



Work-Charge Staff to Get 6th Pay Commission Benefits: CM

CM assures thorough probe into job scam; Ministers deny involvement

Cabinet extends retirement age of Chief Engineers; EPF relief for 7,000 contract workers.

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PANAJI: Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant today announced that all work-charge employees appointed on a temporary basis will now receive benefits under the 6th Pay Commission structure. The move aims to bring pay parity and financial stability to thousands of temporary workers engaged in government projects across departments. Briefing the media after the Cabinet meeting, Dr. Sawant said the decision reflects the government's continued effort to regularise and rationalise employee benefits in line with national pay standards. The Chief Minister further announced that the retirement age of



Chief Engineers in key departments such as Public Works, Drinking Water, Electricity, and Water Resources has been extended to 62 years, but only in cases where no eligible officer is available for promotion. "This is an administrative measure to ensure continuity in leadership and project execution," he said. In another major welfare initiative, the Cabinet approved a one-time Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) scheme for around 7,000 contract employees who have been

KEY DECISIONS ANNOUNCED BY CM...

- ▶ Work-charge staff to get 6th pay commission benefits.
- ▶ Temporary appointments to follow uniform pay structure.
- ▶ Retirement age of chief engineers extended to 62 years.
- ▶ Extension only if no eligible officer available for promotion.
- ▶ One-time epf scheme for 7,000 contract employees from 2017.
- ▶ Epf move to cost state ₹2.5-3 crore.
- ▶ Decisions aimed at job security and administrative continuity.

working since 2017. Dr. Sawant said the decision will benefit contractual staff who were previously outside the EPF ambit and will entail an estimated financial burden of ₹2.5-3 crore on the state exchequer. "These are pro-employee decisions

aimed at strengthening job security, social protection, and administrative efficiency," the Chief Minister said, adding that the government remains committed to safeguarding the interests of all categories of workers in the state.

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PANAJI: Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant today said that a new FIR has been registered and the Crime Branch has begun a detailed investigation into the fresh allegations made by cash-for-jobs scam accused Puja Naik. Naik, who was arrested last year in connection with the multi-crore job scam, recently released a video claiming that a minister, an IAS officer, and an engineer were also involved in the racket. She alleged that she had accepted money from job aspirants on their instructions and claimed that the minister owed her ₹17 crore, which she intended to return to the victims. Responding to her claims, Dr. Sawant said the government would allow the investigation to proceed as per legal process and would comment only after the inquiry is complete. "A new FIR has been registered,



and the Crime Branch is investigating the matter thoroughly. Action will be taken against whoever is found guilty," he said. Meanwhile, Water Resources Minister Subhash Phal Dessai and Rural Development Minister Nilkanth Halarnkar denied any connection to the allegations. Phal Dessai told reporters that he preferred not to comment on Naik's statement but added that if his name was mentioned, he would respond accordingly. "I was not a minister in 2014," he clarified. Halarnkar, too, dismissed speculation linking him to the case, urging the media to verify whether his name appears in Naik's recorded statement.



Goa Govt adds new communities to OBC list for Zilla Panchayat reservation

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PANAJI: The Goa Government has expanded the State's list of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) by including several additional communities for the purpose of political reservation in Zilla Panchayats. The Directorate of Panchayats issued a notification on Monday (November 10), stating that the decision follows recommendations made by the Goa State Commission for Backward Classes. The updated list now includes Christian Kumbhar, Christian Mahar, Christian Barber, Christian Kharvi, Christian Dhobi, Christian Kharvi,

and Christian Render — marking a significant inclusion of Christian sub-groups for the first time in the OBC category for local body representation. The complete list features 19 communities: Kumbhar (including Christian Kumbhar), Teli, Shimpi, Christian Mahar, Kalaikar/Blacksmith/Tinsmith, Pagui/Gabit, Christian Barber, Satarkar, Bhandari Naik, Dhobi/Rajak/Madval (including Christian Dhobi), Nhavi/Nai/Nabhik/Napit/Mahalo, Koli/Kharvi (including Christian Kharvi), Nathjogi, Gosavi, Dhangar, Vishwakarma/Chari/Mesta, Thakar, Komarpant, and Christian Render.

Nitish Kumar Poised for Comeback as Exit Polls Predict NDA Sweep in Bihar

■ The 2020 poll result BJP 74 to JDU 43 was a big shock because it put Nitish firmly on the back foot going into talks over the details of government formation.

New Delhi: Exit polls from the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections suggest a comfortable victory for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar emerging as a major beneficiary of the verdict. The Matrize exit poll indicated a reversal of fortunes compared to 2020, giving Nitish



Kumar's Janata Dal (United) an edge over its ally, the Bharatiya

Janata Party. According to the survey, the JDU is projected to secure between 67 and 75 seats, while the BJP is expected to win 65 to 73. Together, the NDA could bag between 147 and 167 seats, leaving the opposition Mahagathbandhan trailing with 70 to 90 seats. Prashant

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Kashmir Cleric's Radical Network Linked to Delhi Blast, Turkey Connection Emerges

■ Maulvi Irfan introduced the group to extremist ideologies, including the concept of 'Ghazwa-e-Hind', and motivated them to create "open sleeper cells" across India, sources said.

New Delhi: The investigation into the Red Fort blast has revealed a disturbing network of radicalised individuals, including two doctors from Jammu and Kashmir, allegedly trained



and guided by a cleric identified as Maulvi Irfan.

The network reportedly planned large-scale terror attacks across India, according to intelligence sources. Officials said Maulvi Irfan, who worked at a hospital in Kashmir,

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Goa's Cash-for-Jobs Scandal Demands an Independent Probe

The recent cash-for-jobs scandal in Goa has shaken public faith in the state's administration. What initially appeared to be a simple case of job fraud has now taken a serious turn, with allegations that a cabinet minister, a senior IAS officer, and others in positions of authority were directly involved. Such charges cut to the heart of governance and meritocracy. If the allegations are even partially true, they point to a deep-rooted rot that cannot be cleansed by routine departmental inquiries. Goa needs a thorough, independent investigation - either by the CBI or under judicial supervision - to restore credibility and trust.

