicken and misbranded sweets being supplied to eateries in Goa.

Acting on a tip-off, an FDA team comprising Designated Officer Richard Noronha, along with Rajaram Patil, Lenin De Sa, Nousin Mulla, and Amit Mandrekar, raided an unlicensed wholesale chicken supply unit operated by one Sashwath Yadav at



Nagoa-Arpora. The unit, located behind a waste segregation facility, was found to be operating in highly unhygienic conditions. Around 300 kg

of chicken sourced from Hubli, lacking mandatory documentation, was seized and subsequently destroyed. In a parallel surveillance drive at

Calangute, aimed at detecting excessive use of food colouring in sweets, the FDA found that a vendor, M/s Shivilairi Enterprise, operated by Mr. Lalaram under the brand name 'Manthan', continued to supply misbranded sweets despite previous sensitization efforts. The sweets were traced to a manufacturing unit at Borim, Ponda. Authorities suspect that the added food colour exceeds permissible limits. Stock worth ₹50,000 was seized and samples have been sent for laboratory analysis.



Goa Enforces Freeze on New Rent-a-Cab Permits with Retrospective Effect

Team Goemkarponn

Panaji: The Transport Department has officially enforced a complete freeze on the issuance of new rent-a-cab permits across Goa, with retrospective effect from February 24, 2025. The notification was issued on Thursday, nearly five months after the State Transport Authority (STA) had decided to implement the measure.

The decision stems from concerns over the unchecked surge in rental cabs, which authorities say has contributed to traffic congestion and road safety issues across the State. During a meeting held in March, the STA had resolved not to issue any further licences or permits under the rent-a-cab category.

As per the notification, the department stated that the restriction is intended to curb overcrowding on roads and enhance

commuter safety. Data reveals that between January and March 17 this year, 359 of the 3,438 vehicle permits issued were for rent-a-cabs.

Earlier in February, the department had already rolled out stringent measures to address alleged illegal activities among rent-a-cab operators. It directed that all rental vehicles must operate strictly from registered offices and warned that any operator found functioning from unauthorised public spaces such as airports or railway stations would face immediate suspension of their licence.

The move comes in response to rising concerns, including a spike in road mishaps involving rental cabs. Last year alone, four fatal accidents were linked to these vehicles, prompting the authorities to intensify regulatory action.

Goa Revises Mid-Day Meal Rates Under PM POSHAN Scheme

Team Goemkarponn

Panaji: The Directorate of Education, Government of Goa, has revised the cost of mid-day meals under the PM POSHAN (Mid-Day Meal) Scheme with effect from May 1, 2025.

The revised rates will be applicable to all Parent Teacher Associations, Self Help Groups, and Mahila Mandals involved in providing mid-day meals in government and government-aided Balwatikas, pre-primary,



primary, and upper primary schools across the State.

As per the circular issued on Thursday, the new rates are ₹9.33 per child per day for

Pre-primary/Balwatika and Primary levels, and ₹12.00 per child per day for the Upper Primary level. While the meal cost has been revised, the menu, quantity, calorific

value, and all other related conditions will remain unchanged. All educational institutions have been instructed to strictly follow the revised rates.

The circular, signed by Director of Education Shaikh R.S., has also been circulated to all educational authorities including the Directors of Education (North, Central, and South), ADEIs of all talukas, and the Director of Information Technology for uploading the information online.



SCM, Congress Block Call on Citizens to Oppose MMC Fee Hike at Council Meeting

Team Goemkarponn

MARGAO: Margao Congress Block and Shadow Council for Margao (SCM) Convener Savio Coutinho has urged all affected trade license holders and taxpayers to attend the Margao Municipal Council (MMC) ordinary meeting scheduled for Friday, 18 July 2025.

The meeting will include the confirmation of the controversial license fee hike resolution

passed on 27 February 2025. Addressing a press conference alongside Arch.

Carlos Gracias, Lincoln Gomes, Lalan Parsekar, Iftiyaz Sayed, Damodar Onskar, Camilo Camara, Anwar Naroo, and Sahadev Parsekar, SCM appealed to opposition councillors to vote against the resolution and demand a formal division, which would publicly reveal those in favour of the "exorbitant hike".

Panaji: Taking a major step towards resolving the issue of unauthorized homes built on private land, the Goa government has constituted a ten-member committee to explore legal avenues for regularizing such constructions and granting ownership rights to the occupants.

The panel, headed by senior advocate Ramchandran Ramani, will study unauthorized residential structures built over the years on non-government land and suggest suitable legislative or policy measures to regularize them. The committee has been formed with a mandate to recommend

Goa Sets Up Panel to Propose Legal Framework for Regularising Homes on Private Land

Team Goemkarponn



either new laws or amendments to existing legislation that would enable conferring ownership rights, wherever legally and publicly feasible.

