



Goa Records **65+%** Turnout in Zilla Panchayat Elections

■ Polling held peacefully across constituencies; results keenly watched as indicator ahead of 2027 Assembly polls

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PANAJI: The Zilla Panchayat elections in Goa were held on Saturday, recording an overall voter turnout of 65 per cent plus across constituencies, with polling conducted smoothly and peacefully, the State Election Commission (SEC) said.

North Goa registered a higher voter turnout of 60.43 per cent, while South Goa recorded 60 per cent participation. A total of 8,69,356 voters were eligible to exercise their franchise to decide the fate of 226 candidates contesting for 50 Zilla Panchayat seats. Elections were held in 48 constituencies as two

seats were uncontested.

According to the SEC, polling was conducted successfully in a "well-organised and peaceful manner" across all 1,187 polling booths set up throughout the State. Magisterial arrangements were in place to maintain law and order, with 19 sub-divisional magistrates in North Goa and 25 in South Goa, along with executive magistrates, deployed on polling day.

In North Goa, 4,40,199 electors were eligible to vote, including 2,13,704 male, 2,26,492 female, and three other voters. In South Goa, the electorate stood at 4,29,157, comprising 2,06,902 male, 2,22,253 female, and two other voters.

The elections were contested on party lines, marking a significant shift from previous Zilla Panchayat polls. Campaigning ended peacefully on Thursday after an intense eight-day canvassing period, with political parties and candidates aggressively

reaching out to voters. All sitting MLAs took the polls seriously, viewing them as crucial to consolidating their respective Assembly constituencies.

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its ally, the Maharashtra Gomantak Party (MGP),

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Goa Police Move to Secure Blue Corner Notice Against Surinder Khosla in Nightclub Fire Case

■ Court defers hearing on Ajay Gupta's bail plea; police cite ZP poll duties

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MAPUSA: Goa Police have initiated the process to obtain a Blue Corner Notice against British national Surinder Kumar Khosla, an accused in the December 6 nightclub fire at Arpora that left 25 people dead. A senior police officer confirmed on Saturday that the formalities required for issuing the notice are



being carried out through Central agencies.

The officer said Khosla was present in Goa when the fire broke out at the 'Birch by Romeo Lane' nightclub but is believed to have fled to the United

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Transgender Voter Madhu Gupta Casts First Vote in Zilla Panchayat Elections 2025

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PANAJI: In a significant milestone for inclusive democracy, Madhu Gupta, a transgender voter, cast her vote for the first time during the Zilla Panchayat Elections 2025, marking a moment of pride and progress in the State's electoral history.

The occasion symbolised growing recognition and inclusion of the transgender community in the democratic process. Visibly enthusiastic after voting, Madhu said the experience was

deeply fulfilling and empowering.

"Voting is the right of every individual, and we too deserve the freedom to choose a candidate of our choice. Being included in this process has made us extremely happy," she said.

Expressing pride in having contributed to the democratic exercise, Madhu added that participation in elections helps shape the future of the country. She urged citizens to actively take part in elections and exercise their right to vote in large numbers.

Zilla Panchayat Polls or a 2027 Rehearsal?

The Zilla Panchayat elections in Goa are officially over. Ballot boxes have been sealed, turnout has been high, and candidates now wait for verdicts that will decide who manages rural governance for the next five years. But behind the enthusiasm and noise lies an uncomfortable truth: these elections were never really about Zilla Panchayats. They were about 2027.

What should have been a low-key democratic exercise focused on village roads, water supply, sanitation and local development was transformed into a proxy battle for the next assembly elections. Political parties treated rural Goa less as a constituency with its own priorities and more as a testing ground for alliances, vote shares and organisational strength. The result is a process that looks vibrant on the surface but hollow at its core.

The unusually high pitch of campaigning exposed this shift clearly. Senior leaders who otherwise show little interest in local bodies descended on rural constituencies, not to discuss panchayat budgets or development plans but to send political signals. Victory and defeat were framed not in terms of governance capability but as morale boosters or setbacks for future state-level battles. Zilla Panchayat seats became political trophies rather than instruments of decentralised power.

This approach undermines the very purpose of local self-governance. Panchayats exist to bring administration closer to the people. They are meant to reflect local aspirations and respond quickly to everyday problems. When these elections are reduced to a political litmus test, the focus moves away from service delivery to party arithmetic. Rural voters are then valued for their numbers, not for their needs.

The fragmentation of the political field further weakened the seriousness

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of the exercise. Multiple parties and independents entered the fray, often without clearly articulated programmes. Alliances appeared tactical rather than ideological, stitched together for convenience rather than shared vision. In many constituencies, voters were offered personalities instead of plans, slogans instead of solutions. The absence of coherent rural policy discussions was striking.

Equally troubling was the transactional nature of the campaign. Reports of inducements, short-term promises and symbolic gestures reinforced the perception that these elections were about immediate gains rather than long-term accountability. When candidates treat

elections as stepping stones to higher office, commitment to grassroots governance inevitably suffers.

For the ruling party, the Zilla Panchayat polls were projected as a validation of its dominance in rural Goa. For the opposition, even marginal gains were framed as revival narratives. Yet neither side seriously addressed the structural issues facing local bodies: inadequate funds, limited autonomy, delayed project approvals and the growing dependence on state-level decisions. These are the issues that determine whether panchayats function meaningfully or remain ornamental.

The irony is that rural Goa continues to face persistent challenges. Infrastructure gaps remain wide, water scarcity worsens every summer, agricultural livelihoods are under pressure, and youth migration continues unabated. Zilla Panchayats are supposed to be the first line of response to these problems. Instead, they are increasingly treated as extensions of party machinery.

If political parties genuinely want to prepare for 2027, they would do better by strengthening local governance now. Effective panchayats build trust, create leadership from the ground up and demonstrate administrative competence. Using local elections merely as political barometers may offer short-term insights, but it erodes public faith in the democratic process.

As results are awaited, the real test will not be who claims symbolic victory, but whether the elected representatives are allowed to function independently and responsibly. Rural Goa does not need another rehearsal for assembly elections. It needs representatives who see Zilla Panchayats not as launchpads, but as institutions worthy of seriousness and respect.