For decades, government jobs have symbolised stability and respect. For thousands of Goan youth, they remain a lifeline in an economy struggling to provide secure employment. If the gateway to those opportunities is being sold to the highest bidder, it is not merely a criminal act - it is a betrayal of the very principles of fairness and equality. A system that allows money to replace merit destroys public faith and damages the morale of honest aspirants who still believe in working their way up.

The emerging details of this case paint a disturbing picture. Large sums of money were allegedly collected from job-seekers with the promise of appointments in government departments. The accused reportedly named influential figures as part of the racket, suggesting that the scam was not limited to small-time middlemen but may have involved people at the highest levels of power. This makes it clear that the investigation cannot be left solely to local police, who function under the same government whose members stand accused.

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The victims of this scandal are not just the individuals who paid bribes, hoping for employment. The real victims are every Goan citizen who believed that hard work and education were enough to

earn a rightful place in public service. When corruption infects recruitment, it ensures that incompetence and dishonesty enter the system, weakening public administration from within. Every unqualified appointment made through money or influence takes away a position from someone deserving. Over time, it creates an entire class of officials who see their posts as investments to be recouped through further corruption.

The state government should understand that shielding wrongdoers, no matter how powerful, will only deepen the damage. If the accused minister or officer is innocent, an impartial probe will clear their names. If they are guilty, justice must be swift and uncompromising. The integrity of Goa's governance cannot be held hostage to political convenience.

This case is also an opportunity for introspection. Goa needs stronger recruitment safeguards - transparent exams, verifiable digital application systems, and stricter accountability for officials overseeing hiring. Recruitment agencies should be autonomous, insulated from political interference, and monitored by an independent board. The state must also strengthen whistleblower protections to encourage insiders to expose wrongdoing without fear.

Public anger over the scandal is justified. The people of Goa expect honesty and fairness, not a marketplace where government jobs are auctioned behind closed doors. A state that has long prided itself on clean governance cannot afford to let this scandal fade quietly. The government must act decisively to prove that corruption in recruitment will not be tolerated under any circumstances. The choice before Goa is clear. Either it confronts this scandal head-on with an independent probe that brings every guilty person to justice, or it allows the case to dissolve into silence and cynicism. What Goa does next will determine not just the outcome of this investigation, but the credibility of its entire system of governance.

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Goa's Identity: A Legacy of the Western Ghats

By Bharat Sambhary

No one should take offense if someone uses the term "ghati." The word simply refers to people who come from the Western Ghats. In Goa, this includes those whose families migrated generations ago from the neighboring regions of Maharashtra and Karnataka.

Long before the 12th century, many families from these states had already settled in Goa. Their migration was part of a larger cultural movement across the Western Ghats, bringing with it languages, traditions, and deities. One such example is Goddess Devi Lairaee, who is worshipped in Shirgao. Tradition holds that Devi Lairaee and her siblings came from the Karnataka side of the Western Ghats and entered Goa through the Dodamarg route. Even today, countless Goans revere her and seek her blessings, regardless of her origins. No one refers to the goddess as a "ghati," which shows how deeply integrated this heritage has become.

Along with the worship of Devi Lairaee, many families from the Ghats settled permanently in Goa. Some of their surnames, such as Ghatwal, reflect their connection to the hills. Over centuries, these communities blended into Goan society and are now considered native Goans in every sense.

The reality is that most Goan residents today are descendants of migrants who came from Maharashtra and Karnataka many centuries ago. This is reflected in the surnames commonly found across Goa, many of which have clear linguistic and cultural roots in the neighboring states. These settlers made Goa their home long before the modern state's boundaries were drawn. Over time, they shaped Goa's traditions, festivals, and cuisine, becoming an inseparable part of its identity.

Many of the Brahmins, priests, and temple caretakers serving in Goan temples trace their ancestry to Karnataka. Surnames like Parab, which are familiar in Goa today, also have origins outside the region. Yet, after hundreds of years, these families are firmly part of the Goan fabric.

The same holds true in politics. Many of today's politicians and MLAs are descendants of settlers from Maharashtra and Karnataka. Their families integrated into Goan society generations ago, and they now represent the state as their own. This is not a recent trend but a continuation of historical migration that has shaped Goa for centuries.

Goa's story is one of migration, assimilation, and shared culture. The idea of a "pure" Goan lineage does not stand up to historical reality. Every generation has added new layers to the state's identity. To use "ghati" as an insult misses the essence of Goan history - Goa itself was built on the contributions of people from the Ghats. What matters today is not where one's ancestors came from, but how the people of Goa together continue to preserve and celebrate their shared heritage.

Three Restaurant Workers Held for Vagator Assault; One Suspect Still Absconding

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ANJUNA: The Anjuna Police have arrested three men for their alleged involvement in the violent assault of two local youths at Vagator late on Sunday night. The accused have been identified as S. Mousheel, a native of Bengaluru, Saurav Karoga from Uttarakhand, and Dharam Upreti from Maharashtra — all of

whom were employed at a restaurant in the Anjuna area. A fourth suspect remains absconding, police confirmed. The arrests stem from a shocking incident in which two locals were attacked by a group of men, sustaining serious injuries, while their vehicle was damaged during the altercation. Preliminary investigation suggests that the confrontation

began after the accused allegedly passed remarks at the victims, which led to an argument that quickly escalated into violence. The victims were hospitalised for treatment, and their statements provided crucial leads in the case. Based on their testimony and CCTV footage from nearby establishments, police managed to trace and apprehend the three



accused. A case has been registered under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code, and search operations are underway to locate the remaining fugitive. Police assured that all those responsible for the assault will be brought to justice and that strict action will follow upon completion of the investigation.

Congress Rules Out Tie-Up With AAP for Goa Zilla Panchayat Polls

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PANAJI: The Congress party has made it clear that it will not join hands with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for the upcoming Zilla Panchayat (ZP) elections in Goa, scheduled to be held on December 13. AICC Goa in-charge Manikrao Thakare announced that the Congress has set up a high-level coordination



committee of senior leaders to chalk out the party's election strategy and take a call on alliances, if necessary. The committee includes GPCC president Amit Patkar, Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao, CWC member Girish Chodankar, South Goa MP Capt Viriato Fernandes, MLAs Adv Carlos Alvares Ferreira and Altone D'Costa, along with Senior Vice President M K Shaikh.