The committee will also evaluate broader land-use challenges, including the impact of development on private land, and recommend strategies for sustainable management and conservation of land resources. It will consider

public interest, legal permissibility, and long-standing occupation while proposing solutions. Other members of the panel include legal experts Adv. Aires Pinto Furtado, Adv. Amrut Ghatwal, Adv. Pritam Moraes, and Adv. Prasad Naik.

Government officials on the panel include Director of Panchayats Siddhi Halarnkar, Joint Secretary (Revenue) Surendra Naik, Director

of Settlement and Land Records Chandrakant Shetkar, and Dr. Balaji Shenvy from the Directorate of Archives. Additional Collector (North) Gurudas Desai will serve as the committee's member secretary.

As per the order issued by Under Secretary for Revenue Vrushika Kauthankar, the committee is expected to submit its recommendations within three months.

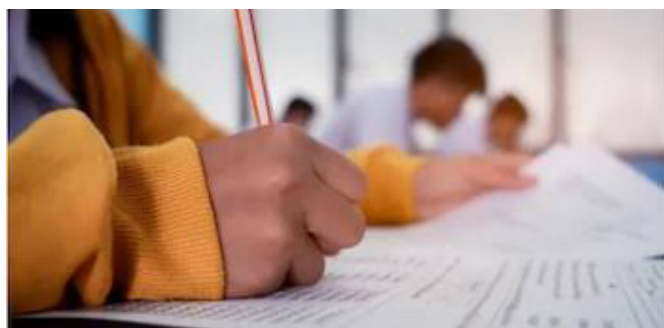
This initiative comes as the State government has already decided to bring in legislation to regularize unauthorized homes on government and comunidade lands during the upcoming monsoon session of the Goa Legislative Assembly.

Two more Held for Impersonation During CSIR-NIO Recruitment Exam in Goa

Team Goemkarponn

Panaji: In a major breach of examination integrity, two individuals were caught red-handed while impersonating registered candidates during the recruitment typing test conducted by the CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO), Dona Paula.

In the first incident, reported on July 16 and registered as Panaji Police Station Cr. No. 101/2025 under Sections 242 and 319 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), accused Sonu Kumar (25), son of Shankar Ray, and



resident of Maniyarpur, Vaishali district in Bihar, was caught impersonating the genuine candidate Sonu Kumar, son of Satyendra Prasad. The impersonation was detected on July 15, prior to 11:00 am, during the typing test held for the post of Junior Secretariat Assistant and Junior

Stenographer under Advertisement No. NIO/02-2025/R&A.

In a separate but similar incident on the following day, Panaji Police registered Cr. No. 102/2025 based on another complaint from Rakesh Shukla, Controller of Administration at CSIR-NIO. The accused, Sunil

(29), son of Ravinder and resident of Buwana village, Julna tehsil, Jind, Haryana, was caught impersonating a registered candidate named Ajay between 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm on July 16. Both cases are being investigated under Sections 242 (identity fraud) and 319 (cheating) of the BNS. PSI Mahesh Naik of Panaji Police Station is leading the investigation.

CSIR-NIO authorities have tightened security and verification protocols following the incidents to ensure the sanctity of the ongoing recruitment process.

Minor Girl Injures Senior Citizen in Hit-and-Run Scooter Accident at Sanqueli

Team Goemkarponn

Sanquelim: A 70-year-old man was injured in a hit-and-run accident involving a minor riding a scooter at Gokulwadi, Sanquelim.

According to Bicholim Police, the accident occurred on July 16 around 12:30 pm near Bangalore Bakery, close to National Bar and Restaurant. A juvenile girl, reportedly the minor daughter of Rafiq Allam Khan (42), a resident of Muzawarwada, Sanquelim, was riding a scooter (Ntorq GA-04-N-7891) without a valid driving licence. Police said the minor was proceeding from Vasantnagar towards Gokulwadi in a rash and negligent manner and



rammed her scooter into a motorcycle (GA-04-A-7306) from behind. The motorcycle rider, Ramakant Vaman Chari (70), a resident of Parye, Sattari, sustained injuries on his right leg. Following the incident, the minor fled the scene without offering help or informing the police. The matter is being investigated under Bicholim Police Station Motor Vehicle Accident case No. 54/2025. Head Constable Ladu Madhukar Gawas is conducting the investigation.

Two Booked for Assaulting Minor Boy in Bandora, Ponda

Team Goemkarponn

Ponda: Two individuals have been booked by Ponda Police for allegedly assaulting a minor boy over a previous enmity in Bandora.

According to the complaint lodged by the boy's parent (name withheld), the incident occurred in Bandora where the accused — Kashish Naik and Raju Devgiri, both

residents of Bandora — allegedly assaulted the complainant's minor son. The duo reportedly slapped the boy on his face and head, causing him simple injuries. The accused to have acted

with a common intention stemming from a past dispute. Ponda Police have registered an offence in the matter, and further investigation is being carried out by PSI Sandeep Nimbalkar.