The fate of candidates may be sealed, but the fate of grassroots democracy remains uncertain.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

When Zilla Panchayat Polls Mimicked Assembly Elections

The recent Zilla Panchayat elections in Goa bore little resemblance to a grassroots democratic exercise. Instead, they unfolded like full-blown assembly campaigns, complete with aggressive canvassing, high-decibel messaging and, most troublingly, widespread talk of money and power shaping outcomes. What should have been a contest rooted in local issues was elevated into a political spectacle driven by ambition far beyond the panchayat level.

Across constituencies, the scale of spending stood out. Campaigns appeared unusually flush, with voters openly discussing inducements and last-minute incentives. While such practices are rarely admitted on record, the perception was strong enough to erode trust in the process. When money becomes a decisive factor, elections cease to be a fair measure of public will and instead reward organisational muscle and financial clout. Political parties in Goa treated the Zilla polls as a rehearsal for future assembly battles. Senior leaders took centre stage, party symbols dominated messaging, and candidates were marketed less as local problem solvers and more as foot soldiers in larger political wars. The result was predictable. Panchayat mandates were overshadowed by state-level calculations, and rural governance was reduced to a sideshow.

This approach is damaging. Zilla Panchayats are meant to address everyday concerns: roads, water supply, agriculture, and sanitation. These institutions matter precisely because they operate closest to the people. Turning them into extensions of assembly politics weakens their credibility and dilutes accountability.

High voter participation should not be mistaken for a healthy democracy if the process itself is compromised. If parties continue to inject money and muscle into local elections, public cynicism will deepen. Goa does not need assembly-style contests at every level. It needs clean, modest and sincere local elections that respect the purpose of grassroots democracy.

- Rajesh Rane, Navelim

Do Zilla Panchayat Polls Still Serve a Purpose in Goa?

The recent Zilla Panchayat elections have once again raised a fundamental question: does Goa truly need this layer of governance, or has it become an expensive ritual with little real value? In a small state where ministers, MLAs and senior officials are never far from any village, the relevance of Zilla Panchayats deserves honest scrutiny.

In theory, Zilla Panchayats are meant to strengthen grassroots democracy by addressing local development issues. In practice, their role in Goa has steadily diminished. Financial dependence on the state government, limited decision-making powers and bureaucratic delays have reduced these bodies to advisory platforms rather than effective institutions. Many projects require approvals from departments or MLAs, leaving elected ZP members with responsibility but little authority. This creates a paradox. Rural voters are asked to elect representatives who often struggle to deliver. When roads, water supply or sanitation issues arise, citizens instinctively turn to their MLA or minister, not the Zilla Panchayat member. The proximity of power in Goa makes this system even more redundant, blurring lines of accountability and governance.

The elections themselves are costly. Public funds are spent on organising polls, enforcing the code of conduct and managing administration, while political parties pour in money and resources. When outcomes rarely translate into visible improvements on the ground, the exercise begins to look wasteful rather than empowering. If Zilla Panchayats are to justify their existence, they must be given real autonomy, adequate funding and clearly defined powers. Otherwise, Goa must ask whether maintaining a weakened third tier of governance makes sense. Democracy is not strengthened by duplication. It is strengthened by institutions that work.

- Richard Ribeiro, Sarzora

No immediate dip in tourist arrivals after Arpora fire: Tourism Minister

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MAPUSA: Goa has not witnessed any immediate decline in tourist inflow following the recent fire incident at a nightclub in Arpora, Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte said, while underlining the need for stricter enforcement of safety norms across tourism-related establishments.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the Goa Liberation Day programme in Mapusa, Khaunte described the fire at Birch by Romeo Lane as a tragic and unfortunate incident. He said that although the tourism department does not issue licences to



restaurants or nightclubs, it carries the responsibility of promoting Goa as a safe and responsible destination.

"Tourists who visit Goa frequent these establishments, and therefore it is essential that all concerned departments ensure full compliance with statutory safety requirements," the minister said.

Khaunte pointed

out that Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has already ordered a state-wide inspection and enforcement drive, following which several establishments have been sealed for violations. He stressed that the incident should serve as a wake-up call to address lapses in regulation and coordination between departments.

Emphasising the government's approach to tourism promotion, Khaunte said Goa must be projected in the right manner, with safety, accountability and adherence to rules at the forefront. He added that the state continues to focus on diversifying

tourism beyond beaches, noting a positive trend in foreign tourist arrivals and steady domestic footfalls.

On air connectivity, the tourism minister acknowledged disruptions caused by recent flight cancellations and said efforts were needed to improve connectivity by encouraging more airlines to operate routes to Goa.

Referring to the loss of lives in the Arpora fire, Khaunte said the focus must now be on corrective measures to ensure such tragedies do not recur. "It is a deeply unfortunate incident. We must take responsibility and ensure that safety standards are strictly followed going forward," he said.

CM sawant credits People-Friendly Schemes for BJP's Prospects in Goa ZP Elections

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PANAJI: Goa Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant expressed confidence that the BJP, along with its alliance partners and supported independent candidates, is set to perform strongly in the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) elections scheduled for tomorrow.

Highlighting the government's focus on people-centric and development-oriented schemes, the CM said that initiatives in agriculture, horticulture, dairy farming, and rural livelihoods have directly benefitted local communities, helping the party strengthen its grassroots base.



He emphasized that such schemes have encouraged villagers to adopt new occupations and improve their incomes, particularly in panchayat areas.

Dr. Sawant also noted the government's plans to increase funding for women self-help groups, especially at the zilla panchayat level, as part of efforts to empower rural women and boost local development.



Mhadei PRAWAH to take up norms for approving river basin projects

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PANAJI: The Mhadei PRAWAH authority is scheduled to meet on December 24 to discuss and finalise the procedure for granting approvals to new irrigation and drinking water projects proposed within the Mhadei river basin.

Sources said the issue of framing a clear approval mechanism was taken up during the authority's earlier meeting, following which member states — Goa, Maharashtra and Karnataka — were asked to submit their suggestions. While Karnataka forwarded its views earlier this month, inputs from Goa and Maharashtra are still awaited and are expected to be discussed at the upcoming meeting.

