



High Alert In Goa After Delhi Blast; Security Tightened Across State

Police step up checks, patrolling at key locations

CM Sawant offers condolences, assures public

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PANAJI: In the wake of the deadly blast in Delhi, Goa Police intensified security measures across the state late Monday night, conducting widespread checks and patrols as a precautionary step. North Goa Superintendent of Police Rahul Gupta said police teams have been directed to maintain a heightened level of alertness. "Checking and patrolling are being carried out across North Goa. All police inspectors have been instructed to stay on the ground," he stated. Chief Minister Pramod



Sawant, expressing sorrow over the incident in Delhi, said, "Deeply saddened by the loss of lives in a blast in Delhi. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured." He confirmed that Goa has been placed on alert, emphasizing that the move is precautionary to

maintain peace and order. Late on Monday, police conducted nakabandis at multiple points across Goa, including highways, major junctions, and bus stands. Random checks of vehicles, especially interstate buses and cars from outside the state, were seen in progress. Security has also been reinforced at railway

stations, bus depots, and major entry points. The increased police presence was particularly visible along the North Goa coastal belt, where large crowds and tourist activity are common. "We are pulling up our socks," a senior government official said, clarifying that while the state is not on "high alert," every

Goa on alert after Delhi blast...

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- ▶ SP rahul gupta: all inspectors on ground.
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- ▶ Security stepped up at railway stations, entry points.
- ▶ Heavy police presence along North Goa coast.
- ▶ Officials: not a high alert, but heightened vigilance.

measure is being taken to ensure public safety. Nine people lost their lives and at least 20 others sustained injuries after a powerful explosion ripped through a car near Delhi's Red Fort on Monday evening.

CM Sawant Orders Fresh FIR in Job Scam

■ Urges Police Time To Investigate.

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PANAJI: Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has directed the police to file a fresh FIR in the multi-crore cash-for-jobs scam after alleged queenpin Pooja Naik submitted a new statement. Naik reiterated that she had previously informed authorities about the involvement of a sitting minister, an IAS officer, and a senior engineer, but no action was taken. Responding to her claims, Sawant said, "Give the police some time; I have instructed them to file a fresh FIR." He assured that all individuals named by Naik would be investigated thoroughly once the Crime Branch completes its examination. Pooja Naik, a key accused in the ongoing jobs-for-cash scam, was summoned and questioned for several hours by the Goa Police Crime Branch, following her explosive claims



implicating a minister, a senior IAS officer, and a PWD engineer in a Rs 17 crore recruitment racket. Superintendent of Police (Crime) Rahul Gupta confirmed that Naik's statement was recorded and is currently under examination, with the next steps in the investigation yet to be decided. Naik's allegations, made during a televised interview, claimed that the officials received money from job aspirants via her, and she demanded repayment within three days, threatening to publicly name them and approach the Chief Minister if they failed to comply. In response, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant directed the police to summon Naik for a formal inquiry.

Blast Near Red Fort Linked to JeM Operative, Suicide Angle Under Probe

■ Red Fort Terror Blast: CCTV Trail, Car Ownership Chain Under Police Review.

New Delhi: Delhi Police sources have identified Dr Umar Mohammad as the key suspect behind the devastating blast near the Red Fort that killed nine people and injured more than twenty. Investigators say Umar was linked to the Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed and was part of a module recently exposed in Haryana's Faridabad. After learning that several members of the group

had been arrested, he allegedly panicked and triggered the explosion on Monday evening. The blast occurred around 6.52 pm near the Red Fort Metro Station, tearing through a Hyundai i20 car and damaging several vehicles around it. Police have registered a case under anti-terrorism laws and are looking closely at the possibility of a suicide attack. According to sources, Umar, a doctor by profession, remained

inside the car for more than three hours at a nearby parking lot before driving out shortly before the explosion. CCTV footage shows the vehicle entering the lot at 3.19 pm and leaving around 6.30 pm. Investigators believe Ammonium Nitrate Fuel Oil was used in the attack. The discovery of 350 kilograms of ammonium nitrate in Faridabad on the same day raised

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Red Fort Car Blast: PM Modi Says No One Behind Attack Will Be Spared

■ A powerful blast ripped through a slow-moving car at a traffic signal near Red Fort, killing nine people and leaving 20 others injured.

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking in Thimphu during his two-day visit to Bhutan, said that those behind the deadly blast near Delhi's Red Fort would face strict accountability. The explosion, which tore through a slow-moving Hyundai i20 at

a traffic signal near the Red Fort Metro Station on Monday evening, killed nine people and injured around 20 others. Addressing the incident, the Prime Minister said he arrived in Bhutan with a heavy heart, adding that the entire nation shares the grief of the affected

families. He noted that he remained in constant contact with investigative agencies through the night and assured that every lead will be pursued until the conspiracy is fully uncovered. In a separate message, he expressed condolences for the victims and wished a swift

recovery for the injured. He said that authorities were assisting those affected and that he had reviewed the situation with Home Minister Amit Shah and senior officials. The Home Minister has briefed the Prime Minister on the progress of the

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The reminder we didn't want but desperately needed

The blast near Delhi's Red Fort on Saturday evening is not just another tragedy in the capital's long list of security breaches. It is a brutal reminder that the threat of terrorism in India never really went away, only faded from public consciousness. Eight people are dead, several are injured, and the investigation now points to a link with a larger terror module busted recently in Faridabad, where the police seized large quantities of explosives and detonators. The connection is chilling because it suggests coordination, planning, and a sustained network that was active within striking distance of the nation's most protected zone.

The Red Fort is more than a monument. It is where, every Independence Day, the Prime Minister unfurls the tricolour and addresses the country. A blast near such a symbol of India's sovereignty and resilience cannot be seen as a coincidence. It represents a direct challenge to the state's ability to protect its citizens and its institutions. The fact that a car could be stationed and detonated so close to such a high-security area is an indictment of the surveillance systems that are supposed to keep Delhi secure. The CCTV footage that investigators are poring over will no doubt be crucial, but the existence of such footage is not a substitute for prevention. Cameras can record tragedy; they cannot stop it.

The pattern emerging from this case is deeply worrying. The alleged involvement of a doctor from Jammu and Kashmir linked to the Faridabad terror module shows that terror recruitment and logistics have become more sophisticated. These are not stereotypical insurgents hiding in hills; these are educated professionals who blend easily into civilian life. They represent a newer, harder-to-track face of radicalization, one that uses modern communication tools, social networks, and digital payments to operate invisibly in plain sight. The label "white-collar jihad" is no exaggeration.