BOOKED

Mangalsutra Snatcher Nabbed Within Hours in Pernem, Gold Ornament Recovered

Team Goemkarponn

Pernem: Swift action by Pernem Police led to the arrest of a chain snatcher and recovery of a stolen gold mangalsutra worth ₹1.8 lakh within hours of the crime.

According to police, the incident occurred around 10:30 am on Thursday at Parabwada, Torxem, Pernem. An unidentified man riding a silver-coloured scooter (bearing registration No.



GA-03-7514) allegedly snatched a 20-gram gold mangalsutra from

a woman while she was walking and fled the scene.

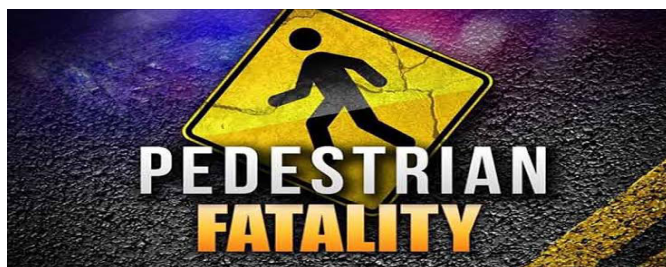
The victim, a resident of Pernem, immediately reported the incident to the police. Acting swiftly, the police launched a search operation and managed to apprehend the accused in a short time. The stolen mangalsutra was recovered at the instance of the accused.

Further investigation is in progress to verify the accused's involvement in any similar offences in the region.

83-Year-Old Pedestrian Dies After Being Hit by Speeding Bike in Pernem

Team Goemkarponn

Pernem: An 83-year-old man lost his life after being hit by a speeding motorcycle while crossing the NH-66 near Mauli Temple, Porascadem, Pernem on the night of July 15. According to Pernem Police, the accident occurred around 8:21 pm when the accused, John Baptist Gundi Salvo Lobo (31), a resident of Bodan, Tamboxem, was riding a Hero Splendor motorcycle (GA-11-J-3500) at high speed from Naibag towards Patradevi. Police said Lobo was driving



in a rash and negligent manner without due care for pedestrian safety. The two-wheeler struck pedestrian Diagambar Babuli Arondekar (83), a resident of Porascadem, as he was attempting to cross the road. Arondekar sustained grievous injuries and was rushed to Goa Medical College (GMC),

Bambolim, where he later succumbed during treatment. The rider, Lobo, also sustained serious injuries in the collision. A case has been registered at Pernem Police Station based on a state complaint filed by ASI Abhay Palyekar. The investigation is being carried out by PSI Prathmesh Parsekar.

Woman Alleges Assault & Molestation During Civic Inspection in Cuncolim

Team Goemkarponn

Cuncolim: A woman from Cuncolim has filed a police complaint against a local resident alleging molestation, physical assault, and criminal intimidation during a municipal inspection at her residence on July 15.

According to the complaint, the incident occurred around 12:00 pm at Culwada, Cuncolim, during an inspection carried out by the Cuncolim

Municipal Council. The accused, identified as Velencio Faustino Borges, a resident of Culwada, allegedly began recording a video on his phone during the inspection. When the complainant objected to being filmed, the accused reportedly responded



with verbal abuse, used filthy language, and physically assaulted her with slaps and fist blows. The complainant further alleged that the accused touched her inappropriately, including her breast, pushed her to the ground causing injuries, and threatened her with dire consequences — thus outraging her modesty. Cuncolim Police have registered an offence based on the complaint, and PSI Aditya Sawant is conducting further investigation into the matter.

ST Leaders of Goa Forward Rally Behind Vijai Sardesai, Slam BJP for Targeting Opposition

Team Goemkarponn

Fatorda: Prominent Scheduled Tribe (ST) leaders of the Goa Forward Party (GFP) have come out strongly in defence of party president and Fatorda MLA Vijai Sardesai, condemning the recent barrage of criticism and accusations levelled against him by BJP leaders. They accused the ruling party of targeting Sardesai for speaking the truth and raising fundamental questions about democratic values in the state.

Senior ST leader Datta Gaonkar defended Sardesai's recent remarks questioning the neutrality of the Speaker of the Goa Legislative Assembly, stating that his concerns were valid and reflective of a larger threat to democracy.



"Our leader Vijai Sardesai raised a very pertinent question that how can the Speaker, who is supposed to be neutral, participate in a strategic meeting of the BJP legislative party?" Gaonkar asked. "If the Speaker behaves in such a biased manner, can democracy survive? This is nothing short of an undeclared emergency."

Gaonkar further added that while the Speaker claimed to have gone to

meet the Chief Minister, the timing of the visit, during a BJP strategy meeting, raises serious doubts. "The Speaker has every right to meet the CM, but why attend a meeting meant for the BJP's internal planning? This compromises the sanctity of his role."