Apart from clearance norms, the authority will also review details of existing, ongoing and proposed irrigation and

water supply projects in the Mhadei basin. Member states had earlier been directed to furnish comprehensive information on major, medium and minor schemes for assessment and record.

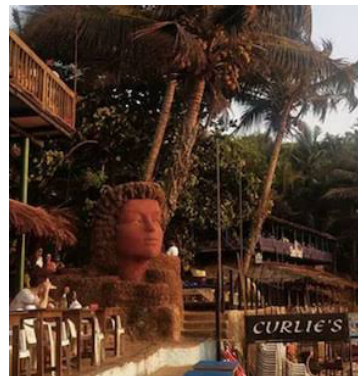
Administrative matters will also feature on the agenda, including approval of recruitment rules for non-statutory posts and deputation of officers from the participating states. Although an organisational structure comprising 45 posts has already been sanctioned, routine work is presently being handled by officers of the Central Water Commission holding additional charge. Recruitment rules have now been prepared and are likely to be placed for approval. The meeting is also expected to discuss infrastructure-related issues, including the setting up of a permanent office for the authority.

Curlies nightclub shut for CRZ breaches; demolition action under consideration

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ANJUNA: Authorities sealed the popular restaurant-cum-nightclub Curlies at Anjuna after finding alleged violations of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms, with officials indicating that demolition of illegal structures may follow after further verification.

The sealing was carried out by a joint team comprising officials from the Bardez Mamlatdar's office, talathi, Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA), CRZ wing and Anjuna police. The action forms part of the state government's



ongoing crackdown on establishments operating along the coast without adhering to environmental and statutory regulations.

Curlies, located close to Anjuna beach, has been under the scanner for several years over allegations of



unauthorised construction within the CRZ area. Officials said the present action was taken after identifying continued non-compliance with coastal laws.

GCZMA Member Secretary Sachin Desai stated that the next

course of action, including demolition, would depend on the completion of mapping and verification of existing structures. He said records would be examined to ascertain whether previous orders have been complied with before taking a final decision.

It may be recalled that the National Green Tribunal (NGT) had last year upheld a GCZMA demolition order against the establishment after dismissing an appeal filed by its owner, Linet Nunes. The tribunal had ruled that the structure was illegal and directed restoration of the land to its original condition.

HC Rejects Bail of Two Accused in Ahemad Devdi Murder Case

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PANAJI: The Bombay High Court at Goa has rejected the bail applications filed by Abhishek Pujari and Mutuppa alias Sunny Bagappa Nikode, both accused in the murder of Ahemad Devdi, holding that prima facie material pointed to their involvement in a criminal conspiracy and that their release could endanger prosecution witnesses.

A single Bench of Justice Shreeram Shirsat dismissed the separate



pleas, observing that although neither of the accused was alleged to have carried out the actual assault, the investigation had revealed sufficient material indicating their role at different stages of the conspiracy. The court noted that the accused were allegedly involved in issuing threats prior to the incident and in extending

assistance to co-accused persons after the crime.

According to the prosecution, Devdi and his friend Sandesh Salkar were attacked by a group of men near the Ganeshpuri water tank in the early hours of May 30, 2024. Devdi sustained serious injuries and later succumbed while undergoing treatment. Following his death, the Mapusa police added charges of murder along with offences relating to criminal conspiracy, attempt to murder and destruction of evidence.

The High Court observed that witness statements, call detail records and other material collected during the investigation suggested that the attack was premeditated. The Bench further held that granting bail at this stage could adversely affect the safety of witnesses and the fairness of the trial.

Taking note that charges have already been framed, the court directed that the trial be taken up expeditiously and accordingly dismissed both bail applications.

Tobacco Products Worth ₹4 Lakh Seized by Mopa Airport Police; One Booked

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MOPA: Mopa Airport Police have registered a case and seized tobacco products worth approximately ₹4 lakh after conducting a search operation at Torxem, Pernem, late on Thursday night.

The offence was registered on December 19, 2025, at around 10.10 am on a state complaint filed by Swapnil Kinalkar (30), Police Sub-Inspector attached to Mopa Airport Police Station.

According to police, acting on specific and reliable information, a police team conducted a search and seizure operation on December



18, 2025, prior to 9 pm, near house number 42 of Gokuldas Mote at Sakral, Torxem, Pernem. During the operation, police attached two vehicles — a Maruti Suzuki Super Carry bearing registration number GA-03-V-5310 and a Mahindra Bolero pickup bearing registration number GA-

03-W-7448 — which were found parked in front of a storeroom.

The storeroom allegedly belongs to Bhushan alias Aaba Shirsat, son of Shrikrishna Shirsat, a resident of Khalapwada, Angud, Mapusa, Bardez, Goa, and a native of Banda, Sindhudurg

district, Maharashtra.

Police said that the vehicles and the storeroom were found containing large quantities of tobacco products believed to be noxious in nature and illegally stored for sale. The seized products are suspected to be dangerous, injurious and unfit for human consumption, and were allegedly stored without taking proper care or precaution, police added.

The total value of the seized tobacco products has been estimated at around ₹4 lakh.

Further investigation is in progress and is being carried out by LPSI Sashanka Parab of Mopa Airport Police Station.

RPF Madgaon Recovers and Returns Lost Passenger Belongings Under operation Amanat

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MARGAO: Demonstrating vigilance and commitment to passenger service, the Railway Protection Force (RPF), Madgaon, successfully recovered and returned lost passenger belongings under its initiative, Operation Amanat.

On December 18, 2025, during routine checks on Train No. 11099, an on-duty RPF team noticed an unattended iPad in Coach H1. The device, valued at approximately ₹60,000, was immediately secured in safe custody. After completing the required formalities, the iPad was safely handed over to its rightful owner on December 19, 2025.

On the same day, RPF personnel recovered a carry bag containing a saree worth ₹5,000 that had been inadvertently left behind by another passenger in Coach B4 of Train No. 11099. The bag was taken into safe custody and later returned to the passenger on December 19, 2025, after due verification.