The security establishment, meanwhile, appears trapped between bursts of reaction and long stretches of complacency. Every major terror incident is followed by high-level meetings, briefings, condemnations, and calls for unity. Yet, as memories fade, so too does the urgency to overhaul systems. India's intelligence agencies have prevented numerous attacks, but their coordination often collapses when the threat is domestic and

The security establishment, meanwhile, appears trapped between bursts of reaction and long stretches of complacency. Every major terror incident is followed by high-level meetings, briefings, condemnations, and calls for unity. Yet, as memories fade, so too does the urgency to overhaul systems. India's intelligence agencies have prevented numerous attacks, but their coordination often collapses when the threat is domestic and diffused. If the Faridabad module had already been under watch, how did a related operation unfold right in the heart of the capital? It is this gap between information and action that terrorists exploit so effectively. Urban India remains dangerously exposed to such attacks. The combination of dense traffic, overcrowded markets, religious and political landmarks, and overworked policing creates an environment where a single lapse can turn deadly.

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to flag suspicious number plates and track movement patterns, but the human element vigilance, training, and discipline cannot be automated.

Beyond the administrative response lies a deeper question about how India perceives security in peacetime. The country's political rhetoric often treats terrorism as a challenge conquered, a problem of the past. That narrative suits political convenience but not reality. From Pulwama to Delhi, every attack, foiled or successful, shows that the networks remain alive. Radical ideologies, often fueled online, continue to find recruits. Cross-border financing still trickles through, despite years of diplomatic and military pushback. The threat is no longer limited to border states; it is embedded within the fabric of urban India.

The media and public also share a portion of the complacency. Outrage erupts when bombs go off, but the conversation fades once the bodies are buried and the headlines move on. National security rarely figures in civic discourse unless blood has already been spilled. That cycle of amnesia is dangerous. Democratic accountability in matters of security does not mean politicizing every attack, but it does mean asking the hard questions — about preparedness, intelligence coordination, and the priorities of our security budgets. The Red Fort blast should therefore not be treated as another tragic "incident" but as a national failure that demands sustained introspection. India has spent two decades building counter-terror infrastructure, yet the persistence of such attacks shows how easily those defences can be bypassed. The state cannot promise citizens absolute safety, but it can ensure that lapses of this magnitude are not repeated. The country must learn to treat terror not as a headline or an election issue but as an ever-present threat that evolves faster than our systems.

The explosion in Delhi is both a warning and a test. A warning that the menace is still among us, and a test of whether India can shed its habit of reacting to crises instead of anticipating them. The victims near the Red Fort deserve justice, but the living deserve assurance that such scenes will not become a recurring feature of Indian life. To achieve that, the government, the police, and the public will have to confront an uncomfortable truth: the war on terror is not over, and victory lies not in declarations but in vigilance.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Goa's "Peace" Is Just an Illusion

The recent violent clash at Zari, Zuarinagar, where four people were injured and vehicles were damaged, once again exposes the false claims of the government and police that "Goa is completely peaceful." Every week, we hear of fights, assaults, thefts, and road violence, yet officials continue to deny reality with hollow statements.

When police officers say there are no gangs, no crime, and no unrest, they are insulting the intelligence of Goans who witness these incidents daily. Such denial only emboldens troublemakers and weakens the morale of honest citizens. Law and order are not maintained by slogans but by strong administration, accountability, and visible policing.

Sadly, the government appears more interested in corruption and self-promotion than in public safety. Departments function without discipline or direction, and officers are left confused, powerless, or complacent. The result is a state drifting into lawlessness while leaders pretend everything is fine.

Goa deserves better than this careless governance. We need a government that acts, not one that hides behind excuses. The time has come for those in power to stop making empty claims of "peace" and start enforcing it on the ground.

-Shrikrishna Naik, Cansaulim.

When Goa's Cattle Need Saving, the "Protectors" Vanish

The decision by the Loliem-Polem Gramsabha to hand over unclaimed stray cattle to a farmer from Anshi, Karnataka, speaks volumes about the sad state of rural Goa today. It is an irony that while we pride ourselves on being an agrarian state once known for fertile fields and hardworking farmers, we now have to depend on outsiders to care for our own cattle.

Where are Goa's farmers? Most have either given up due to neglect or have been pushed out by unplanned development and government indifference. Farming is no longer viable for many families, and the government has done little to revive it. Subsidies and schemes look good on paper but rarely reach the ground.

And what happened to the self-proclaimed Gorakshaks who once shouted about protecting cows and Hindu culture? When cattle roam hungry and abandoned on Goan roads, when they cause accidents or get injured, these so-called protectors are nowhere to be seen. Their silence now exposes their hypocrisy — activism only when cameras roll, not when real responsibility calls.

The Gramsabha's decision is practical and humane, but it also serves as a mirror to our society. We must ask ourselves what kind of progress we are celebrating when we cannot even care for our animals or sustain our farmers..

-Bonnie Cardoz, Benaullim

HC to Hear Petition Against Goa Govt's 'Mhaje Ghar' Scheme & Comunidade Law Amendments

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PANAJI: The Bombay High Court at Goa has admitted a petition filed by government officer and activist Kashinath Shetye challenging the state government's 'Mhaje Ghar' scheme and recent amendments to the Comunidade laws. The matter has been scheduled for hearing on November 17. In his plea, Shetye argued that the amendments compromise the traditional



rights and functions of the Comunidades and claimed that the scheme encourages illegality by legalising unauthorised constructions. The 'Mhaje Ghar' scheme, introduced by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, allows for formal recognition of houses built before 1972 that

do not have occupancy certificates. Under the programme, village panchayats and municipal bodies are required to issue the certificates within seven days upon payment of a Rs 1,000 fee. The government has stated that the move will help families access legal and financial support and facilitate future construction. The scheme also covers shops built before 1972, while ownership rights for houses constructed before

February 28, 2014, will be granted under Section 38A of the Goa Land Revenue Code, 1968. Eligible properties include houses on revenue land, alvara, mokaso, leasehold plots, government property, and comunidade land, for plots measuring up to 400 square metres with an additional two-metre buffer. Chief Minister Sawant has maintained that nearly 95 per cent of Goans will benefit from various elements of the programme.