Standing firmly behind Sardesai, Gaonkar warned the ruling BJP: "No matter how many complaints you file against

our president, we will stand by him. If you try to harass the opposition, we will respond in kind."

He also lauded Sardesai's commitment to the ST community. "He has always been at the forefront of the demand for ST reservation in the Goa Assembly. His work on issues of all communities makes me proud. I also want to tell BJP leader Anthony Barbosa that if you have been given a post, use it to serve our community instead of attacking those who are actually working for it."

Nimesia Faleiro, another young ST leader of the party and a Margao Municipal Councillor, echoed Gaonkar's sentiments and highlighted Sardesai's consistent performance as an MLA.

Tawadkar Attends Foundation Day of Acharya Academy in Baramati

Team Goemkarponn

Canacona: Goa Legislative Assembly Speaker and Canacona MLA Ramesh Tawadkar recently attended the 8th Foundation Day celebrations of Acharya Academy Pvt. Ltd. in Baramati, Pune, Maharashtra.

Addressing a large gathering of students, educators, and parents as Chief Guest, Tawadkar lauded the academy's efforts in promoting academic excellence and holistic student development.

Acharya Academy, known for its coaching in competitive exams such as JEE and NEET, has a strong presence across Pune and recently expanded its footprint to Goa, with classes now operating at Shree Balram



Residential High School in Poinquinim, Canacona.

The event also featured Anandotsav – Student Felicitation Ceremony, where high-performing students were honoured for their achievements in national-level entrance exams.

Academy Founder and MD Prof. Gyaneshwar Mutkule and Co-Founder of 1729 Acharya Academy Prof. Sumit Singare were present alongside teachers, staff, and students.

Urban Development Dept Begins GIS-Based Property Survey in Canacona

Team Goemkarponn

CANACONA: The Department of Urban Development, Goa, has launched a comprehensive survey across all 12 wards of the Canacona Municipal Council (CMC) to update property records, assess taxes, and enhance resource planning and



allocation. The initiative involves the use of drones to generate GIS (Geographic Information System)-based 3D maps,

which will be integrated with property tax records for better data accuracy and transparency.

A 20-member team from M/s Colebro Group Pvt. Ltd. has been tasked with conducting the survey, which also includes evaluating living conditions, land usage, and basic infrastructure needs within each ward.

58-Year-Old Man Dies During Church Prayer Service in Margao

Team Goemkarponn

Margao: A 58-year-old man from Colva collapsed and died while attending a prayer service at the Holy Spirit Church in Margao. According to Fatorda Police, the deceased, identified as Joseph Philip Rodrigues, had visited the church with his sister when he suddenly collapsed



during the prayer. He was immediately rushed to South Goa District Hospital (SGDH) by the Robot 32 emergency service vehicle, but was declared brought

dead on arrival. Following standard procedure, police conducted an inquest panchanama and referred the body for a post-mortem at SGDH. The autopsy, performed by the Police Surgeon, confirmed the cause of death as "Cardiac Tamponade consequent to cardiac rupture, in a person with history of chronic hypertension."



NSUI appoints Muskan Bepari as NSUI Salcete President under the "Ami Badal Ghadaitale" campaign

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: Under the Ami Badal Ghadaitale campaign, NSUI Goa welcomed a vibrant group of students from Salcete Taluka, strengthening its mission to unite and empower Goan youth. Muskan Bepari was appointed NSUI Salcete President, under the leadership of NSUI Goa Chief Naushad Chowdhari.

The event, graced by South Goa Congress President Savia Dsilva, NSUI State General Secretary Kumar Gauli, NSUI South Goa President Aires Soares, and others, marked a significant milestone. Through this campaign, NSUI Goa is tirelessly visiting every taluka, igniting student voices and providing a powerful platform to champion a brighter, bolder future for Goa.

Stop those who sabotage development projects: MLA Deviya

■ Goa Forest Development Corporation inaugurates facilities at Shivling waterfall in Pali

Team Goemkarponn

Valpoi: Efforts are being made to promote development by maintaining the balance of the environment. After the project is set up in Surla through eco-tourism, many employment opportunities will be created there.

However, some people are trying to oppose this project in the name of environment. However, Poriem MLA Dr. Deviya Rane has appealed to the people to be ready to break this opposition.

Facilities have been created at the Shivling waterfall in Pali. While inaugurating it, Pali was



speaking at a program organized in the premises of Sateri Temple in Sattari. On the occasion, Nandkumar Parab, Managing Director of Goa Forest Development Corporation, the Corporation's General Manager Arun Heblekar, Village,

Thane Sarpanch Nilesh Parwar, ZP Devyani Gawas, Deputy Sarpanch Sonia Gaonkar, Panch Vinayak Gavas, Subhash Gawade, Suchita Gaonkar Sarita Gavakar, Suresh Aayakar, Tanaya Gavakar, Anushka Gavakar, Nagargaon Panch member Devyani Gavakar,

temple president Sainath Gavakar, Pujari Tolyo Gavakar, Dashrath Gavakar and other dignitaries were present.