Petition Challenges OBC Reservation for Anjuna ZP Seat

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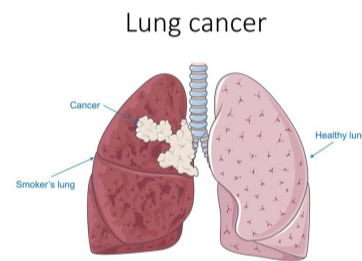
ANJUNA: A petition has been filed before the High Court of Bombay at Goa contesting the State government's recent decision to reserve the Anjuna Zilla Panchayat (ZP) constituency in North Goa for candidates belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBC). The plea questions the State's notification issued on November 6, arguing that the Anjuna seat had been reserved for women during the 2020 ZP elections and that the fresh reservation

lacks proper reasoning or justification. The High Court is expected to take up the matter for hearing on Saturday. According to the same notification, a total of 20 Zilla Panchayat constituencies across Goa have been reserved for candidates from the OBC, Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Scheduled Castes (SC) categories, while 18 constituencies have been earmarked for women in the upcoming December 13 polls. Goa's ZP elections will be held on party lines for 50 seats — 25 each in North and South Goa.

Goa Nears One Lakh Screenings Under AI-Powered Lung Cancer Detection Drive

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PANAJI: In a significant boost to public health efforts, the Directorate of Health Services (DHS) in Goa has conducted over 92,500 lung cancer screenings, nearing the milestone of one lakh under its Early Lung Cancer Detection Programme. The initiative, launched in June 2024, is a joint effort between the Goa government, AstraZeneca India, and Qure.ai, aimed at enhancing early diagnosis through artificial intelligence (AI). Using Qure.ai's AI-based X-ray analysis system, the programme screens patients for early signs of lung cancer across 17 DHS centres in the State. To date, the system



has detected more than 3,100 nodules, with 143 classified as high-risk, and one confirmed lung cancer case identified through follow-up CT scans and biopsies. Health Minister Vishwajit Rane, in a post on social media platform X, reiterated the State's commitment to making Goa cancer-free and said the government remains focused on integrating cutting-edge

technology into public healthcare. The collaboration between DHS, AstraZeneca, and Qure.ai was formalised through an MoU, which has recently been renewed for two more years to continue advancing cancer detection and treatment initiatives. Officials said the AI-based screening drive is part of a broader strategy to embed technology-driven diagnostics in Goa's health infrastructure, helping ensure earlier intervention and improved survival rates. With 1,400–1,500 new cancer cases reported annually in Goa, authorities expect to cross the one-lakh screening mark within weeks, underscoring the programme's growing impact on preventive healthcare.

Mormugao Comunidade Drags Railways, Govt Bodies to Court Over Dumping on Paddy Fields

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VASCO: The Comunidade of Mormugao has moved the High Court of Bombay at Goa, accusing several government agencies of turning a blind eye to the illegal dumping of construction debris and mud on its agricultural land in Vasco. In a petition filed through its attorney Antonio Maximiano Pereira, the Comunidade has alleged that the South Central Railway and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) carried out large-scale dumping and landfilling in paddy fields, causing serious environmental damage and loss of cultivable land. The petition names as respondents the South Central Railway,



RVNL, Town and Country Planning Department, Mormugao Planning and Development Authority (MPDA), Goa State Pollution Control Board, Mormugao Municipal Council, the South Goa Collector and Deputy Collector, and the State of Goa, among others. The Comunidade has sought High Court directions to clear the dumped debris, restore the land, and enforce an earlier court order dated July 17, 2023,

which had called for stringent action against illegal dumping and restoration of affected sites. According to the plea, despite multiple complaints and inspection reports confirming unauthorized dumping and encroachment, no effective steps were taken by the concerned authorities. "Repeated reminders have yielded no results, and the violators continue their activities unchecked," the petition stated.

Goa CM Reviews State Finances; Stresses Timely Execution and Transparent Monitoring

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PORVORIM: Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant chaired a Finance Review Meeting with the Chief Secretary and senior officials of the Finance Department, Government of Goa, at Mantralaya, Porvorim, to assess the State's financial performance and expedite key developmental works. During the meeting, the Chief Minister reviewed the status of revenue collection, sanctioned expenditure, pending payments of various departments and corporations, the progress of NABARD-funded projects, and ongoing works under SASCI and CM Pragati initiatives. Dr. Sawant also reviewed



the summary of Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes (CS & CSS) for the financial year 2025–26. Emphasising the need for efficient fiscal management, the Chief Minister directed departments to ensure timely completion of priority projects and to maintain financial discipline. He instructed officials to prepare constituency-wise expenditure charts to strengthen transparency and monitoring

mechanisms. "Our focus is on effective financial governance and timely delivery of public services. Departments must work in coordination to ensure every rupee spent reflects in on-ground development," said Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant. The meeting underscored the government's commitment to fiscal prudence, accountability, and result-oriented administration aimed at driving Goa's overall development.

Cuncolim Police Bust Major Illicit Liquor Manufacturing Racket

■ ₹57 Lakh Worth of Bottles Seized.

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CUNCOLIM: In a major crackdown on illegal liquor production, Cuncolim Police seized an Eicher truck loaded with 458 cartons of adulterated liquor valued at approximately ₹57.15 lakh during a raid conducted near Pires Wine Store, Power House, IDC Cuncolim, on November 7, 2025. The raid was carried out by a police team led by PSI Aditya Sawant of Cuncolim Police Station, following a tip-off received from PCR Panaji at around 4:51 pm. During the operation, the police apprehended one accused, Ramesh Kumar



Prajapat, while other unidentified accomplices managed to flee. The accused, along with others, allegedly illegally manufactured 3,957.12 litres of liquor (458 cartons of 180 ml bottles each) branded as "Evergreen Reserve Whiskey". The liquor was

reportedly being transported for illegal distribution and human consumption without obtaining permissions from the concerned authorities or paying requisite government duties. Police said the adulterated liquor posed a serious risk to public health and cheated the government of revenue. The Eicher truck and liquor stock were attached under a panchanama, and further investigation has been handed over to PSI Sudan Bhosale of Cuncolim Police Station. Authorities suspect a larger network involved in the illicit trade, and efforts are on to trace the remaining accused.