CM Sawant Questions Timing of 'Goyant Kollso Naka' Protest, Hints at Political Motive

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PANAJI: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant questioned the rationale and timing of the ongoing "Goyant Kollso Naka" protests, suggesting that the agitation may be politically driven ahead of the upcoming elections. Speaking to reporters, Sawant downplayed the renewed opposition to coal transportation in Goa, asserting that neither the State nor the Central government has proposed any expansion of coal handling or transportation in the State. He clarified that operations at the



Mormugao Port Authority (MPA) will continue as usual, with no additional tonnage being added to the current capacity. "Then why the protest?" the Chief Minister asked, implying that the agitation was not grounded in factual concerns. "I don't think this is about coal... there must be another reason... elections are near," he added.



Goa Govt Prepares to Set Up Stray Dog Shelters Following Supreme Court Order

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RAIA: The Goa government is gearing up to implement the Supreme Court's recent directive to round up stray dogs from areas around schools, hospitals, bus stands, and railway stations, and house them in dedicated shelters. Animal Husbandry Minister Nilkanth Harlankar assured that the government has sufficient land and facilities to establish the shelters, with the Animal Husbandry Department already possessing adequate space. He said the Chief Secretary is finalising the plan of action to ensure the Supreme Court order is executed in both letter and spirit. "We will start identifying 4-5 locations for dog shelters soon. Space will not be an issue," the Minister said. Harlankar emphasised the importance of sterilisation under the Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme, urging

NGOs and veterinary professionals to actively participate. He assured full government support for these initiatives to effectively manage the stray dog population. The Minister also highlighted ongoing efforts to tackle stray cattle, with the government providing 100 per cent subsidy for hydraulic vehicles used to transport animals to gaushalas. He added that panchayats and municipalities must formalise MoUs to avail the benefits. The announcement was made during the inauguration of a new ground-plus-three-storey Animal Husbandry hospital at Sonsodo, Raia. Curtorim MLA Reginaldo Lourenco said the facility, equipped with modern operation theatres, X-ray machines, and other veterinary amenities, will serve farmers and residents across South Goa, with the office of the Deputy Director also located in the hospital.

Fatorda Police Chargesheet Alleges Pre-Planned Attack in Mungul Gang War Case

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Fatorda: The Fatorda police have submitted a detailed 624-page chargesheet in the Mungul gang war case, alleging that the accused orchestrated a premeditated attack on Walter Fernandes in the early hours of August 12. According to the chargesheet, the accused, identified as A-1 to A-28, formed an unlawful assembly and armed themselves with weapons including iron rods, hammers, choppers, knives, axes, filled soda bottles, swords, and a firearm, intending to assault Fernandes.



The police stated that believing Fernandes was travelling in a Baleno car owned by complainant Yuvkesh Singh Badaila, the accused intercepted the vehicle near Bab Bakery, close to Sagun Restaurant in Mungul, Fatorda, using three other vehicles—a white Toyota Innova, a white Maruti Suzuki Fronx, and a red Maruti Suzuki XL6. The chargesheet further alleges that the group brutally attacked the complainant and his

friend, causing grievous injuries with sharp weapons and damaging the complainant's car. Accused Amog Naik (A-27) is said to have fired two shots at the complainant, with one bullet hitting the Baleno's left-side door. After the assault, all accused allegedly fled the scene in their respective vehicles. Additionally, Joyston Fernandes (A-10) is accused of arranging a Baleno car for some accused—Avinash Gunjekar (A-11), Imran Bepari (A-12), Akshay Talwar (A-13), and Mohammad Tahir Khan (A-17)—to escape Goa after the attack. Deepak

Kattimani (A-14) and Parshuram Rathod (A-15) allegedly helped them stay in a hotel in Karnataka, facilitating their evasion. The chargesheet also mentions that Vally D'Costa (A-26), Amog Naik (A-27), and Prakash Karbar (A-28) allegedly destroyed their mobile phones and failed to submit them during the investigation. The accused are now facing multiple charges under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023—including Sections 109, 111, 115(2), 118(1), 118(2), 126(2), 324(4), 351(3), 61(2), 241, 249(B) read with 190—and Sections 3, 4 read with 25 of the Arms Act, 1959.

IPSCDL to Revamp CBD & Heritage Core with Major Infrastructure & Heritage Upgrade

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PANAJI: Panaji Smart City Development Limited (IPSCDL) is gearing up to transform the city's Central Business District and historic core through a comprehensive urban renewal project. The initiative, aimed at preserving heritage structures while modernising infrastructure, has seen IPSCDL issue a tender worth ₹96.84 lakh (excluding GST) to appoint a consultant for preparing a detailed concept plan. Funded under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment scheme (2025-26), the project seeks to convert

underutilised areas of the city into lively economic and cultural hubs.



The 3.92 km Latin Quarter—a UNESCO-recognised heritage zone—will be a focal point, with efforts to protect its Portuguese-era architecture, narrow lanes, colourful houses, and cultural spaces. The project will involve restoration of heritage precincts, enhancement of public spaces, pedestrian-friendly upgrades, and modernisation of essential city

infrastructure including roads and sewerage systems. The appointed consultant will be responsible for comprehensive site studies, including traffic assessments, topographic and LiDAR/drone surveys, pavement and sub-grade investigations, structural designs, drainage planning, and interchange layouts. Deliverables will also include 3D models, engineering reports, cost estimates, construction drawings, and bid documents for civil works execution. Stakeholder engagement, particularly with local residents, will be a key component of the plan, ensuring community needs are considered in shaping Panaji's urban and cultural future.

Four injured as two groups clash at Zuarinagar; Verna police register case

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ZUARINAGAR: Four persons were injured after a violent clash broke out between two groups at Zari, Zuarinagar, Sancoale, on Sunday evening. The incident, which occurred around 7.30 pm, reportedly began when barricades were placed across the road, blocking the passage of one group heading towards Yallaligeswar Math. According to Verna police, the altercation involved accused persons identified as



Gurusangappa Chawadi and Shivkumar alias Bhandari, both residents of Zuarinagar and natives of Karnataka, who allegedly pulled the barricades onto the road, preventing the movement of another group comprising

Shankargouda Sallodgi and Prakash Sallodgi, also from Zuarinagar. An argument soon escalated into a physical fight, during which both sides reportedly pelted stones and attacked each other with metal pipes, leaving all four men injured. In the

scuffle, an Omni vehicle parked nearby was also damaged.