Toll collection center opened in the temple premises. A cashew nut sales center established by the Goa Forest Development Corporation through the Goa Forest Development Corporation was inaugurated at the back of the temple.

Similarly, the toilet located here has been made available for the public. MLA Dr. Rane expressed the hope that this will definitely benefit the development of the village.

Career Guidance Program on Artificial Intelligence Enlightens Students in Margao

Team Goemkarponn

Margao: On July 13, 2025, the Daivadnya Samaj Margao, in collaboration with the Akhil Gomantakiya Daivadnya Brahmin Youth Association, organized a career guidance program titled "Path to a Bright Career" at Daivadnya Bhavan, Margao. The event aimed to provide students with valuable insights into Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its growing significance in education and industry.

The program was inaugurated with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest Mr. Jayesh M. Raikar, Director of Goldy Industries India Pvt. Ltd., along with Ms. Tania Shirodkar, Assistant Professor of Management Studies at Dhempe College of Commerce & Economics, and Mrs. Shruti Chodankar,



Director of Global Talent Acquisition at CommScope, Verna. Dr. Vipul Mathur, former faculty member at IIM Kolkata, joined the function virtually and shared his expertise on AI tools and their practical applications in the education sector.

The event attracted an enthusiastic audience of over 170 attendees, including more than 90 students from various schools across Goa. In his welcome address, Mr. Atul Verlekar, Vice President of Daivadnya

Samaj, emphasized the importance of staying updated with technological advancements, particularly in the field of AI. Mrs. Seema Vernekar, President of the Akhil Gomantakiya Daivadnya Brahmin Youth Association, encouraged students to actively participate in such initiatives to make informed and future-ready career choices. Ms. Tania Shirodkar provided detailed information on academic courses and career opportunities related to AI, while Dr.

Vipul Mathur engaged the students with live demonstrations of AI tools that can enhance learning. Mrs. Shruti Chodankar highlighted the impact of AI on various industries and outlined the emerging job opportunities it presents.

Organized under the leadership of Mr. Upendra Madkaikar, Chairman of the Education Cell at Daivadnya Bhavan Margao, and coordinated by Mr. Prashil Salkar, the event was smoothly hosted by Mrs. Suphala Revankar. The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Kishor Revankar, Secretary of Daivadnya Samaj.

The session proved to be an inspiring and informative experience for students, helping them envision a bright future in the evolving landscape of technology and artificial intelligence.

...CONTD FROM PAGE 01

Churchill Brothers Lose I-League Title Battle as CAS Rules in Favor of Inter Kashi FC

must pay CHF 3,000 to Inter Kashi FC, while the other three clubs are each ordered to pay CHF 1,000 towards Inter Kashi FC's legal expenses. With all other motions and prayers dismissed, the ruling marks a significant legal and sporting victory for Inter Kashi FC, bringing clarity and closure to a contentious season.

The I-League 2024-25 season ended in dramatic fashion with a tightly contested race for the title between Inter

Kashi FC and Churchill Brothers FC Goa. Both clubs were neck and neck on points, and the final matchdays were marred by controversy over player eligibility, officiating decisions, and post-match protests. The controversy erupted after Inter Kashi FC's narrow 1-0 victory over Churchill Brothers in April 2025. Churchill Brothers lodged an official complaint with the AIFF, alleging that Inter Kashi had fielded an ineligible player.

Goa Forest Department Seeks WII's Support to Tackle Rising Human-Wildlife Conflicts

and wildlife.

To address this growing concern, the department has proposed a detailed study of wildlife found outside Protected Areas (PAs) in the state.

The suggested scope of the study includes mapping conflict zones, identifying wildlife corridors, creating species-specific vulnerability maps, evaluating threats, and developing targeted

mitigation measures.

A preliminary discussion has already been held with Dr. Bilal Habib, Scientist-F at WII, regarding the initiative. The Forest Department has now requested the institute to prepare a concept note, outlining the methodology for the study, potential solutions for human-animal conflict resolution, and a financial estimate for the proposed project.



Goa Tourism to Highlight Year-Round Attractions at TTF Ahmedabad 2025

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: The Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, is set to participate in the Travel & Tourism Fair (TTF) Ahmedabad 2025, scheduled from July 31 to August 2 at the Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar. As one of the country's leading travel trade shows, TTF Ahmedabad presents an ideal platform for Goa to showcase its diverse tourism potential and strengthen its presence in key domestic markets.

Goa Tourism's participation is aligned with its broader strategy

to promote the state as a vibrant, responsible, and year-round destination, moving beyond its traditional image of beaches and nightlife. With Gujarat emerging as a major source market, the fair offers an important opportunity to engage with travel agents, tour operators, and other industry stakeholders to promote Goa's evolving tourism profile.