Assonora: One Dead After Car Plunges Into Canal

■ Driver Booked for Negligent Driving Under Alcohol Influence.

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COLVALE: A 41-year-old man lost his life after a car plunged into a water canal at Kailas Nagar, Assonora on Sunday evening. The driver, allegedly under the influence of alcohol, has been booked for rash and negligent driving. According to a complaint lodged by PSI Prakash Ghadi of Colvale Police Station, the incident occurred on November 9, 2025, around 6:30 pm. The accused, Ritesh Rohidas Shirgaonkar (35), a resident of Deulwado, Shirgao-Bicholim, was reportedly driving a white Zen car (GA-02-J-0785) in a rash and negligent manner on a hilly stretch

near a water canal. Despite being aware of the risk, Shirgaonkar allegedly continued driving under the influence of alcohol, causing the car to veer off and fall into the canal. The vehicle drowned along with both occupants. While Shirgaonkar managed to survive, his co-passenger Dipesh Dilip Mandrekar (41), a resident of Kailas Nagar, Assonora, drowned and died in the mishap. Colvale Police have registered a case against Shirgaonkar under relevant sections of the IPC and Motor Vehicles Act for rash and negligent driving causing death and driving under the influence of alcohol.

One booked for Alleged Sexual Abuse of Minor Boy in Sancoale

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VERNA: Police at the Verna Police Station have registered a serious case of alleged sexual abuse against a stepfather following a complaint filed

by the mother of the victim boy (name withheld), a resident of Sancoale. The complaint alleges that the accused person, the step-father of the minor boy, has been repeatedly sexually

abusing the victim at their residence in Sancoale since the year 2023 up to the present date. Furthermore, the accused is also alleged to have criminally intimidated and threatened the minor boy



with death if he disclosed the incidents to anyone. A case has been registered under relevant sections of the law, including the stringent Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.



Woman Pedestrian Seriously Injured After Being Hit by Car in Dona Paula

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PANAJI: A 33-year-old woman sustained grievous injuries after being knocked down by a car near Green Rosary High School, Dona Paula, on November 7. Police have booked the driver for rash and negligent driving. As per the complaint lodged by Head Constable Babu Madanwar (HC 5717) of Panaji Police Station, the incident occurred at 7:25 am when the accused, Antonio H. De Noronha, a resident of Kerant, Caranzalem, was driving his Maruti Celerio

(GA-03-P-6589) from Green Rosary School Gate towards the main road. Without exercising proper caution, the driver allegedly hit Ms. Romana V. Saldanha (33), a resident of Cuelim, Velsao, Cansaulim, who was walking on the right side of the road towards the school. The impact caused her grievous injuries. Following the incident, Panaji Police registered an offence under sections 281 and 125(a)(b) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against the accused. Investigation into the case is underway.

Majorda: Three Minor Boys Reported Missing, Police Suspect Kidnapping

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COLVA: A case of suspected kidnapping of three minor boys has been registered at Colva Police Station after a mother reported her son and two of his friends missing from Majorda in the early hours of November 10, 2025. According to the complaint filed by the mother of one of the missing boys, a resident of Majorda and native of Jharkhand,



the incident occurred around

1:25 am, when her minor son and two friends went missing under suspicious circumstances. Police suspect that an unknown person may have kidnapped the minors from their lawful guardianship. A case has been registered at Colva Police Station, and PSI Anil Krishna has been assigned to conduct further investigation. Search operations are underway to trace the missing boys and identify the accused.

Loutolim Woman Booked for Impersonation, Selling Govt-Allotted Property Worth Rs 2.4 Crore

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FATORDA: A woman has been booked by Fatorda Police for allegedly impersonating herself as the owner of government-allotted property and executing a fraudulent sale deed worth ₹2.4 crore. As per the complaint lodged by Ashish Rajput, Executive Engineer of Electricity Division XIV, Verna, the incident

occurred on August 22, 2025, at the Office of the Civil Registrar-cum-Sub Registrar, Salcete, South Goa. The accused, identified as Idalina Maria Dores D'Cruz alias Idalina Maria Dores De Cruz alias Idalina Maria Da Cruz, a resident

of Loutolim, allegedly impersonated herself as the owner of a property located in Loutolim that had already been awarded to the Goa Electricity Department by the Goa IDC under award no. 07.10.2010-SLAO-IDC in

2013. Despite being aware that the property belonged to the department, the accused executed a sale deed in favour of Girish Kumar Pillai for a consideration of ₹2.4 crore, thereby deceiving the buyer and causing loss to the government. A case has been registered at Fatorda Police Station, and the investigation is being conducted by PSI Salil Gaonkar.



58 lifesavers & AI-powered robots from Drishti Marine oversaw triathlete safety at IRONMAN 70.3 Goa

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PANAJI: Fifty-eight lifesavers, backed by AI-powered robots and a fleet of rescue craft, kept watch over hundreds of triathletes as they took to the waters off Miramar beach for the fifth edition of IRONMAN 70.3 Goa. The endurance event, which opened with a 1.9 km swim in the Arabian Sea, saw Goa's shoreline turned into a high-tech safety zone this year. The organisers of IRONMAN 70.3 Goa, India's flagship endurance race, had tied up with Drishti Marine to anchor safety operations for the event's opening swim leg a 1.9 km test of stamina in the Arabian Sea off Miramar beach. Drishti Marine, the state's official lifesaving agency, fielded 58 trained lifesavers backed by seven jet skis, 30 rescue surfboards, two rigid inflatable boats (RIBs), and



four vehicles, including medical and logistics support units. Two beach managers oversaw coordination between rescue teams and event officials. To strengthen emergency readiness, two medical posts were set up along the beach, staffed with trained first responders and equipped to handle on-ground emergencies. Adding a layer of

technology to the mix, Drishti Marine deployed eight TRITON units and two AURUS self-driving robots to patrol the waters, identify potential risks and alert teams in real time. The AI-enabled systems monitored non-swim zones and provided live surveillance throughout the course of the race. "This was our fifth consecutive year supporting IRONMAN 70.3 Goa, and our team was ready for every eventuality," said Drishti Marine CEO Navin Awasthi. "With additional RIBs, expanded AI coverage and a stronger coordination system, we aimed to deliver one of the safest editions yet." The IRONMAN 70.3 Goa covered 113 km in total, including a 1.9 km swim, a 90 km cycling segment and a 21.1 km run. The event drew endurance athletes from across India and over 50 countries.