The incident created panic among residents and disrupted public peace in the area. Verna Police Station has registered a case under Sections 118(1), 324(2), and 194(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

Further investigation is being carried out by PSI Bhomkar under the supervision of PI Anand Shirodkar and the guidance of Mormugao DySP Gurudas Kadam.

46-Year-Old Marine Electrician Found dead

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Vasco: A 46-year-old man was found dead in an apparent case of suicide near Ganesh Temple, Shantinagar, Airport Road, Vasco, on Monday morning. According to police, a call was received from PCR Margao at around 10:13 a.m. informing that a person had committed suicide. Upon visiting the spot, police identified the deceased as Sureshkumar, a resident of Shantinagar, Vasco. He was found hanging from a ceiling fan using a cloth as a ligature. Preliminary

investigation revealed that Sureshkumar worked as a fitter with a marine electrical firm in Verna. He was living alone in a rented room and was reportedly a chronic alcoholic. Police further stated that he had not attended work for the past three days. An inquest and scene of the occurrence panchanama were conducted, and the body was sent to South Goa District Hospital, Margao, for medico-legal formalities. Further investigation is being carried out by PSI Prishly Carvalho of Vasco Police Station.

Two injured in head-on collision between scooters at Cortalim

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CORTALIM: Two riders sustained injuries after their scooters collided head-on near Sebastian Wine Store at Chovot, Cortalim, on Saturday night.

The accident occurred around 10.06 pm when one of the scooters was allegedly being ridden in a rash and negligent manner. According to Verna police, the incident took place when a Fascino scooter, ridden by Devesh Gaude Rassaiar, resident of Rassaim, Loutolim, in a rash and negligent manner, was proceeding from Chovot-Thana Cortalim road towards Loutolim. On reaching near Sebastian Wine Store, the Fascino

reportedly dashed against an oncoming Activa scooter being ridden by Elvion Eusebio Fernandes, resident of Cortalim.

The impact of the collision caused both riders to fall along with their vehicles, resulting in injuries to both. Police said the crash also led to minor damage to both scooters.

Verna Police Station has registered a case under Sections 281, 125(a), and 125(b) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023. Further investigation is being conducted by Head Constable Dessai under the supervision of PI Anand Shirodkar and the guidance of Mormugao DySP Gurudas Kadam.

Drishti Marine Lifesavers Rescue 12 Tourists Over Weekend

■ Monkey Attack Reported at Dudhsagar.

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PANAJI: Drishti Marine lifesavers carried out multiple rescue operations across Goa over the weekend, saving 12 people from drowning at various beaches and the Dudhsagar waterfalls. They also provided first aid to four injured persons, including a tourist attacked by a monkey, and helped trace three missing children. At Dudhsagar waterfalls, a 28-year-old tourist from Hyderabad suffered injuries after being attacked by a monkey and was administered first aid by Drishti Marine lifesavers. The team also rescued a 32-year-old tourist from Andhra Pradesh who jumped into the water without a lifejacket. At Sinquerim beach, three members



of a family from Gujarat were rescued after being swept by a strong wave. Lifesavers used rescue tubes in a swift and coordinated operation. At Candolim beach, a 30-year-old tourist from Bengaluru was saved from a rip current 70 metres offshore with the help of a rescue board and jet ski. At Calangute beach, two missing children were successfully traced and reunited with their group following a prompt search operation. At Baga beach, a 56-year-old tourist from Kerala was rescued from

a rip current, while at Vagator beach, lifesavers rescued two minor boys trapped in the current and provided medical aid to another 12-year-old who accidentally swallowed seawater.

At Miramar beach, a missing child was located and safely reunited with parents after a quick response by the lifesaving team. Further south, at Benaulim beach, a 29-year-old woman from Bengaluru was rescued after drifting 50 metres from shore while bodyboarding. At Palolem

beach, lifesavers rescued a 70-year-old tourist from South Korea who drifted too far into the sea, and in another incident, saved a 38-year-old man from Pune caught in a rip current. At Agonda beach, a 76-year-old tourist from the United Kingdom was rescued after panicking in the water. Drishti Marine reiterated its appeal to tourists to follow safety instructions, swim only in designated zones, and avoid entering the sea under the influence of alcohol or without safety gear.

Konkan Railway Intensifies Ticket Checking Drives; Rs 15.21 Crore Recovered from Offenders

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MARGAO: Konkan Railway has intensified its ticket checking operations across the network to curb ticketless travel and ensure a safe and comfortable journey for genuine passengers. Between April and September 2025, the railway conducted 5,493 special ticket checking drives, detecting 1,82,781



cases of unauthorized or irregular travel and recovering ₹12.81 crore as fare and penalty.

In October 2025 alone, 920 special drives were held, during which 42,645 offenders were

caught, leading to the collection of ₹2.40 crore in fines and fare recovery. Konkan Railway has appealed to passengers to purchase valid tickets before commencing their journey, warning that travelling without one is a punishable offence. The intensified checking drives will continue across the route to maintain discipline and uphold passenger-centric services.

75-Year-Old Man Found Unconscious at Home Dies

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CANACONA: A 75-year-old man, identified as Amba Pagi, a resident of Canacona, passed away after being found unconscious at his residence late Sunday night. According to police, a wireless message was received from the casualty ward of GMC Bambolim at around 11:44 p.m. on November 9, 2025,

informing that the patient had expired. Preliminary inquiry revealed that Pagi was initially rushed to the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Canacona after being found unconscious at home. He was later shifted to GMC Bambolim, where he was declared dead. Further investigation into the incident is being carried out by PSI Vishal Velip of Canacona Police Station.

AAP Goa Chief Amit Palekar Challenges Sawant for Debate

■ Slams BJP Over Law and Order Collapse.

