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ANOTHER ELECTIONS; ANOTHER WIN.... BJP ZOOMS PAST OPPOSITION

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PANAJI: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has further consolidated its dominance in the Zilla Panchayat elections, surging ahead with 22 PLUS seats as counting concluded across the State. The Congress and Independent candidates trailed well behind, securing 5 seats each, while the Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP), Goa Forward Party (GFP) and Revolutionary Goans Party (RGP) managed to win one seat each. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) failed to open its account.

The results underline BJP's strong grassroots presence and come as a major boost for the party ahead of the forthcoming Assembly elections.

Among the prominent BJP victories, Nilesh Parwar won from Querim, Mahesh Sawant from Karapur-Sarvan, and Rajshri Rajesh Gaonkar from Rivona. Amit

Asnodkar retained the Socorro seat, while Raguvir Kuncolencar emerged victorious from Taleigao.

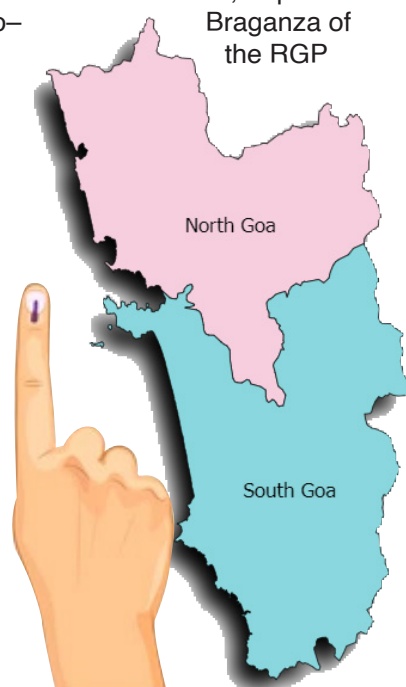
The party also registered wins through Poonam Samant (Borim), Anjali Velip (Barcem), Premnath Dalvi (Nagargao), Padmakar Malik (Latambarcem), Mohan Gaonkar (Sanvordem), Sunil Gawas (Sancoale), Sameksha Naik (Usgao-Ganje), Shidharth Dessai (Xeldem), Franzilia Rodrigues (Calangute), Rupesh Dessai (Dharbandora) and Namdev Chari (Honda).

The Congress secured victories in several constituencies, including Rumdamol, where Floriano Fernandes won, Nuvem, won by Anthony Braganza, Curtorim, where Astra Ranzille Da Silva emerged victorious, Cola, won by Sumitra

Pagi, Guirdolim, where Sanjay Velip prevailed, and Navelim, won by Malifa Cardozo.

Independent candidates also made a notable impact. Sunil Jalmi won from Betqui-Candola, Kavita Kandolkar from Colvale, Merciana Vas from Cortalim and Radhika Palyekar from Arambol.

Among other party wins, Esperanca Braganza of the RGP



emerged victorious from St Cruz, Ganapat Naik of the MGP won from Quela, and Inacina Pinto of the Goa Forward Party secured the Raia seat.

With a clear majority in hand and wins spread across both districts, the BJP's strong showing in the Zilla Panchayat polls has firmly reinforced its political grip on Goa's local governance landscape.

The Zilla Panchayat elections in Goa witnessed an overall voter participation of 71 per cent, indicating a fairly strong response from the electorate, as per official figures.

Polling took place across constituencies in North and South Goa under heightened security arrangements. Election officials said the voting process was conducted smoothly and peacefully, with no major disruptions reported during the day.

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AAP Opens Account In Goa Zilla Panchayat Polls With Colva Win

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COLVA: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) managed to open its account in the Goa Zilla Panchayat elections with a victory in Colva, where Antonio Fernandes emerged victorious.

Fernandes' win provided some relief to the party, which otherwise struggled to make an impact across most constituencies in both North and South Goa. Despite contesting several seats, AAP candidates failed to

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NORTH GOA

- **Arambol** - Radhika Palyekar (Independent)
- **Morjim** - Tara Hadfadkar (MGP)
- **Siolim** - Maheshwar Govekar (BJP)
- **Colvale** - Kavita Kandolkar (Independent)
- **Calangute** - Franzilia Rodrigues (BJP)
- **Socorro** - Amit Asnodkar (BJP)
- **Reis Magos** - Reshma Bandodkar (BJP)
- **St Cruz** - Esperanza Braganza (BJP)
- **Taleigao** - Raghuvir Kuncolencar (BJP)
- **Latambarcem** - Padmakar Malik (BJP)
- **Karapur-Sarvan** - Mahesh Sawant (BJP)
- **Honda** - Namdev Chari (BJP)
- **Querim** - Nilesh Pawar (BJP)
- **Nagargao** - Premnath Dalvi (BJP)

SOUTH GOA

- **Usgao-Ganje** - Sameksha Naik (BJP)
- **Betqui-Candola** - Sunil Jalmi (Independent)
- **Queula** - Ganpat Naik (MGP)
- **Borim** - Poonam Samant (BJP)
- **Raia** - Inacina Pinto (GFP)
- **Nuvem** - Anthony Braganza (Congress)
- **Davorlim** - Floriano Fernandes (Congress)
- **Guirdolim** - Sanjay Velip (Congress)
- **Curtorim** - Ranzille Da Silva (Congress)
- **Navelim** - Malifa Cardozo (Congress)
- **Sanvordem** - Mohan Gaonkar (BJP)
- **Dharbandora** - Rupesh Dessai (BJP)
- **Rivona** - Rajeshree Gaokar (BJP)
- **Xeldem** - Shidharth Gauns Dessai (BJP)
- **Barcem** - Anjali Velip (BJP)
- **Cola** - Sumitra Pagui (Congress)
- **Sancoale** - Sunil Gawas (BJP)
- **Cortalim** - Merciana Mendes (Independent)

Mapusa JMFC extends police remand of Luthra brothers till December 26

■ Ajay Gupta sent to 14 days JC

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Mapusa: The Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Mapusa, has extended the police custody remand of the Luthra brothers till December 26 in connection with the Birch case.