In another instance, on December 17, 2025,



an iPhone 13 Pro valued at approximately ₹1,00,000 was found lying unattended on Platform No. 1 at Madgaon Railway Station. The mobile phone was secured by RPF staff during routine patrolling and was subsequently returned to the passenger on December 19, 2025, following completion of formal procedures.

All the passengers expressed their appreciation for the prompt and responsible action taken by RPF Madgaon. Through such timely interventions, the Railway Protection Force continues to reinforce passenger confidence and uphold Konkan Railway's commitment to safety, security and efficient service delivery.

Woman Rider Killed in Collision at Curtorim

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CURTORIM: A woman scooter rider was killed after her two-wheeler was hit by a Mahindra Thar jeep near St. Anthony Chapel at Tembi, Curtorim, on Thursday evening.

The case has been registered by Maina

Curtorim Police based on a state complaint filed by Head Constable Sagar Mandrekar, attached to the police station.

According to police, the accident occurred on December 18, 2025, prior to 7.45 pm.



The accused driver of the Mahindra Thar jeep has been identified as Nelson Gonsalves, a resident of Guirdolim. The jeep allegedly dashed into an Activa scooter being ridden by Inacia Catarina Silva, a resident of Povasao,

Macasana.

Silva sustained serious injuries in the collision and later succumbed to her injuries.

Police have registered an offence in connection with the incident, and further investigation is being carried out by PSI Sanket Naik of Maina Curtorim Police Station.

Woman Found Dead in Calangute Building; Police Suspect Accidental Fall

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CALANGUTE: Calangute Police have registered an unnatural death (UD) case after a 37-year-old woman was found dead on a staircase of a residential building at Gaura Wado, Calangute.

The UD case (No. 81/2025) has been registered under Section 194 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

According to police, on December 18, 2025, at around 8 pm, Calangute Police received a call from 108 ambulance staff informing them that a female person was found lying unconscious on the staircase of Casa Natasha building at Gaura Wado, Calangute, Bardez.

The deceased has been identified as Holika Sema (37), a resident of Kheholi, Dimapur Sadar,



Nagaland.

Police conducted an inquiry with the friends of the deceased, who stated that she was an alcoholic and had been suffering from illness. They informed police that she may have accidentally fallen on the staircase. Police said no foul play is suspected at this stage.

The body has been shifted to the Goa Medical College (GMC) mortuary at Bambolim for preservation. Arrangements are being made to conduct a post-mortem examination and complete further legal formalities.

Further investigation is in progress and is being carried out by PSI Prajit Mandrekar of Calangute Police Station.

Assault and Criminal Intimidation Case Registered at Fatorda

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FATORDA: Fatorda Police have registered a case against two identified persons and three others for allegedly assaulting a man and criminally intimidating him near Borda, Margao.

The case has been registered under Sections 115(2), 189(2), 351(3) and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita

(BNS), 2023, based on a complaint filed by Mohammad Arif Dukandar, a resident of Rumdamol, Davorlim.

According to police, the incident occurred on December 18, 2025, at around 7.55 pm near Bawarchi Restaurant at Borda. The accused — identified as Tausif Agadi, a resident of Rumdamol, Davorlim, and Shahrukh Nirmani, along with three



unidentified male persons — allegedly arrived at the spot in a white Ertiga car and formed an unlawful assembly.

Police said the accused abused the complainant in filthy language and assaulted him with fist

blows and kicks, causing bodily injuries.

Further, it is alleged that accused Tausif Agadi later criminally intimidated the complainant by threatening to kill him during a phone call made to one of the complainant's friends.

Further investigation is in progress and is being carried out by PSI Ramrai Naik of Fatorda Police Station.

Police Register case Over Alleged Forgery, cheating at Arambol Temple

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PERNEM: Pernem Police have registered an offence against six former executive members of Shri Dev Ravalnath Temple, Arambol, for allegedly forging documents and cheating the Electricity Department in connection with the disconnection of the temple's power supply in 1999.

The case was registered on December 18, 2025, at around 10.18 pm, based on a complaint filed by Ulhas Padmakar Naik, a resident of Deulwada, Arambol.

According to the complaint, the accused — Subhash S. Thakur, Dattaram P. Naik, Lavu A. Thakur, Tukaram N.

Naik, Nivruti L. Naik and Ramchandra A. Kerkar, all residents of Arambol village — were serving as executive members of the Shri Dev Ravalnath Temple committee in 1999. It is alleged that prior to January 31, 1999, the accused entered into a criminal conspiracy at the temple premises.

Police said the accused allegedly impersonated Late Fatuji Ramchandra Naik, who had died on December 31, 1982, by forging his signature on a letter addressed to the Assistant Engineer of the Electricity Department, Pernem. The forged letter was allegedly submitted on January 31, 1999, and was presented as a genuine document.

Indian Coast Guard commissions new-generation fast patrol vessel ICGS Amulya in Goa

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DABOLIM: Strengthening India's coastal security architecture, the Indian Coast Guard on Thursday commissioned ICGS Amulya, the third vessel of the new-generation Adamya-class Fast Patrol Vessels, at a ceremony held in Goa.

The ship was commissioned by Amitabh Prasad, IA&AS, Joint Secretary (IC), Ceremonial and Chief Administrative Officer, Ministry of Defence, in the presence of Inspector General Jyotindra Singh, Deputy Director General (HRD), senior dignitaries from the Central and State governments, and officials of Goa Shipyard Limited.

Named 'Amulya', meaning priceless, the vessel reflects the Indian Coast Guard's resolve to ensure safe, secure and clean seas in furtherance of the nation's maritime interests. Designed



and built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited, the 51-metre Fast Patrol Vessel sets a new benchmark in indigenous shipbuilding, with over 60 per cent indigenous content. The ship highlights the growing synergy between the Coast Guard's operational vision and the Government's Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives.

ICGS Amulya is powered by two advanced 3,000 kW diesel engines, enabling a top speed of 27 knots and an endurance

of 1,500 nautical miles. The vessel is equipped with indigenously developed controllable pitch propellers and high-precision gearboxes, ensuring superior manoeuvrability and operational flexibility. Its armament includes a 30 mm CRN-91 gun and two 12.7 mm stabilised remote-controlled guns, supported by advanced fire-control and target acquisition systems.