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PANAJI: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Goa on Monday launched a sharp attack on the Pramod Sawant-led BJP government, accusing it of presiding over the “worst-ever law and order situation” in the state. Addressing a press conference in Panaji, AAP Goa President Adv. Amit Palekar challenged Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant to a public debate on governance and released a poster titled “The Failed CM” criticising the government’s alleged failure to curb crime. Palekar alleged that Goa has witnessed an unprecedented surge in criminal cases over the past few months, including murders, shootings, gang clashes, robberies, and assaults on activists. “Goa has never seen such a high rise in crime. This is a complete collapse of law and order. Pramod Sawant is a failed CM who has failed the people of



Goa. I challenge him for a debate face me if you have even a dime of accountability towards Goans,” he said. He further accused the BJP government of protecting criminals while targeting citizens who expose illegalities, stating, “They talk about double-engine government, but what they have actually doubled are criminals. This is a cocktail government — they collected criminals from all over and poured them into BJP.” Highlighting recent incidents, Palekar referred to the attack on an AAP volunteer in Benaulim who tried to stop illegal sand dune destruction, the murder of activist Umakant Khot in Morjim, the

assault on activist Rama Kankonkar in Panaji, and the custodial assault of youth Edberg Pereira in Navelim. He alleged that police often act only after public outrage and not when crimes actually occur. AAP Goa General Secretary (Organisation) Shrikrishna Parab echoed these concerns, saying that Goa Police has lost credibility under the BJP regime. “Every incident in Goa today is linked to people who are protected by the ruling party. The protectors have become destroyers and the CM is busy doing events while the public suffers,” Parab said. The party also listed a series of major crime incidents in the past two months, including a double murder in Saligao, the murder of Umakant Khot in Morjim, a shooting over illegal sand mining in Pernem, a gang clash outside the Panaji Police Station, custodial assault cases, and armed dacoities in Mapusa and Dona Paula.



Tripartite Agreement Signed for 10 TPD Waste Disposal System at Sonsodo

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PANAJI: In a major step towards sustainable waste management, the Margao Municipal Council (MMC), Goa Energy Development Agency (GEDA), and M/s GD Environmental Pvt. Ltd. have entered into a tripartite agreement to set up a 10 TPD (tonnes per day) Gasification Technology-based Waste Treatment Plant at Sonsodo, Margao. The project marks a significant milestone in Margao’s ongoing efforts to address the issue of mixed solid waste and reduce reliance on landfills through modern, environment-

friendly technology. The gasification-based plant will be implemented under the supervision of GEDA, on behalf of MMC. The Pune-based firm, M/s GD Environmental Pvt. Ltd., has been awarded the contract for fabrication and installation of the plant, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2025 or early 2026. The agreement was signed in the presence of Gauresh Pilgaonkar, Managing Director, Goa Energy Development Agency; Madhu Narvekar, Chief Officer, Margao Municipal Council; and representatives of M/s GD Environmental Pvt. Ltd.

Work on new railway underpass near Tanya Hotel to begin on November 17

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VASCO: In a major infrastructure boost for the port town, Vasco MLA Krishna Salkar on Monday announced that work on the new railway underpass near Tanya Hotel will commence on November 17. The MLA, along with Dy Collector Bhagwant Karmali and officials from the PWD, Fire, Railways, and Traffic departments, conducted a joint inspection of the project site to finalise plans for the upcoming work. Speaking to the media after the inspection, Salkar



said the new underpass and accompanying road widening works will greatly ease traffic movement and improve emergency access to surrounding localities. “This is a very important development for the area. The existing underpass is too low for heavy vehicles, which means ambulances and fire tenders cannot pass through.

Cortalim MLA Anton Vas opposes proposed conversion around Zuari Lake

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CORTALIM: Cortalim MLA Anton Vas strongly objected to the proposed land conversion in the vicinity of the Zuari Lake, urging the government to protect the water body under the Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017. Vas raised the issue while speaking to reporters after launching the hot-mixing works of internal roads at Velsao in the presence of ZP Merciana Vas, social worker Roquezinho D’Souza and several residents. The MLA



said the Zuari Lake is an old, natural water body of immense ecological and future utility value that must be safeguarded from urban encroachment. “I had personally visited the Zuarinagar lake site after many years. As a child, I would visit the place with my uncle who had cattle. It is heartbreaking to see plans to convert the surrounding area into a settlement zone.

Goa Bags ‘Most Accessible State Award’ at National Accessibility Summit

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PANAJI: Goa has achieved a proud milestone by being honoured with the “Most Accessible State Award” by Svayam, India’s leading accessibility organisation, in collaboration with UNESCO and the CII Foundation, at the National Accessibility Summit held in New Delhi. Social Welfare Minister Subhash Phal Dessai represented the Government of Goa and received the award on behalf of



the state. This marks a historic first, as Goa becomes the first state in India to receive this prestigious recognition for its consistent efforts in promoting accessibility across infrastructure, sports, tourism, and public spaces. The award acknowledges Goa’s sustained initiatives to make the state more inclusive and barrier-free.

Tawadkar, Damu Naik Hold Meet of BLAs to Strategize for Successful SIR Drive in Canacona

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CANACONA: Minister for Sports, Tribal Welfare and Art & Culture, and Canacona MLA Ramesh Tawadkar, along with BJP Goa Pradesh President Damu Naik, chaired a meeting of Booth Level Agents (BLAs) of the Canacona constituency to review the progress and chalk out strategies for the Special Intensive



Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The meeting was held at Ravindra Bhavan, Canacona. Inaugurating the meet by lighting the traditional lamp, Minister Ramesh Tawadkar

emphasized that the session was not merely a review but a step toward formulating a structured action plan. “Today’s meeting is not merely a review session but a step towards developing a structured action plan. If each booth functions systematically and efficiently, the Special Intensive Revision Drive will surely be a success,” Tawadkar said.

Blood Relations Foundation Holds 13th Quarterly Blood Donation Camp at Poinguinim

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CANACONA: The 13th Quarterly Blood Donation Camp, and the 17th overall camp organised by the Blood Relations Foundation, was held on Sunday at the Disaster Management Shelter Home, Mahalwada, Poinguinim. The camp was conducted in collaboration with Jana Sena Goa,



Aryadurga Creations & Entertainment, Village Panchayat Poinguinim, and Victor Hospitals, Margao. A total of 30 donors came forward to participate in the noble cause, further strengthening the foundation’s mission to

encourage voluntary blood donation in the Canacona region. Among those present at the camp were Media Professional Adrian Torres, CA Neha Shrinivas Prabhu, Poinguinim Deputy Sarpanch Sunil Paingankar, Panch Satish Paingankar, and Blood Relations Foundation members Anup Ajit Paingankar and Praveen R. Bhat.

Trump Says US Is Close To Finalising “Fair Trade Deal” With India

■ White House says new trade pact will differ sharply from earlier agreements.