At the Goa Pavilion, visitors will be introduced to the state's multi-faceted offerings, including spiritual and wellness tourism, Ayurveda-based retreats, adventure activities, monsoon experiences, and eco-

friendly travel options.

A special focus will be placed on homestays and community-based tourism, which are gaining momentum under Goa's inclusive and sustainable tourism policies.

The Department will also spotlight Goa's vibrant cultural calendar, highlighting festivals such as Sao Joao, Chikhal Kalo, Spirit of Goa, Shigmo, and Carnival—celebrations that attract culturally curious travellers seeking authentic local experiences.

Speaking ahead of the event, Shri Kedar Naik, Director of Tourism, Government of Goa, said:

"Our presence at TTF Ahmedabad supports Goa's vision of promoting immersive and sustainable tourism. This is a chance to reconnect with our trade partners in Gujarat and invite travellers to explore the depth, diversity, and cultural richness of Goa across all seasons."

The Department of Tourism invites travel professionals, media representatives, and attendees to visit the Goa Pavilion at TTF Ahmedabad 2025 to explore new partnerships and discover why Goa continues to be one of India's most dynamic and sought-after destinations.

Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju to Take Oath as Goa Governor on July 26

Aviation Ministry, Raju played a crucial role in launching the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme, aimed at boosting regional air connectivity. He also oversaw the development of smaller airports such as those at Rajamahendravaram and Kadapa, and introduced India's first no-fly list to deal with unruly air passengers. Raju's appointment as Goa's new Governor signals a continuation of experienced leadership in the state's constitutional office.

Goa University Secures A+ NAAC Grade; VC Lauds Collective Effort

services. Your passion for excellence, integrity in service, and resilience in the face of challenges have propelled our university to this new height," the Vice-Chancellor stated.

He extended special appreciation to the teaching faculty for their role in fostering academic rigor, research, and a student-centric approach, as well as to the non-teaching staff whose silent but crucial contributions ensured the seamless functioning of the institution.

Prof. Menon described the A+ grade as a milestone in the

university's journey of transformation and quality enhancement.

"It is more than just a grade. It reflects our collective pursuit of a shared vision for continuous growth and excellence in higher education," he said.

Calling for renewed enthusiasm, he urged the university community to continue striving for impact, innovation, and inclusivity.

"This A+ accreditation provides a strong foundation upon which we will build even greater achievements in the years to come," he concluded.

US Declares TRF a Global Terror Outfit, Major Boost for India's Counter-Terror Diplomacy

■ Designation validates India's claims on Pakistan-backed terror, strengthens case at FATF, UNSC

NEW DELHI: In a major diplomatic and counter-terrorism breakthrough, the United States has officially designated The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of the banned terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), as a Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO) and Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT). The designation marks a significant victory for India in its long-standing effort to expose Pakistan's use of proxy groups to carry out terror attacks in Jammu



and Kashmir.

TRF, which surfaced in 2019 following the abrogation of Article 370, has been widely believed to be a rebranded arm of LeT, designed to present the image of a homegrown resistance movement while shielding its Pakistan-based

handlers. With the US officially recognizing TRF's links to LeT, India's claims of cross-border terrorism have received international validation. Top intelligence sources say the move is expected to disrupt TRF's operations by cutting off access to international funding,

crippling recruitment networks, and dismantling any remaining veneer of legitimacy the group held among vulnerable populations in the Valley. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, announcing the designation on Friday, said, "These actions demonstrate the Trump Administration's commitment to protecting our national security interests, countering terrorism, and enforcing President Trump's call for justice for the Pahalgam attack."

Over 1,500 Indians Deported from US Since Trump's Second Term Began: MEA Confirms

■ India, US Continue Trade Talks; Trump Hints at New Deal by August 1

NEW DELHI: In a development that underscores rising concerns over immigration enforcement in the United States, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Thursday confirmed that 1,563 Indian nationals have been deported from the US since January 20, 2025—the day Donald Trump was sworn in for a second term as President. Speaking at the weekly media briefing, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "Since January 20 this year till yesterday, some



1,563 Indian nationals have been deported from the United States. Most of them returned via commercial flights." While the government refrained from commenting on individual cases, Jaiswal did respond to media queries regarding recent criminal incidents involving Indian nationals abroad.

"West Bengal Is Suffering Due to TMC's Misrule": PM Modi Ahead of Durgapur Rally

■ On Thursday evening, the Prime Minister issued two statements, which he posted on his official X account, indicating the subjects he would touch on during his speech at the public rally on Friday.