Goa CEO Chairs Meeting on Accessible Elections

■ Focus on Inclusion of PwDs and Senior Citizens.

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PANAJI: The State Steering Committee on Accessible Elections met under the chairpersonship of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) to review past initiatives and plan measures to ensure inclusive, accessible, and participative elections in Goa. The meeting also included a briefing on the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The CEO highlighted the theme "Accessible Elections", stressing the need to guarantee that every eligible voter including Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), senior citizens, and marginalized groups can participate in the electoral process with dignity and ease.



Shri Sudesh Gaude, Assistant Professor at IPIIB and Nodal Officer for Accessible Elections, gave an overview of PwD participation during the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, and detailed the steps taken by the CEO's office to strengthen inclusivity. The CEO informed that the Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls, with January 1, 2026 as the qualifying date, aims to ensure that electoral rolls remain accurate and inclusive.



Kharewado fishing jetty finally gets toilet facilities

Foundation laid for seven-seater Sulabh Souchalaya

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KHAREWADO: After years of neglect and persistent demands from the fishing community, the Kharewado fishing jetty in Vasco will finally get a much-needed public toilet facility. A foundation stone was laid on Tuesday for the construction of a seven-seater Sulabh Souchalaya complex at the jetty, marking a long-awaited step toward improving hygiene and infrastructure for the hundreds of fishermen and boat operators working in the area. The foundation stone was laid by Sewerage and Infrastructure Development Corporation of Goa Ltd (SIDCGL) chairman and Mormugao MLA Sankalp Amonkar, in the presence of Vasco MLA Krishna Salkar, former minister and All Goa Fishing Boat Owners Association (GFBOA) president Jose

Philip D'Souza, and several local fishermen and stakeholders. Speaking at the event, Amonkar said the project was a long-standing demand of the fishing community and would now finally take shape as a state-of-the-art facility. "This is a very important project and has been a long-pending demand from the people working at the jetty," Amonkar said. "The facility will be constructed under the Sulabh Souchalaya scheme and will include separate units for men, women, and the differently-abled. The total cost of the project is ₹1.03 crore, and we plan to provide modern amenities such as hand dryers, wash basins, bathroom facilities, and even a music system." Amonkar added that due to the jetty's low-lying location, precautions are being taken to prevent seawater ingress.

First phase of new SGPDA market to open in 15 days

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VASCO: The long-awaited new SGPDA market in Vasco is set to partially open soon, with Vasco MLA and SGPDA chairman Krishna Salkar announcing that the first phase of the project will be inaugurated within the next 15 days. Salkar made the announcement on Tuesday morning after launching cross-drain works at two locations in Vasco, in the presence of Mormugao Municipal Council (MMC) chairperson Girish Borker, ward councillor Shami Salkar, and other officials. "The new SGPDA market



is about 60 percent complete, and we are now ready to open the first phase in another 15 days," Salkar told reporters. "During our recent meeting, PWD Minister Digambar Kamat and Fatorda MLA Vijai Sardesai emphasised the importance of ensuring auxiliary facilities such as cleanliness, a canteen, and Sulabh Souchalaya toilet facilities are operational before the inauguration.

Sanatan Sanstha invites CM Pramod Sawant for 'Sanatan Rashtra Shankhnad Mahotsav'

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PANAJI: The Sanatan Sanstha has extended an invitation to Goa Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant to attend the upcoming 'Sanatan Rashtra Shankhnad Mahotsav' scheduled to be held in New Delhi from December 13 to 15, 2025. The grand event will take place at Hall No. 12 of Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan. According to the organisers, the festival aims to spread awareness about the concept of Sanatan Rashtra and bring together saints, spiritual



leaders, scholars, social workers, and youth from across the country. The Chief Minister has reportedly given a positive response regarding his participation. The invitation was personally handed over to Dr. Sawant by Sanatan Sanstha Managing Trustee Virendra Marathe, accompanied by sadhaks Narayan Nadkarni, Dhananjay Harshe, and Mahavir ShriShrimal.

Electrician Found Dead in Rented Room at Agonda

■ Police Register Unnatural Death Case.

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CANACONA: A 46-year-old electrician was found dead in a rented room at Agonda on Tuesday morning (November 11, 2025). Police have registered a case of unnatural death and are conducting further inquiries to ascertain the cause. According to Canacona Police, a call was received around 10:23 am informing that a man was found lying motionless at Goan Chilly



Restaurant, Agonda. Upon visiting the spot, police identified the deceased as Sunil Kumar Patel (46), a native of Uttar Pradesh and resident of Agonda, who was staying in a rented room owned by Uttam Agondekar. Preliminary inquiry revealed that Patel, an electrician by profession, had

arrived in Goa on November 3, 2025, to work at Agondekar's restaurant at Dumane, Agonda. Police conducted an inquest panchanama over the body, which has been preserved at South Goa District Hospital, Margao, for medico-legal examination. PSI Babu Dessai of Canacona Police Station is conducting further investigation under UD No. 30/2025 u/s 194 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023.