New Delhi: US President Donald Trump said on Monday that negotiations with India on a new trade arrangement were progressing well and that both sides were nearing an agreement aimed at strengthening economic and security cooperation. Speaking in the Oval Office during the swearing-in ceremony of his new envoy to India, Sergio Gor, Trump said the upcoming deal would be significantly different from earlier frameworks between the two countries. According to Trump, the two governments are working on an agreement that would expand trade opportunities, increase US energy exports to India and encourage greater investment into key sectors of the American economy. He described the emerging pact as a fair and balanced trade deal that reflects the priorities of both nations. Trump reiterated his confidence that the negotiations were



entering their final stages. He said the United States was “getting close” to concluding the discussions and emphasised that the agreement would improve economic ties while also supporting broader strategic cooperation. Officials from both countries have been engaged in high-level talks in recent months to resolve long-standing trade differences and open new avenues for commercial collaboration. The proposed deal is expected to address market access, tariffs and investment flows, while also advancing

bilateral efforts in energy, technology and defence. The President’s comments follow a series of engagements between senior leaders from Washington and New Delhi, signalling a shared intent to deepen the partnership.

The United States remains one of India’s largest trading partners, and both governments view a new agreement as a way to unlock further economic growth and strengthen regional stability. Further details of the draft trade package are expected to be announced once the negotiations conclude.

State-Level UX Workshop in Goa Highlights Need for User-Centric Digital Services

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Panaji: A two-day State-level Awareness and Sensitisation Workshop on User Experience and Design System was held on November 6 and 7 at the Commercial Tax Department in Altinho, Panaji. The program focused on improving the quality, accessibility and design of public-facing e-services by promoting better UX and UI practices across government departments. The workshop was organised by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology through the National E-Governance Division, in partnership with the National Informatics Centre and the Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications of the Government of Goa. Officials from various state departments attended the sessions, which covered both conceptual understanding and real-world application of user-centric design for government platforms.



The inauguration was attended by Kabir Shirgaonkar, Director of the Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications, and Sameer Datar, State Informatics Officer at NIC Goa. In his welcome remarks, Shirgaonkar encouraged participants to focus on the value of strong UI and UX in government applications. He stressed that the insights from the workshop should be applied directly to departmental websites and mobile services to improve citizen experience. The first day featured five detailed sessions that explored design thinking, accessible design, UX/UI demonstrations and the UX4G initiative. One session examined the

Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 and discussed how thoughtful design choices can support compliance and build public trust. Experts from NeGD and NIC conducted the sessions, including Ajeet Kumar, Neeta Tandon, Aparajita Singh, Stuti Sharma, Prapti Bhardwaj and Priyanshu Yadav. After a full day of presentations and discussions, the workshop continued on day two with practical training focused on the UX4G platform. Participants gained hands-on experience in applying user-centric design principles to create more intuitive and effective e-governance services, reinforcing the broader goal of improving digital interactions for citizens across Goa.

ESG MUST RECOGNISE & HONOUR GOAN FILMS & FILMMAKERS

■ Goa Filmmakers Seek “Ancessao” Screening at IFFI 2025, K. Vaikunth Centenary Tribute, and Immediate Release of Film Finance Funds.

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PANAJI: Members of Goa’s film community have called on the Entertainment Society of Goa to restore credibility to the state’s film ecosystem by releasing long pending financial support, honouring Goan cinema at IFFI 2025 and recognising the contributions of senior film personalities. The demands were raised at a press conference addressed by National Award-winning director Laxmikant Shetgaonkar, film artist Saish Palondicar and former ESG member Vishal Pai

Cacode. Shetgaonkar criticised the prolonged delays in the Goa Film Finance Scheme, arguing that repeated assurances from the government before every edition of IFFI have not translated into actual support for filmmakers. He said the stalled release of funds has forced several Goan projects to halt midway, weakening confidence among independent creators. He urged authorities to clear the sanctioned amounts before the festival begins, adding that timely support is crucial to sustaining local filmmaking. Palondicar



questioned recent film selection decisions and pointed to inconsistencies in the way films are invited for special screenings. He argued that if a film such as “Claudia,” which is yet to be released and was not part of the Indian Panorama lineup, can be showcased, then

the internationally awarded Konkani film “Ancessao” deserves similar recognition. He urged that the film be officially included in IFFI 2025 to acknowledge the growing global presence of Konkani cinema. Pai Cacode expressed concern over what he described as the declining international appeal of IFFI, noting reduced delegate participation and falling sponsorship interest. He said the festival’s credibility cannot be rebuilt unless the state actively honours its own filmmakers and strengthens the cultural identity of the event.

The fraternity also appealed for the centenary of acclaimed Goan cinematographer K. Vaikunth to be commemorated at the upcoming festival. They proposed a retrospective of his notable works and a dedicated session to honour his influence on Indian cinema. The filmmakers collectively urged Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant and ESG leadership to take immediate corrective steps, release film finance dues, recognise “Ancessao” at IFFI 2025 and ensure the festival truly reflects Goa’s creative spirit.

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Blast Near Red Fort Linked to JeM Operative, Suicide Angle Under Probe

further alarm, especially after two arrested module members, Dr Mujammil Shakeel and Dr Adil Rather, were linked to the

large seizure of suspected explosives.

Police say Umar owned the car used in the blast, which had changed

hands several times in recent months as part of a deliberate attempt to obscure its trail.

Red Fort Car Blast: PM Modi Says No One Behind Attack Will Be Spared

investigation. Senior officials from the Delhi Police, the National Investigation Agency and the Intelligence Bureau

continue to provide updates as the probe expands.

Multiple states, including Bihar, Punjab,

Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, have been placed on high alert.

Those Behind Delhi Car Blast Won't Escape Punishment, Says Rajnath Singh

■ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday condoled the loss of lives in the Red Fort car explosion and vowed that those responsible will face strict action.

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday conveyed deep sorrow over the deadly car explosion near Delhi's Red Fort and pledged that those behind the attack will face strict consequences. Speaking at the Delhi Defence Dialogue, he opened his address by paying tribute to the twelve people who lost their lives and the several others who were injured in Monday evening's blast. Singh said the government is fully committed to ensuring accountability and stressed that investigative agencies are conducting a detailed and coordinated inquiry. He assured citizens that the findings will be made public once the probe reaches its conclusion. He added that no individual involved in planning or executing the attack would be spared. The statement came as multiple central agencies continued to work with Delhi Police to trace the exact sequence of events leading up to the explosion.