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit West Bengal on Friday, July 18, to address a public rally in Durgapur, West Burdwan district, and to inaugurate several major central government projects worth over ₹5,000 crore. The visit, he clarified, is both political and administrative in nature. In a pair of



statements shared on his official X (formerly Twitter) account Thursday evening, PM Modi outlined the key focus areas of his visit. In the first post, he hit

out at the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) government, stating, "West Bengal is suffering due to TMC misrule. People are looking at the BJP with hope and believe that only BJP can deliver on development. Tomorrow, July 18, I will be addressing a @BJPBengal rally in Durgapur.

Bomb Threats Trigger Panic Across 60 Schools in Delhi and Bengaluru; Authorities Suspect Hoax

■ While in Delhi, 20 schools got 'hoax' bomb threats via email, 40 schools in Bengaluru were sent a similar message.

NEW DELHI: Over 60 schools in Delhi and Bengaluru received alarming bomb threats via email on Friday morning, prompting emergency evacuations, large-scale police deployment, and bomb squad sweeps.

While 20 schools in Delhi were affected, 40 schools in Bengaluru reported receiving similar



threatening messages. Authorities swiftly responded with Bomb Disposal Squads, fire services, and local police

teams rushing to the schools. Students and staff were evacuated, and exhaustive searches were carried out.

Air India Crash Body Slams "Irresponsible" Media Reports on Ahmedabad Tragedy

■ The WSJ report claimed the recording the flight's senior pilot, Captain Summet Sabharwal, moved the fuel supply toggles from the 'RUNOFF' to the 'CUT' position

New Delhi: The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) has strongly condemned international media for what it described as "selective, unverified, and irresponsible" reporting on the June 12 crash of an Air India Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner in Ahmedabad, which claimed 274 lives. The criticism comes after reports claimed that cockpit voice recordings indicated the flight's senior pilot had moved the fuel supply toggles from the 'RUNOFF' to 'CUT' position shortly after takeoff, allegedly triggering a mid-air loss of



thrust and the fatal crash. In a sharply worded statement, the AAIB urged restraint and warned against drawing conclusions while the investigation remains ongoing. "Such actions are irresponsible. We urge the media and public to refrain from spreading premature narratives that risk undermining the integrity of the investigative process," the agency said.

RCB Challenges Tribunal's Blame in Bengaluru Stampede, Seeks Court Relief

■ "It was the Deputy Chief Minister, DK Shivakumar, who had picked the team from the airport, and took them to the Vidhan Soudha, where announcements were made about the event at the stadium," RCB's advocate Sandesh Chouta told the court.

BENGALURU: The Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) has strongly objected to findings by the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) which held the franchise responsible for the tragic stampede outside Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy Stadium, in which 11 people lost their lives and 56 were injured. Arguing before the Karnataka High Court,

RCB demanded that portions of the tribunal's report be struck down, calling the observations baseless and a violation of natural justice. RCB's legal representative, Sandesh Chouta, told the court that the team was not a party to the CAT proceedings and yet, was blamed for the incident. "We are seeking to expunge paragraphs 23 to 27 of the CAT order.



India Successfully Test-Fires Prithvi-II, Agni-I, and Akash Prime Missiles, Demonstrating Strategic Strength

■ The missiles were test-fired from the integrated test range in Odisha's Chandipur.

NEW DELHI: In a powerful display of its growing defence capabilities, India successfully test-fired the nuclear-capable Prithvi-II and Agni-I short-range ballistic missiles from the Integrated Test Range

at Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha, on Thursday. The tests reaffirmed India's strategic deterrence posture and validated all key operational and technical parameters. According to

the Ministry of Defence, the launches were conducted under the supervision of the Strategic Forces Command and mark another milestone in India's efforts to maintain credible minimum deterrence.

India Rejects Bumrah-Stokes Comparison Amid Workload Criticism: "We Have Our Own Strengths"

■ Irfan Pathan had questioned India's utilisation of Jasprit Bumrah following their 22-run defeat to England at Lord's.

New Delhi: Team India has shut down the growing debate over Jasprit Bumrah's workload management, particularly the comparisons made with England skipper Ben Stokes, following India's 22-run loss in the third Test at Lord's.

Former Indian cricketer Irfan Pathan had raised questions over India's handling of Bumrah, suggesting the pacer wasn't utilised effectively during the second innings when the game was on



the line. Pathan pointed to Stokes' heroic 9.2-over spell on Day 5—during which he picked up the key wicket of KL Rahul—arguing that India should



have relied more on their premier pacer in crucial moments.

"Ben Stokes bowled a marathon spell, giving it his all for his

team. Jasprit Bumrah, meanwhile, bowled just five overs before being taken off during a crucial phase. That was the moment India needed to take control, and it's disappointing we didn't fully use our top bowler," Pathan said in a video post.

He also brushed aside workload concerns, noting that Bumrah had been rested for the second Test at Edgbaston and should have been fresh for Lord's.