PIB holds media interaction ahead of IFFI 2025 in Goa

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PANAJI:Ahead of the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), the Press Information Bureau (PIB) organised an interactive session with editors and bureau chiefs of major media organisations in Goa on Tuesday to discuss media facilitation plans for the festival. The meeting, held in Panaji, was chaired by PIB Principal Director General Dhirendra Ojha along with Director General (West Zone) Smita Vats Sharma. The officials outlined various initiatives aimed at improving media coordination and coverage during IFFI 2025, scheduled from November 20 to 28 in



Goa. Ojha said that PIB remains committed to ensuring a smooth experience for journalists and digital creators covering the festival.

He detailed several facilities including dedicated press conference venues, interview spaces, real-time updates via WhatsApp groups and LED screens, as well as live streaming of key events. Highlighting inclusivity, Ojha announced that press

releases and other media material would also be made available in Konkani for the local audience. He added that the separate registration facility introduced last year for digital content creators would continue this year. Smita Vats Sharma emphasised the crucial role of the media in enhancing IFFI's reach and visibility, stating that robust communication systems have been put in place for better engagement. The session

began with a welcome address by PIB Goa Director Nana Meshram and concluded with a vote of thanks from PIB Mumbai Director Sayyid Rabeehashmi, who lauded the contribution of media professionals in promoting the festival. The interaction served as a curtain-raiser for IFFI 2025, reaffirming PIB's commitment to strengthening media support and collaboration during one of India's premier film festivals.

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Nitish Kumar Poised for Comeback as Exit Polls Predict NDA Sweep in Bihar

Kishor's Jan Suraj party, which made its debut this election, is predicted to perform poorly. A broader poll of polls also pointed to a decisive NDA victory. The results mark a potential turnaround for Nitish Kumar, who in the 2020 election saw his party slump to 43 seats while the BJP secured 74, relegating him to the role of a junior partner. That setback had led

to speculation about the end of his political dominance and even hints of a possible retirement. However, despite being under pressure then, Nitish retained the chief minister's post, citing "serious pressure" from allies as the reason for accepting another term. If the current projections hold true, Nitish Kumar, now 74, is poised to reclaim his position as the

senior partner in Bihar's power equation. Analysts note that this resurgence would not only reaffirm his political resilience but also extend his nearly two-decade-long tenure as the state's chief minister, possibly making him the longest-serving leader in Bihar's history. Nitish's political journey has been marked by shifting alliances alternating between the

BJP and the Rashtriya Janata Dal-led bloc multiple times since 2013. His most recent switch came in early 2024, when he broke away from the opposition INDIA bloc and returned to the NDA fold. The exit poll results now suggest that the decision may have paid off, reinforcing his image as one of India's most adaptable and enduring political figures.

Kashmir Cleric's Radical Network Linked to Delhi Blast, Turkey Connection Emerges

is believed to have indoctrinated several individuals with extremist ideologies, introducing them to the concept of 'Ghazwa-e-Hind' and encouraging them to form "open sleeper cells" in different parts of the country. The two women doctors, from Srinagar and Anantnag, are suspected to have played a central role in building these networks. Sources revealed that Irfan's group planned to target key locations in Delhi, viewing the capital as a symbol of power. "They

had a clear understanding of where they wanted to strike and were preparing strategically rather than acting impulsively," said an official familiar with the investigation. A major lead in the probe is a Brezza car linked to one of the arrested doctors. Investigators believe the vehicle may contain explosives and have launched an extensive search to locate it. The doctor reportedly owned two such vehicles, but one remains untraced. Intelligence reports indicate that two other

accused, Adil and Muzzamil, travelled to Turkey earlier this year, where they allegedly met their handler who arranged their stay and movements, suggesting coordination with foreign operatives. Digital forensic analysis has uncovered over 400 encrypted chats among the accused, revealing discussions about fund transfers, logistics, and safe houses. Investigators have also traced multiple foreign remittances received from Istanbul and Doha, suspected to have been used for financing

the group's operations. Both doctors reportedly completed their MBBS degrees from Dhaka Medical College in Bangladesh and were influenced by Irfan during their internship in Srinagar, which authorities describe as the key phase of their radicalisation. The blast near Red Fort on Monday killed 12 people and injured several others, just hours after 2,900 kilograms of explosives and ammunition were recovered from Al Falah University in Faridabad.



India Urges 15-Fold Increase In Adaptation Finance As COP30 Opens In Belém

India Demands Major Scale-Up in Adaptation Finance at COP30 in Brazil.

New Delhi: India called for a dramatic increase in global adaptation finance, stressing that current funding levels fall far short of what is needed for vulnerable nations to cope with the worsening impacts of climate change. Speaking on behalf of the BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India and China) and Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) blocs, India urged developed nations to step up their commitments as the UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) opened in Belém, Brazil, on Monday. Representing two of the most influential negotiating groups, India pressed for a universally accepted definition of climate finance and demanded stronger implementation of Article 9.1 of the Paris Agreement, which obligates developed nations to provide financial assistance to developing countries. "Adaptation is a survival issue for billions who contributed least to global warming," India's statement said, adding that adaptation funding must rise nearly 15 times to meet the growing needs of developing economies. The Indian delegation underscored that developed countries have fallen behind on their promise to double adaptation finance by 2025. It emphasised that public finance should form the backbone of climate action and warned against

overreliance on private sector investments that could leave poorer nations behind. Reaffirming the principles of equity and "common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities" (CBDR-RC), India said that the Paris Agreement's framework must remain intact. It cautioned against unilateral climate-related trade measures that could serve as disguised protectionism and hinder genuine global cooperation. India also called for ambitious outcomes on the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), supporting the UAE-Belém Work Programme and the Baku Adaptation Roadmap to ensure that climate transitions are fair and inclusive. Over 195 countries are participating in the two-week summit, which marks the tenth anniversary of the Paris Agreement. The conference comes at a critical time as the world grapples with record temperatures, geopolitical tensions, and uneven progress toward emission reduction targets. UN Climate Chief Simon Stiell noted during the opening session that for the first time, global emissions are projected to decline by 12 percent by 2035 compared to 2019 levels, signaling early signs of progress but urging faster action to protect the planet.

Search On For Explosive-Laden Car, Possible 26/11-Style Plot Under Scanner

■ Officials Trace Wider Terror Network With Foreign Links; Encrypted Chats, Fund Transfers, and Radicalised Professionals Under Lens.