Investigators have been reviewing extensive CCTV footage, analysing communication data and tracking the movements of the suspected vehicle. Footage shows the car entering and exiting the Red Fort parking area shortly before the blast, with the driver appearing to be alone at all times. Police teams are examining routes leading toward Daryaganj and have collected more than 100 CCTV clips from toll plazas and nearby surveillance points. Mobile phone activity around

the Red Fort at the time of the explosion is also under scrutiny, with teams studying call detail records, dump data and internet protocol logs to identify devices that went inactive immediately after the blast. The explosion triggered panic across one of Delhi's busiest heritage zones and prompted a swift security response. Special Cell officers, Crime Branch teams and forensic experts cordoned off the area while visitors were evacuated. Security has since been intensified across the capital, particularly around metro stations, crowded markets and historic sites. Sniffer dogs and bomb disposal squads carried out repeated checks around the Red Fort complex, and traffic on Netaji Subhash Marg was diverted for several hours as a precautionary measure. Investigators continue to piece together technical and on-ground evidence as the probe expands across multiple locations in Delhi and nearby regions

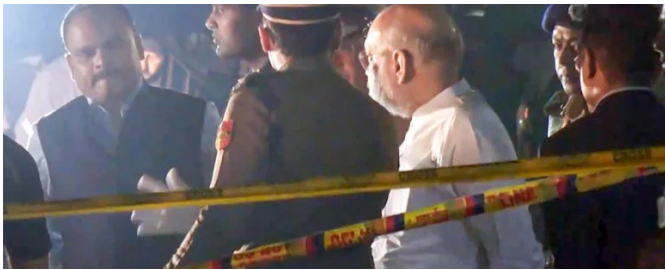
197 Indians Brought Home From Thailand on Special IAF Flights

■ Anutin Charnvirakul, Prime Minister of Thailand, visited Mae Sot in the afternoon to oversee this operation, the Indian Embassy said. It further noted that the Indian Ambassador to Thailand, Nagesh Singh, met him at the airport.

New Delhi: The Indian Embassy in Thailand announced that 197 Indian nationals were flown back to India from Mae Sot on Monday aboard two special Indian Air Force flights. The operation was carried out in coordination with Thai authorities after the individuals were detained for violating immigration laws. Thailand's Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul visited Mae Sot to review the repatriation process. The Indian Ambassador to Thailand, Nagesh Singh, met him at the airport during the operation. According to the embassy, the Prime



Minister expressed appreciation for India's swift action and assured continued cooperation in future repatriation efforts involving Indian citizens freed from scam networks in Myanmar. The embassy stated that the individuals repatriated had recently crossed into Thailand from Myawaddy, Myanmar. They were allegedly employed in cyber fraud operations and were detained upon entering Thailand illegally.



Delhi Blast: Amit Shah Assures Full Investigation After Red Fort Tragedy

■ Delhi Blast: At least eight people were killed and 20 were injured after a high-intensity explosion ripped through a car with passengers.

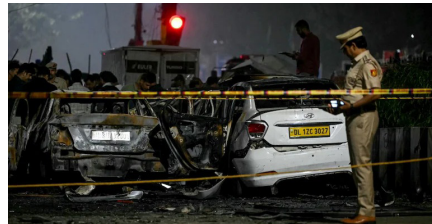
New Delhi: Home Minister Amit Shah said that investigative teams reached the blast site within minutes after an explosion rocked the area near Delhi's Red Fort on Monday evening. The blast took place around 7 pm at the Subhash Marg traffic signal when a Hyundai i20 car suddenly exploded, injuring several pedestrians and damaging nearby vehicles. Early information suggests that multiple lives were lost in the incident. Shah said that both the Delhi Crime Branch and the Delhi Special Branch arrived at the scene within ten minutes of receiving the first alert. He added that he had spoken directly

with the Delhi Police Commissioner and the Special Branch chief, both of whom were present at the location to oversee the immediate response. According to Shah, all possible angles are being examined. He assured that the inquiry will be comprehensive, with every lead investigated and findings shared with the public once the assessment is complete. The explosion occurred close to Gate 1 of the Red Fort Metro station. A senior official from Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital confirmed that eight people were killed and seven others were injured in the incident.

Delhi 10/11 Blast: Global Leaders Send Condolences, Nations Issue Fresh Advisories

■ A car explosion near the historic Red Fort in Delhi on Monday killed eight people and injured at least 20 others.

New Delhi: International reactions poured in after a deadly car explosion near Delhi's Red Fort Metro station on Monday claimed nine lives and left at least 20 people injured. The blast, which occurred close to Gate 1 of the station and sparked a fire that damaged several vehicles, has been linked by investigators to a terror plot. Security across the capital was immediately tightened, with airports, metro stations and key government buildings placed on alert. Messages of sympathy arrived from several countries as governments advised their citizens in India to



remain cautious. The United States expressed sorrow over the loss of life and issued a security alert for its nationals. The advisory urged citizens to avoid the Red Fort and Chandni Chowk areas, stay away from crowded places and follow updates from local authorities. It noted that several Indian states had

been placed on high alert while the investigation continues. The United Kingdom conveyed condolences and shared an updated travel advisory, instructing British nationals in the vicinity to follow instructions from local officials. Argentina's ambassador offered solidarity and wished strength to the families of those who died, along with a swift recovery for the injured. France also extended condolences and expressed support for the victims' families, while Sri Lanka said it stood with India during this difficult moment.

Pakistan Activates High Alert Across Forces Following Red Fort Blast

■ Sources suggest that these measures are in response to concerns over a possible pre-emptive strike or other forms of retaliation from India, given the terror attack in Delhi.

New Delhi: Pakistan has raised its security alert to unprecedented levels in the wake of the deadly car explosion outside Delhi's Red Fort Metro station, which claimed at least eight lives on Monday. The country has issued a Red Alert for all of its airbases

and airfields, following intelligence warnings that suggest heightened risks of retaliatory actions or further cross-border escalation from India, CNN-News18 has learnt. Sources said Pakistan's armed forces, including the Army, Navy, and Air Force, have been

placed on high alert as the situation remains volatile. Pakistan's Central Command has directed all military branches to closely monitor developments and prepare for any eventualities. In addition to activating air defence systems, the Pakistan Air Force has been



ordered to ensure that jets from forward bases are ready for immediate takeoff. Sources suggest that these measures are in response to concerns over a possible pre-emptive strike or other forms of retaliation from India, particularly given the recent terror plot in Delhi.