The ship is also fitted with modern integrated technologies such as an Integrated Bridge

System, Integrated Machinery Control System and Automated Power Management System, significantly enhancing situational awareness, reliability and operational efficiency.

ICGS Amulya will be based at Paradip in Odisha and will operate under the Commander, Coast Guard Region (North East), through Coast Guard District Headquarters No. 7. The vessel will undertake surveillance, interdiction, search and rescue, anti-smuggling and pollution response missions, strengthening security along the eastern seaboard. Commanded by Commandant (JG) Anupam Singh, the ship has a complement of five officers and 34 personnel. The commissioning of Amulya marks another significant step in the Coast Guard's fleet expansion and coastal security preparedness.

Missing curchorem schoolboy Traced safe in Belgaum

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CURCHOREM: The 13-year-old schoolboy reported missing from Curchorem has been located safely in Belgaum, ending hours of concern and uncertainty.

The boy, who studies at Guardian Angel School, is believed to have left home after being reprimanded at school following an argument. Police sources said that, apprehensive about facing consequences, he left directly after school and boarded a state transport bus to Belgaum, where his mother resides.

The matter came to light after his family raised an alarm, prompting



efforts to trace his whereabouts. Authorities later tracked the minor in Belgaum and informed his family about his safety.

The child's safe recovery has brought considerable relief to his parents, school authorities, and residents of the area. Police said necessary procedures are being followed.

Colva Police Book Woman for Allegedly Molesting Danish Tourist at Spa Resort

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COLVA: Colva Police have registered a case against a woman, a native of Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, for allegedly molesting a Danish woman tourist in South Goa. According to police sources, the incident occurred at a spa resort in Colva, where the foreign national had gone for a massage. The victim later approached the Colva Police and lodged a complaint, alleging inappropriate behaviour during the massage



session.

Acting on the complaint, the police registered an offence under the relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) pertaining to outraging the modesty of a woman.

Police officials said further investigation is underway to establish the sequence of events and to record statements of those concerned.

Liquor Seizure in Maharashtra Raises Questions on Goa Excise, Says MLA Carlos Ferreira



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PANAJI: Reacting to the seizure of liquor originating from Goa in neighbouring Maharashtra, Aldona MLA Carlos Ferreira has raised serious questions about the source, manufacture and movement of liquor from the State, alleging repeated lapses within the Goa Excise Department.

Ferreira said the core issue was not merely illegal transportation detected in Maharashtra, but whether the seized liquor was legally manufactured in Goa and how it was allowed to move out of the State. He questioned if proper checks were conducted before the consignment crossed the Goa border.

"This is not the first time such a racket has come to light. Every month or two, the Goa Excise Department is exposed in similar cases," Ferreira said, adding that the recurring nature of such incidents points to systemic failures.

The MLA also questioned how liquor

consignments continue to cross State borders without detection and whether an organised syndicate could be operating from within the establishment itself.

Holding the State leadership accountable, Ferreira said Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant, who holds

charge of both the Home and Excise departments, must explain how such incidents are repeatedly occurring under his watch. He demanded a thorough probe into the matter to fix responsibility and prevent the misuse of Goa as a source for illegal liquor supply to other States.

The Parra Citizens Forum Association will be organising Star Presentation "Festival of Stars" All Goa & for Calangute & Siolim Constituency at Jacknim, Parra Tinto, on 23rd December, 2025 from 10.00 a.m. onwards.

Merry Christmas

Shri. Edwin Lobo
President - Parra Citizens Forum Association

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6 th Place	₹ 16,000/-	+ Trophy
7 th Place	₹ 15,000/-	+ Trophy
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12 th Place	₹ 9,000/-	+ Trophy
13 th Place	₹ 8,000/-	+ Trophy
14 th Place	₹ 7,000/-	+ Trophy
15 th Place	₹ 6,000/-	+ Trophy

30 Consolation Prizes ₹ 5,000/- + Trophy
Every participant will receive a token of appreciation.

Shri. Pradip Morajkar
Convener - Organising Committee

Wishing you all a Happy and Grace-filled Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2026

Rules and Regulation for Star Presentation

- ★ Entry Free (Voters card xerox compulsory as proof of address).
- ★ Each participant will get a token number after check-in. This should be presented back to the organiser for picking up the star after the competition is over.
- ★ Entries will be accepted at the event venue on 23rd December, 2025 between 10.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- ★ Star has to be traditional and handmade preferably of wooden frame.
- ★ Plastic, Thermocol should not be used.
- ★ Electrical point will be provided for hanging the stars. Make sure your star has string tied on the top to hang & for display.
- ★ Only one entry per house/household is allowed.
- ★ The decision of the judges will be final.
- ★ Each participant should take care of their respective Star and the organiser should not be held responsible.
- ★ The Prizes and the consolation prizes should be collected strictly on the day of the event at the venue.
- ★ The Committee Reserves the Right to Accept or Reject the Entry.

Let the Spirit of Christmas prevail and brotherhood reign as you prepare the stars.

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Flights Cancelled, Visibility Drops Amid Fog and Pollution in Delhi

■ Visibility drops sharply, flights disrupted as air quality nears severe levels

New Delhi: Delhi and parts of northern India experienced dense to very dense fog on Saturday morning, coupled with hazardous air pollution, causing widespread disruption and health concerns. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued an orange alert, warning of low visibility across Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh, with conditions expected to persist through Sunday and into Monday in isolated areas.

Visibility in Delhi dropped to zero at Safdarjung and to just 50 metres at Palam, prompting early morning red alerts. The capital's air quality index (AQI) remained in the "very poor" category, averaging 374 over 24 hours, with some locations approaching the severe threshold of 401. Vivek



Vihar reported the highest pollution levels at 434, followed by Anand Vihar at 430, while eleven of the city's 40 monitoring stations recorded severe air quality during the day.