New Delhi: Two days after the devastating blast near Delhi's Red Fort that killed 12 people, security agencies are pursuing crucial leads suggesting a wider terror conspiracy with international links. Investigators are now searching for a Maruti Brezza suspected to be loaded with explosives and connected to one of the two women doctors arrested from Faridabad, who are believed to be part of a radicalised terror module. According to investigators, the group was heavily influenced by Maulvi Irfan, a cleric who allegedly radicalised several individuals during his tenure at a Srinagar hospital. He is accused of indoctrinating recruits with extremist ideologies,



including the concept of 'Ghazwa-e-Hind', and instigating anti-Hindu narratives to create a deep ideological divide. The network, under his direction, began building what investigators call "open sleeper cells" across India to expand their base and carry out coordinated strikes. The two women doctors, hailing from Srinagar and Anantnag, are said to have played a crucial operational role.

They handled finances, logistics, and encrypted communications for the module while maintaining their professional lives to avoid detection. Digital forensic analysis of their devices has uncovered over 400 encrypted chats detailing fund transfers, recruitment discussions, and safe-house arrangements. Investigators have traced several foreign remittances routed through digital wallets

from Istanbul and Doha between 2023 and 2024, which they believe funded the group's operations and procurement of explosives. Sources revealed that the terror network was allegedly preparing for a series of coordinated attacks in Delhi and nearby cities, inspired by the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. Their targets reportedly included the Red Fort, India Gate, the Constitution Club, and Gauri Shankar Temple, along with railway stations and crowded commercial areas. Authorities believe the group had been assembling nearly 200 improvised explosive devices (IEDs) for these attacks, aiming to inflict maximum damage and spread panic nationwide.

India Rejects Shehbaz Sharif's Allegations Linking Islamabad Blast To New Delhi

■ Randhir Jaiswal said the international community is well aware of the reality and will not be misled by Pakistan's "desperate" ploys.

New Delhi: New Delhi: India firmly dismissed as baseless the allegations made by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who claimed that groups backed by India were involved in the recent suicide bombing in Islamabad. The attack, which took place outside a court complex, claimed 12 lives. Responding to the remarks, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the accusations were "unfounded" and reflected the desperation of Pakistan's leadership. He stated that such claims were a predictable attempt to divert attention from the country's internal turmoil and political instability. "India unequivocally rejects the baseless allegations being



spread by an obviously frustrated Pakistani leadership," Jaiswal said, adding that Pakistan was once again resorting to fabricating narratives to distract its citizens from domestic crises, including what he described as a military-driven constitutional power grab. Jaiswal emphasized that the global community is well aware of the situation and will not be misled by Pakistan's repeated efforts to deflect blame.



PM Modi Meets Bhutan's Fourth King, Strengthens Bilateral and Cultural Ties

■ PM Modi and Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck held discussions on energy, capacity building, connectivity, technology, defence, security.

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Bhutan's Fourth King, Jigme Singye Wangchuck, in Thimphu on Wednesday and discussed a wide range of issues aimed at deepening the longstanding partnership between the two countries. The meeting was held as part of Modi's two-day visit to Bhutan, which focused on enhancing cooperation and celebrating the shared spiritual and cultural heritage of both nations. The Prime Minister extended warm greetings to the Fourth King on his 70th birthday and conveyed India's best

wishes for his health and well-being. He expressed gratitude for the King's visionary leadership and his role in fostering strong relations between India and Bhutan. The two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the close friendship that continues to shape the two Himalayan neighbours' partnership. Earlier, Modi joined Bhutan's current King, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, and the Fourth King at the Kalachakra initiation ceremony held at Changlimithang Stadium, as part of the Global Peace Prayer Festival.

Piyush Goyal Asserts India Won't Compromise on Interests in Trade Deal with US

■ US President Donald Trump has said the US is "pretty close" to reaching a "fair trade deal" with India.

New Delhi: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday reaffirmed that India is seeking a fair and balanced trade agreement with the United States while making it clear that the government will not compromise on the interests of key domestic sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, labour, and dairy. Speaking at the Udyog Samagam 2025



conference of industry and commerce ministers, Goyal said that India is committed to finalising a trade pact that ensures mutual benefit without undermining the country's economic priorities. "We

are working towards a good trade deal in the interest of India, but not at the cost of our farmers, fishermen, workers, and dairy producers," he stated. He emphasised that India's approach to the talks remains pragmatic and comprehensive. "We want a fair, equitable, and balanced trade deal. If it happens, it could be any day — tomorrow, next month, or next year — but we are prepared

for all possibilities," he added. The minister also revealed that India is exploring new export markets, including Russia, to reduce dependence on destinations where tariffs have become restrictive, particularly in the fishery sector. Negotiations for the proposed bilateral trade pact with the US have already completed five rounds, and both sides are aiming to finalise the first phase by the fall of 2025.

Al Falah University Denies Links With Delhi Blast Suspects, Condemns "Unfortunate Developments"

■ University Expresses Shock, Clarifies No Institutional Link With Detained Doctors.

New Delhi: Al Falah University in Haryana's Faridabad, which came under the spotlight after two doctors associated with it were arrested in connection with the Delhi blast, has issued a strong statement denying any links to the accused. The university said it was deeply anguished by the incident and condemned the actions of those involved. Vice-Chancellor Prof (Dr)



Bhupinder Kaur Anand said the institution shares only a professional

association with the doctors under investigation. She reaffirmed that the university has been imparting medical education since 2019 and is duly recognized by the University Grants Commission. "Our university has trained hundreds of MBBS students who are now serving responsibly across reputed hospitals and organizations in India and abroad," the statement noted.

ICC To Expand World Test Championship To 12 Teams From 2027, Drops Two-Tier Format

■ The ICC is reportedly set to expand the World Test Championship to 12 teams from 2027, including Afghanistan, Ireland, and Zimbabwe, which gathered steam over the past year.