Bumrah in Powerplay, Arshdeep on Bench: Gambhir Explains India's Tactical Shift

■ Gambhir explains powerplay tactics, squad balance and the need for smarter workload handling.

New Delhi: Head coach Gautam Gambhir outlined India's evolving T20 strategy, addressed concerns over Jasprit Bumrah's workload in death overs, and opened up on the difficult selection calls made during recent series as the team prepares for next year's T20 World Cup. Speaking in an interview released on Monday, Gambhir said the squad is still short of the fitness and sharpness required for the global event, but the players have enough time to reach the desired level. Gambhir said fitness remains a priority, emphasising that physical strength directly influences mental toughness, especially during high pressure matches. With the tournament set to be held in India and Sri Lanka in February and March, he said the team has a clear three-month window to fine tune its preparation.



He addressed the decision to use Bumrah for three overs in the powerplay during the Asia Cup, calling it one of India's most aggressive tactical choices with the ball. The move, he said, helped India dominate early overs and gave wrist spinners Varun Chakravarthy and Kuldeep Yadav more freedom in the middle phase. Gambhir also stressed the importance of fielding seven to eight

bowling options. To achieve this balance, India has been backing all-rounders such as Shivam Dube, Axar Patel and Washington Sundar. He believes Washington and Axar have matured into dependable multi role players who can contribute in varied conditions. The coach admitted that benching in-form players like Arshdeep Singh and Kuldeep Yadav during the Australia series was among the toughest parts of his job. He said clear and honest communication is essential, even when telling a deserving player that he has not been included in the XI. Gambhir insisted that such conversations stay private, adding that the dressing room has remained transparent and united. He also highlighted the challenge of managing all-format players amid a packed schedule.



All Three Give Consent: CSK RR Mega Swap Set for Final Approval

■ Rajasthan Royals captain Sanju Samson is likely to join CSK, with all-rounders Ravindra Jadeja and Sam Curran reportedly set to go the other way as part of the deal.

New Delhi: A potential blockbuster trade involving Sanju Samson, Ravindra Jadeja and Sam Curran is moving toward finalisation, with reports indicating that all three players have agreed to the swap. If completed, the deal would rank among the most dramatic in IPL history, sending Rajasthan Royals captain Sanju Samson to Chennai Super Kings

while Jadeja and Curran move to Rajasthan. According to reports, all three players have signed the required documents, and the Expression of Interest process has begun. Franchise officials cited in the report said the trade could be completed within the next 48 hours, though the procedural steps may take some time to conclude.

Sports Ministry Explores Major Revamp to Turn JLN Stadium Into Integrated Hub

■ The 102 acre area of the stadium will be rebuilt completely but as of now, the plan is merely a proposal and therefore the timeline for the project has not yet been worked out.

New Delhi: The government is exploring a major redevelopment of the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium site, aiming to convert the 102-acre complex into a full-fledged sports city that brings elite training, community participation and modern broadcast capabilities under one campus. While the concept has gained momentum within the sports ministry, officials emphasise that no timeline has been set for breaking ground or completing the project. According to ministry sources, the goal is to create a multi-sport environment with indoor arenas, outdoor



pitches, athlete housing and commercial spaces, supported by an on-site broadcast studio. Teams studying the proposal are closely examining examples from Qatar and Australia to understand long-term venue use, event hosting models and high-performance pathways.

Samrat Rana Becomes First Indian Pistol Shooter To Win World Championship Gold In Olympic Event

■ Samrat Rana delivered a breathtaking display of marksmanship to clinch the men's 10m air pistol gold at the prestigious ISSF World Championships

New Delhi: Indian shooter Samrat Rana produced a stunning performance to win the men's 10m air pistol gold medal at the ISSF World Championships in Cairo, becoming the first Indian pistol shooter to claim a world title in an



Olympic discipline. The 20-year-old from Karnal delivered a composed and decisive final, scoring 243.7

to edge past China's Hu Kai by a narrow 0.4 margin. India's Varun Tomar added to the historic outing by taking bronze with 221.7, marking the first time two Indians have medalled in the same event at the World Championships.

Gurpreet Sandhu Joins Players' Call to Restart Indian Super League Amid Uncertainty

New Delhi: Indian footballers have issued a united public appeal urging the revival of the Indian Super League after the AIFF announced that it received no bids for the league's commercial rights following the October 16 Request for



Proposal. The situation has left the upcoming season in limbo, prompting growing frustration among players,

coaches and clubs. In a video shared on social media, national team defender Sandesh Jhingan said the sport had reached a standstill rather than a delay, adding that the uncertainty was affecting everyone connected to the league.

Mandar Rao Dessai Urges AIFF to End Uncertainty Over Indian Super League Season



PANAJI: Former India international and current Chennaiyin FC player Mandar Rao Dessai has called on football fans and officials to take urgent action to save Indian football from what he describes as an "existential crisis." The 33-year-old Goan footballer took to Instagram to express his frustration over the ongoing delay in the start of the Indian Super League (ISL) season. In his post, Mandar appealed to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and other authorities to bring clarity and find a quick solution to the growing uncertainty. Mandar, along with several other national and ISL players, voiced serious concerns about the future of the league, which has yet to receive an official start date.

Selection Trials Announced for Goa's U-19 Table Tennis Team for National School Games

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PANAJI: The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs has announced that selection trials for the Goa U-19 boys' table tennis team will be held on November 12 at the Indoor Stadium in Campal, Panaji. The selected players will

represent the state at the 69th National School Games Table Tennis Championship scheduled in Jammu from November 21 to 25. The trials are open to boys under 19, with all participants required to be born on or after January 1, 2007. Officials have instructed shortlisted players to

submit an Age Verification Test certificate issued by an authorised medical officer along with the necessary eligibility documents. The department encouraged interested athletes to ensure compliance with all guidelines before attending the trials. For further details, applicants may

contact the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs at (0832) 2465704 or reach the designated hall in-charge at 9822481805. The initiative is part of the state's ongoing efforts to support promising young athletes and prepare competitive teams for national-level school sports events.