The toxic combination of dense fog and air pollution disrupted air and rail traffic, affecting over 700 flights and leading to at least 177 flight and 50 train cancellations. Delhi Airport advised passengers to check with airlines for updates as low-visibility procedures

continued. Tourist spots like the Taj Mahal in Agra were barely visible due to the thick fog, prompting local authorities to delay school timings in the region. Ayodhya also experienced reduced visibility, affecting normal life. Meteorologists noted that dropping temperatures are likely to strengthen inversion layers, trapping pollutants near the ground. Minimum temperatures in Delhi fell to 9°C, while daytime highs

reached 22.2°C. Over the weekend, temperatures are expected to hover between 7–9°C at night and 21–23°C during the day. Experts warned that pollution spikes would depend on wind speeds and meteorological conditions. Vehicular emissions contributed nearly 16% to Delhi's pollution on Friday, with this share expected to rise over the weekend despite continued vehicle restrictions.

December has already seen multiple severe air days, making it the most polluted December in eight years. The Supreme Court recently urged authorities to focus on long-term structural reforms targeting urban mobility, industrial emissions, and stubble burning, rather than relying solely on short-term emergency measures.



India's Forex Reserves Rise by \$1.7 Billion to \$689 Billion

■ Gold holdings increase by \$758 million as RBI data shows robust external sector position

New Delhi: India's foreign exchange reserves rose by \$1.689 billion to \$688.949 billion in the week ending December 12, according to the Reserve Bank of India's latest data. Gold reserves contributed significantly to the gain, increasing by \$758 million to reach \$107.741 billion.

In the previous week, overall reserves had climbed by \$1.033 billion to \$687.26 billion. Foreign currency assets, the largest component of the reserves, rose by \$906 million to \$557.787 billion. These assets reflect the impact of currency fluctuations in non-US units such as the euro, pound, and yen.

The country's special drawing rights (SDRs) with the IMF increased by \$14 million to \$18.745 billion, while India's reserve position with the IMF rose by \$11 million to \$4.686 billion during the same period. The upward trend in gold prices, driven by global uncertainties and strong investment demand, has supported the overall growth in reserves.

The RBI has indicated

that India's foreign exchange reserves remain sufficient to cover more than 11 months of merchandise imports, reflecting the resilience of the external sector. The central bank continues to manage liquidity by strategically buying and selling dollars to stabilize the rupee, which has depreciated nearly 6 per cent this year. India's forex reserves have shown steady growth in recent years, with an addition of around \$58 billion in 2023 after a cumulative decline of \$71 billion in 2022. In 2024, reserves increased by over \$20 billion, and so far in 2025, the forex kitty has grown by approximately \$47-48 billion. Foreign exchange reserves, or FX reserves, are assets held by a country's central bank primarily in reserve currencies such as the US dollar, along with smaller holdings in the euro, yen, and pound sterling. These reserves play a key role in maintaining financial stability and supporting external trade and financing needs.

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Goa Records 65+% Turnout in Zilla Panchayat Elections

contested the elections in alliance, as did the Opposition Congress and the Goa Forward Party (GFP). The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Revolutionary Goan Party (RGP) chose to contest independently, while several Independent candidates also entered the fray. The BJP fielded candidates in 40 constituencies, backed Independents in seven, and supported the MGP in three. The AAP, contesting solo, fielded 42 candidates, while the Congress jointly contested seats with the GFP, led by Vijai Sardesai. The RGP, which had initially indicated it would join the Congress-GFP alliance,

later withdrew over seat-sharing disagreements and concerns over alleged accommodation of defectors. This election has witnessed considerable churn in local politics, with many sitting Zilla Panchayat members unable to recontest due to constituencies being reserved for women, Other Backward Classes (OBCs), and Scheduled Tribes (STs). Only nine incumbents are in the fray, along with 12 candidates who had contested the 2020 elections. However, the results are being closely watched as a key barometer of public mood ahead of the 2027 Assembly elections, now just over a year away.



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Goa Police Move to Secure Blue Corner Notice Against Surinder Khosla in Nightclub Fire Case

Kingdom soon after the incident. "He was in Goa at the time of the fire and likely left the country the following day," the officer said, adding that efforts are underway to trace him and facilitate his return to India. Khosla is understood to be one of the owners associated with the nightclub where the blaze occurred on the night of December 6. Police sources said the land on which the establishment was built had been leased to him. He is also involved in a prolonged legal dispute with the original landowner, Pradeep

Ghadi Amonkar, over the property. So far, eight persons have been arrested in connection with the case, including nightclub owners Saurabh Luthra, Gaurav Luthra and Ajay Gupta, along with five others. Meanwhile, in connection with bail applications filed by accused Ajay Gupta and Bharat, the Anjuna Police sought additional time to submit their response before the court. Police cited their engagement in Zilla Panchayat election duties as the reason for the delay. The court has adjourned the matter to Monday.

India Demonstrates How Tradition and Science Can Work Together: WHO Chief

■ WHO highlights traditional medicine's role in modern healthcare at global summit

New Delhi: The World Health Organization has underscored the importance of combining traditional knowledge with modern science to address global health challenges. WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus emphasized that tradition and innovation are complementary, not contradictory, as the Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine concluded.

The summit, co-hosted by the WHO and the Indian government, convened ministers, scientists, indigenous leaders, and practitioners from over 100 countries. Discussions focused on the integration of traditional medicine into contemporary health systems and its potential



to enhance healthcare accessibility and effectiveness worldwide.

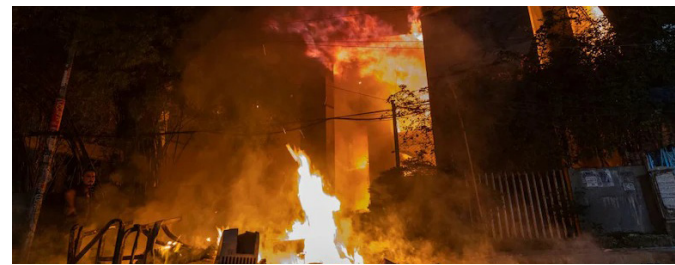
In his closing remarks, Dr Tedros noted that traditional medicine could play a critical role in tackling pressing health threats, alleviating economic strain on healthcare systems, and improving equitable access to services. He praised

India for exemplifying how traditional wisdom and modern science can advance together, highlighting the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in promoting this vision globally.