New Delhi: The International Cricket Council (ICC) is set to expand the World Test Championship (WTC) to include all 12 Test-playing nations from the 2027–2029 cycle, shelving earlier plans for a controversial two-tier system. The move will see Afghanistan, Ireland, and Zimbabwe join the competition for the first time. According to reports, the proposal for a two-tier format, initially pushed by Cricket Australia, had suggested separating teams into two divisions, with India,



England, and Australia in the top tier. The plan drew heavy criticism from several cricketing nations and former players who argued it would deepen financial and competitive disparities by limiting matches between the "Big Three" and smaller boards. The idea

eventually fell through after the ICC failed to reach an agreement on a viable funding structure. Concerns among top-tier nations over relegation risks and the loss of marquee series also contributed to the proposal's collapse. In the expanded 12-

team model, every Test nation will be part of the WTC starting in 2027. Each side will have to play a minimum number of matches, encouraging greater engagement between higher and lower-ranked teams. The ICC, however, will not provide additional funding for hosting duties, leaving boards to manage scheduling within their resources. "This ensures that every Test-playing nation continues to feature in the format," a board member was quoted as saying.



R Praggnanandhaa Holds Nerve To Draw Against Dubov In FIDE World Cup Round 4

■ R Praggnanandhaa survived a scare with white against GM Daniil Dubov in the first game of Round 4.

New Delhi: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa survived a tense encounter against Russia's Daniil Dubov to secure a draw with white pieces in the opening game of Round 4 at the FIDE World Cup 2025 in Panaji, Goa, on Tuesday. It was a mixed day for the Indian contingent, as Grandmasters Arjun Erigaisi, P. Harikrishna, and Karthik Venkataraman also split points in their respective matches. Playing

black, second seed Arjun Erigaisi drew his game in just 20 moves against Hungarian veteran Peter Leko, while Harikrishna held Sweden's Nils Grandelius to a 32-move draw. Karthik too shared the spoils with Vietnam's Le Quang Liem after 36 moves.

In one of the day's most intense battles, Praggnanandhaa faced significant pressure after an inaccurate 14th move, where pushing his d-pawn allowed Dubov counterplay.

Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar Equals World Record, Wins Silver At ISSF World Championships 2025

■ The two-time Olympian shot 466.9 in the 45-shot final to finish behind China's reigning Olympic champion Liu Yukun, who ended 0.2 ahead with 467.1.

New Delhi: India's Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar delivered a stunning performance at the ISSF World Championships Rifle/Pistol 2025 in Cairo, equalling the world record and winning silver in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions event. The two-time Olympian shot 466.9 in the 45-shot final, narrowly missing gold to China's Olympic champion Liu Yukun, who finished with 467.1. This marks Aishwary's first individual medal at the World Championships



and further cements his place among the world's elite rifle shooters. His qualification round was exceptional, scoring perfect 200s in both Kneeling and Prone positions, followed by 197 in Standing for a total of 597.

South Goa Badminton Association Expands Grassroots Reach with Coaching Camps

PANAJI: The South Goa District Badminton Association (SGDBA) has taken a major stride in promoting badminton at the grassroots level through its recently concluded coaching camps in Quepem and Canacona. Conducted in association with the Goa Badminton Association, Margao Shuttlers, and the Sports Authority of Goa,



the twin 15-day camps witnessed participation from more than 50 aspiring shuttlers. The camps were held at the Multipurpose Stadium, Quepem, which

trained 25 youngsters, and at Balram Residential School, Khotigav, Gavdongri, Canacona, where 26 trainees took part. The initiative aimed to

provide structured training, foster young talent, and build a foundation for future badminton champions emerging from rural South Goa.

Goa Defeat Assam By Three Wickets In Under-23 State A Trophy

Panaji: Goa continued their fine form in the Men's Under-23 State A Trophy Elite One-Day Tournament, defeating Assam by three wickets with 67 balls remaining on Tuesday at Kotambi Stadium B in Vadodara. After winning the toss, Goa opted to bowl first and successfully restricted Assam to 215 runs in 42.4 overs. Roshan Topno led Assam's batting with a well-compiled 53, while Mayukh Hazarika (37), Sumit Kashyap (32), and Rohit Sen



(31) provided valuable support. Goa's bowling attack was spearheaded by Anuj Yadav, who delivered a match-winning spell of 4 for 22. Kutbudin Jamadar chipped in with 3 for 26,

while Lakhmesh Pawne, Kaustubh Pingulkar, and Manish Kakode took a wicket each. Chasing 216, Goa's innings was anchored by a superb 102-run stand for the second wicket between Sanath Nevagi and Chittem Jeevankumar. Sanath continued his impressive form, scoring a quickfire 85 off 63 deliveries, featuring nine fours and five sixes, narrowly missing out on another century after falling in the nineties in the previous match.

Goa Fall Short As Madhya Pradesh Clinch Three-Wicket Win In Ranji Trophy

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PANAJI: Goa endured a narrow defeat against Madhya Pradesh, losing by three wickets in their Ranji Trophy Group B clash at the GCA Academy Ground in Porvorim. Despite

beginning the final day with hopes of defending their total, Goa could not capitalize on early breakthroughs as Madhya Pradesh successfully chased down a challenging 328-run target, finishing at 328 for 7 in 94 overs.

Resuming at 21 for 1 on Day Four, Madhya Pradesh's openers Harsh Gawali (54) and skipper Himanshu Mantri (22) built a steady start, adding 28 runs before Arjun Tendulkar dismissed Mantri to give Goa their first wicket of the

day. Gawali then combined with Shubham Sharma (72) for a valuable 57-run stand for the third wicket. After reaching his fifty, Gawali was removed by left-arm spinner Darshan Misal, but Sharma continued to hold firm. Shubham partnered

with Harpreet Singh Bhatia (35) to add another 70 runs for the fourth wicket, taking Madhya Pradesh closer to the target. Off-spinner Lalit Yadav provided a double breakthrough, dismissing both Harpreet and Sharma to revive Goa's hopes.

However, the visitors showed resilience through Rishabh Chauhan and Aryan Pandey before both fell in quick succession, leaving Madhya Pradesh precariously placed at 263 for 7, still 65 runs away from victory.