BCCI Rakes In ₹9,741.7 Crore in 2023–24; IPL Alone Accounts for 59% of Revenue

■ The IPL boosted BCCI's revenue, contributing 59% of Rs 9,741.7 crore in FY23-24. The top T20 league features 10 teams and top cricket talent globally

New Delhi: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has recorded a staggering revenue of ₹9,741.7 crore for the financial year 2023–24, with the Indian Premier League (IPL) alone contributing a massive ₹5,761 crore, which is 59% of the board's total earnings. The IPL's overwhelming financial impact continues to solidify its status as the crown jewel of Indian cricket.

The IPL, a premier franchise-

based T20 tournament that debuted in 2007, now comprises 10 teams and showcases top-tier cricket talent from India and around the globe.

Its ever-increasing popularity and media value have turned it into a "golden goose" for the BCCI, driving a substantial portion of the board's revenue and reinforcing its dominance in the cricketing world. According to a report published in The Hindu Business Line, quoting



Rediffusion, the IPL has become integral to the BCCI's financial ecosystem.

Commenting on this, business strategist and independent director Lloyd Mathias noted that the IPL has not only become central to the BCCI's operations but also contributes to the growth of domestic players by offering them a competitive and commercial platform.

Praggnanandhaa Stuns World No. 3 Fabiano Caruana After Carlsen Upset at Las Vegas Freestyle Grand Slam

■ The Indian teenager, playing with white pieces on the day, picked up the win over the American Caruana in Game 1 of the upper-bracket qualifiers.

New Delhi: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa continues to dazzle at the Las Vegas Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour, defeating World No. 3 Fabiano Caruana in the opening round of the upper-bracket qualifiers on Friday. The 18-year-old prodigy, playing with the white pieces, showcased remarkable composure and precision to secure the win against the American heavyweight.

This victory comes hot on the heels of his sensational triumph over World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen, which helped Praggnanandhaa finish joint-top of the leaderboard in the initial group stage with 4.5 points. He shared the top spot in Group A alongside Uzbekistan's Nodirbek Abdusattorov, Javokhir Sindarov, and Levon Aronian, who all qualified for the quarterfinals.

Carlsen, shockingly, finished fifth in the group and failed to make it to the top bracket, effectively ending his campaign. Fellow Indian GM Arjun Erigaisi also advanced to the upper bracket, finishing joint-third in



Group B with 4 points, tied with Fabiano Caruana. American GM Hikaru Nakamura dominated Group B with an outstanding 6 out of 7, followed by Hans Niemann with 4.5 points.

The remaining players in Group B—Leinier Dominguez Perez, Samuel Sevian, Ray Robson, and India's Vidit Gujrathi—failed to qualify for the quarterfinals, with Vidit finishing last. The Las Vegas Freestyle Grand Slam Tour features 16 top players divided into two groups of eight.

Each player competes once against every other player in their group, and the top four from each group advance to the quarterfinals. According to tournament rules, only those who qualify for the top bracket remain in contention for the title. Praggnanandhaa's form has been nothing short of extraordinary in 2025.



Goa Announces Squad for Junior Boys' National Football Championship

Team Goemkarponn

Panaji: The Goa Football Association (GFA) has announced the state team for the Junior Boys' National Football Championship for the Dr. B.C. Roy Trophy 2025–26. Goa will compete in Tier 1, Group A, alongside Delhi, Telangana, and host team Punjab. The prestigious tournament will be held in Amritsar, Punjab, from July 20 to July 30, 2025. A total of 20 players have

been selected to represent Goa in this national-level competition. The selected players include Aaryav Da Costa, Abner Viegas, Messi Fernandes, Shlok Govekar, Elrad Braganza, Nahum Dsouza, Armstrong Fernandes, Wayne Colaco, Emmanuel Gama, Messi Rebello, Bryson Dias, Rahul Sherpali, Crossley Dias, Andreas Furtado, Crizman Correia, Musab Shaikh, Kashinath Halankar, Ashwel Mendes, Messi Colaco, and Clizer Noronha.



Fr. Agnelo YSC Paroda Storm Into Quarterfinals With 6-1 Win Over Ugem Rising Club

Team Goemkarponn

ASSOLDA: Fr. Agnelo YSC Paroda delivered a dominating performance to thrash Ugem Rising Club 6-1 and secure their spot in the quarterfinals of the 17th St. Anthony Festival Cup, organized

by St. Anthony SC Assolda and played at the Moll Ground, Assolda.

Joy Fernandes was the star of the match, scoring an impressive four goals for Fr. Agnelo YSC in the 22nd, 29th, 35th, and 43rd minutes, while Nelson Fernandes

netted a brace in the 16th and 56th minutes, sealing an emphatic victory for the Paroda side.

Ugem Rising Club managed to pull one back through Pratamesh Gaonkar, who found the net in the 29th minute, but it was not enough

to challenge Paroda's relentless attack. For his outstanding performance, Joy Fernandes was named Man of the Match, and the award was presented by Francisco Afonso, General Secretary of Fr. Agnelo YSC Paroda.