Key outcomes of the summit included agreements to ensure safety, quality, and public trust through risk-based

regulations, and to protect biodiversity and traditional knowledge while respecting cultural heritage and intellectual property. Participants also committed to using digital technologies and innovation to improve research access and data generation. Additionally, the integration of safe and effective traditional medicine into both public and private health systems was emphasized.

Dr Tedros concluded by calling for global cooperation and shared commitment, stressing that the future of health must be integrated, inclusive, and informed. He highlighted the need to restore balance between people, communities, and the environment to build healthier societies for future generations.



Seven Arrested After Brutal Lynching of Hindu Man Sparks Unrest in Bangladesh

■ Nationwide Protests Erupt as Minority Safety Concerns Intensify Following Brutal Attack in Mymensingh

New Delhi: At least seven individuals have been taken into custody in Bangladesh following the lynching of 25-year-old Hindu man Dipu Chandra Das in Mymensingh, an incident that has ignited widespread protests across the country. Das, who worked at a garment factory, was reportedly beaten, tied up, and set on fire by a mob over allegations of blasphemy, raising concerns about the safety of minority communities under the caretaker government led by Muhammad Yunus.

The Rapid Action Battalion arrested the suspects, identified as Md Limon Sarkar, Md Tarek

Hossain, Md Manik Mia, Ershad Ali, Nijum Uddin, Alomgir Hossain, and Md Miraj Hossain Akon. Authorities condemned the attack and assured that the perpetrators would be brought to justice.

The incident triggered violent unrest nationwide, with mobs targeting media offices including Prothom Alo and The Daily Star. Buildings were set ablaze, equipment looted, and publication temporarily halted. Prothom Alo reported destruction of over 150 computers, multiple lockers, and its firefighting system, while journalists at The Daily Star were forced to seek refuge on rooftops amid heavy smoke.



7 Elephants Killed After Rajdhani Express Derailment in Assam

■ Five coaches derail as train collides with herd near Hojai, no passenger injuries reported

New Delhi: At least seven elephants were killed and one calf injured after a herd was struck by the Sairang-New Delhi Rajdhani Express early on Saturday near Hojai in Assam. The collision caused the derailment of the locomotive and five coaches, though officials confirmed that all passengers remained unharmed.

The accident occurred around 2:17 am, approximately 126 km from Guwahati, at a location that is not a designated elephant corridor. The train, connecting Sairang in Mizoram to Anand Vihar Terminal in Delhi, was traveling through the

area when the loco pilot applied emergency brakes upon spotting the herd. Despite the precaution, some elephants were hit, leading to derailment.

Railway authorities immediately dispatched accident relief trains and personnel to the site. Passengers from the affected coaches were temporarily moved to other coaches, and additional coaches were attached at Guwahati to ensure all passengers could continue their journey safely.

The incident disrupted train services in Upper Assam and other parts of the Northeast. Nine trains were cancelled, 13 were regulated, and two were short-terminated.

Parliament Passes Eight Key Bills Amid Intense Debates

■ Winter Session sees high productivity with major financial and reform legislations cleared

New Delhi: Parliament concluded its winter session with the passage of eight significant bills, despite sharp exchanges between the government and opposition on several legislations. The session, which began on December 1 and ran for 15 sittings, marked the first presiding role of CP Radhakrishnan as Rajya Sabha Chairman and recorded impressive productivity levels, with Lok Sabha at 110 per cent and Rajya Sabha at 121 per cent.

The session focused



heavily on financial matters, including amendments to insurance laws, Appropriation Bills, and excise-related legislation. Among the key bills passed was the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Bill, 2025, which

raises the foreign direct investment limit in Indian insurance companies from 74 per cent to 100 per cent to attract stable foreign capital, encourage technology transfer, and boost insurance coverage. The Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2025 and related

supplementary demands for grants for 2025-26 were also cleared.

The Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025 was approved to revise excise duties on tobacco and related products following the expiry of the GST compensation cess. The Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025 implements further GST Council decisions, consolidating existing GST rates into two main slabs of 5 per cent and 18 per cent in the state.

Terror Hideout Busted in J&K's Rajouri, Four Hand Grenades Seized

■ Joint Army and Police operation strengthens regional security

New Delhi: Security forces have uncovered a terror hideout in the Gambhir Mughlan area of Rajouri district, Jammu and Kashmir, recovering four hand grenades during intensive search operations. A joint team of the Indian Army's 49 Rashtriya Rifles and the Jammu and Kashmir Police conducted the operation, with the explosives later destroyed

safely in a controlled manner.

The action followed specific intelligence inputs regarding a suspected militant hideout. Authorities are continuing search operations to ensure the area is completely cleared of any remaining threats. Officials highlighted that the operation not only prevented potential misuse of weapons



but also reinforced the commitment of security forces to maintain peace and stability in the region.

This recovery comes shortly after a similar operation in Doda district, where the Special

Operation Group of the Jammu and Kashmir Police retrieved an SLR rifle, two magazines, and 22 live rounds from the Bhalara Forest area on December 7. The operation, conducted under the supervision of SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta, aims to trace the origin of recovered weapons and identify those responsible for concealing them.

Shubman Gill Dropped as India Announce T20 World Cup 2026 Squad

■ Suryakumar Yadav named captain as selectors spring surprises ahead of global tournament

New Delhi: India have officially announced their squad for the ICC T20 World Cup 2026 along with the upcoming T20 International series against New Zealand, delivering several unexpected decisions that have sparked widespread discussion. The most striking move is the complete exclusion of Shubman Gill, who has not only been removed from the vice captain role but has also been left out of the squad altogether.

The selection reflects a clear shift in direction as the team management focuses on current form and role specific balance rather than past credentials. Suryakumar



Yadav has been entrusted with the captaincy, reaffirming his status as India's premier batter in the shortest format. Axar Patel has been appointed

vice captain, highlighting the growing value placed on all rounders who offer flexibility with both bat and ball. In the wicketkeeper department, Sanju

Samson has been chosen as the first choice option. Ishan Kishan makes a notable return to the T20 International setup after an absence of over two years, edging out Jitesh Sharma, who misses out despite recent involvement with the team. The decision underlines the selectors' preference for experience and proven impact at the international level.

The batting lineup features a blend of aggression and adaptability with the inclusion of Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Rinku Singh and Shivam Dube. Hardik Pandya's presence adds crucial leadership depth and balance

India U19 Crush Sri Lanka U19 to Reach U19 Asia Cup Final

■ Vihaan Malhotra and Aaron George lead chase in rain-shortened semi-final

Dubai: India's Under-19 cricket team secured a commanding eight-wicket victory over Sri Lanka U19 in the first semi-final of the U19 Asia Cup in Dubai. The match was reduced to 20 overs per side following a five-hour rain delay. India's bowlers delivered a superb performance, restricting Sri Lanka to 138 for 8.

During the chase, India lost early wickets as captain Ayush Mhatre and 14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi fell cheaply. However, half-centuries from Vihaan Malhotra (61 not out) and Aaron George steadied the innings and guided India to a comfortable win. Malhotra and Kanishk Chouhan, who claimed two wickets in a single over, were standout performers, both



of whom were acquired by Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL 2026 auction.

With this victory, India advances to the final, where they will face arch-rivals Pakistan, who defeated Bangladesh in the second semi-final. The final promises a thrilling contest between the two dominant teams in the tournament.



Goa Women Suffer Heavy Defeat to Tamil Nadu in U-19 Elite T20

■ Athashree Shivarkar's valiant 82 not enough as Goa lose fourth consecutive match

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: Goa's Under-19 women's cricket team endured a 57-run defeat against Tamil Nadu in the Elite T20 Tournament on Friday at the Railway Ground in Vadodara, marking their fourth consecutive loss in Group A. After restricting Tamil Nadu to 187 runs in 47.1 overs, Goa struggled in their chase and were bowled out for 130 in 38.5 overs. Tamil Nadu's opener Hashini top-scored with 35, while lower-order contributions helped the team recover from 80 for 5 to post a competitive total.

Goa's bowlers delivered a spirited performance, with Vidhi Bhandare taking four wickets and Prachi

Nikam claiming three, while Harshita Yadav and Athashree Shivarkar chipped in with two and one wicket respectively. Their efforts helped curb Tamil Nadu's scoring rate for much of the innings. Chasing 188, Goa lost early wickets and slumped to 23 for 4 and later 82 for 9. Athashree Shivarkar played a lone fighting innings, scoring 82 off 95 balls with 15 boundaries. She added 48 runs for the last wicket with Vidhi Bhandare, who remained unbeaten on 10, but their partnership was not enough to prevent the defeat, with 67 balls still remaining.

Goa will aim to end their losing streak in their final group match against Uttarakhand on Sunday, December 21.

Goa Qualifies for Pre-Quarterfinals After Draw with Chandigarh

Cooch Behar Trophy match ends in stalemate at Porvorim

Team Goemkarponn

Panaji: Goa secured a place in the pre-quarterfinals of the Cooch Behar Trophy after their four-day match against Chandigarh ended in a draw at the GCA Academy Ground, Porvorim. Goa earned one point from the encounter, while Chandigarh collected three points due to their first-innings lead, leaving Goa atop Group D with

24 points. Batting first, Goa posted 308 runs all out in their first innings. Chandigarh responded strongly, scoring 457 in 123.3 overs to take a first-innings lead. In their second innings, Goa played positively despite Chandigarh's efforts to force a result, finishing at 283 for 7 in 117 overs. On the third day, Goa had reached 106 for 1, showing early dominance.

Aditya Kota led the innings with 87 runs,

supported by Shaantanu Nevagi's 41 as they added 95 runs for the second wicket. After a middle-order collapse saw Goa slip from 173 for 1 to 212 for 5, Yash Kasvankar (31) and Nitin Ghadi (15) steadied the innings with cautious batting. Chigurupati Venkata (20 not out) and Mihir Kudalkar (13 not out) remained unbeaten at the close, ensuring the team held firm for the draw. Goa's performance throughout the match

demonstrated resilience and discipline, allowing them to maintain their top position in the group and advance to the next stage of the tournament.

Brief Scorecard: Goa U-19 1st Innings: 308 all out; Chandigarh U-19 1st Innings: 457 all out; Goa U-19 2nd Innings: 283 for 7 in 117 overs (Aditya Kota 87, Shaantanu Nevagi 41, Yash Kasvankar 31; Ankan Latka 3/47, Gaganpreet Singh 2/83, Ishan 2/63).

MCC Masters and MCC Tigers Secure Victories in MCL 11 T20

■ Both teams win convincingly at Margao's MCC Ground

Team Goemkarponn

Margao: MCC Masters and MCC Tigers registered wins in their respective matches of the ongoing MCL 11 T20 tournament at the MCC Ground, Margao. In the morning match, MCC Masters chased down the target of 135 set by MCC Stallions in just 12.1 overs to win by four wickets. Batting first, MCC Stallions posted 134 for 8, with Dr. Ankush Patil top-scoring with 34, while Rueben Karekar and Infancio Correia



contributed 28 runs each. Angad Painginkar starred with the ball for MCC Masters, taking 2 wickets for 16 runs, supported by Mishra Anand (1/15) and Dr. Satyesh Kamat (1/10). In reply, Siddhesh Prabhu Alvencar led the chase with 32 runs,



complemented by Dr. Sunny (28) and Vishwesh Kamat (27). MCC Stallions' Govind Gaonkar picked up 3 wickets for 45 runs, but Masters comfortably sealed the win, with Angad Painginkar earning the Man of the Match award.

In the afternoon encounter, MCC Tigers defeated MCC Royals by three wickets, successfully chasing 142 in 15.4 overs. MCC Royals had posted 141 for 9, with Vijay scoring 32 and Aditya Prabhugaonkar adding 20. Tigers' bowlers bowled in disciplined partnerships, with Viraj Tar taking 3/20, Nikit Naik Dalal 2/25, and Mrunmay Das 2/18. During the chase, Nikit Naik Dalal's crucial 40, supported by Chaitanya Kamat's 37 and Rajaram Kundaikar's 20, guided the Tigers to victory.