During the hearing, the investigating officer sought an extension of police custody, stating that new facts had emerged in the course of investigation.

The prosecution informed the court that the Luthra brothers are suspected of having forged certain documents related to the Birch case and that recovery of the original documents is



necessary to take the probe forward.

The Luthra brothers, however, told the court that they were willing to cooperate with the investigation.

"We want to cooperate with the investigation," they submitted before the magistrate.

After hearing arguments from both sides, the JMFC court

allowed the prosecution's plea and extended the police remand of the accused till December 26 to facilitate further investigation and recovery of documents.

In a related development, the court remanded accused Ajay Gupta to judicial custody for a period of 14 days.

Further investigation in the case is in progress.

Why Are the Congress and Other Oppn Parties Not Learning Their Lessons?

If elections were a craft, the BJP has turned it into an assembly line. It is always in election mode, always prepared, always ruthless in converting organisation into votes. The Opposition, especially the Congress, continues to behave like a part-time player, waking up too late and blaming circumstances when the results go against it.

Goa is once again a case study in political self-sabotage.

By denying an alliance with the Revolutionary Goans Party and failing to even seriously approach the Aam Aadmi Party, the Congress has not only lost another election in the state but also squandered what little credibility it had left among voters. Politics is ultimately about perception. When a party repeatedly appears indecisive, arrogant or disconnected from ground realities, people stop listening.

The announcement of the Zilla Panchayat elections today underlines this failure starkly. The BJP is sweeping seats with ease, while the Congress is struggling to even reach double digits. This is not a sudden collapse. It is the predictable outcome of years of strategic laziness and internal confusion.

The Congress-Goa Forward alliance was supposed to be a corrective after previous miscalculations. Instead, it has failed to make any meaningful impact. It neither energised cadres nor convinced voters that it represented a credible alternative. Goa Forward, once projected as a regional force that could tilt the balance, now appears reduced to a supporting act without influence.

At the same time, the RGP and AAP will have to repent their decision to go alone against the BJP. Idealism and ambition are not substitutes for arithmetic. Fighting the BJP in isolation, without a larger Opposition framework, is not courage.

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The BJP, on the other hand, understands the basics. It invests in booth-level organisation, builds alliances pragmatically, and never leaves political space vacant. It does not wait for election dates to be announced. It campaigns continuously, shaping narratives long before ballots are printed. By the time polling arrives, the contest is often already decided."

It is political vanity. The BJP thrives when its opponents fragment the anti-incumbency vote, and Goa has repeatedly shown how devastating that fragmentation can be.

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The Opposition still seems trapped in a mindset where elections are events rather than processes. Decisions on alliances are delayed, negotiations are driven by ego, and local leadership is ignored in favour of high-command calculations that rarely match ground reality. Goa's politics is intimate and local. Parties that fail to respect this inevitably lose.

There is also a deeper problem of trust. Voters no longer believe that the Congress can protect its own mandate even if elected. The memory of MLAs switching sides with impunity has not faded. Until the party confronts this credibility crisis head-on, alliances alone will not save it. For the Opposition as a whole, Goa should be a warning, not just a post-mortem. The BJP does not win only because it is strong. It wins because its opponents repeatedly choose disunity, complacency and short-term thinking. Every election lost due to avoidable fragmentation strengthens the perception that the BJP is invincible, even when it is not. If the Congress and other Opposition parties do not learn now, they may soon find that the question is no longer why they keep losing elections, but whether voters still see them as relevant at all.

OpEd

Goa needs Accountability, Not Sermons

By Sanbdeep Heble

25 deaths. 25 lives lost. And some early responses? Blame nightlife and "culture." It is very unfortunate how a tragedy caused by criminal negligence, fire safety violations, lack of exit points, misuse of fire shows, and deep-rooted corruption is being spun into a cultural battle against nightlife, music, art, and entertainment. Instead of asking why permissions were granted despite safety failures, why inspectors ignored violations, why fire norms were overlooked, and why corruption allowed this disaster to happen, we are being told that the real problem is "bad culture." The truth is, the problem is not culture - the problem is bad governance.

What happened was not an accident of culture - it was an accident of criminal neglect. Packed venues, temporary wooden and palm-leaf structures, fire shows, and expired licences created a death trap that went unchecked despite repeated warnings from authorities. With narrow access roads, limited exits, and fire brigade vehicles forced to halt 400 metres away, survival became nearly impossible. These are the real issues that demand accountability - not lectures on morality.

And to hear Vishwajeet Rane sermonising about values and culture feels like the classic case of the cat going on a pilgrimage after devouring a thousand mice. What spiritual values does the Health Minister talk about when many of the government departments, including his own health, have become avenues for patronage - where recruitment has been driven not by transparent merit-based systems, but significantly by political loyalty and constituency interest. Where is this cultural purity he speaks of when government jobs are either traded for large amounts of money or become political assets rather than opportunities for qualified Goans? Where is this moral outrage when hills are being recklessly cut, fields flattened, and stretches of lush greenery converted into high-rise structures? Is this the culture Goa must protect? Does spiritual tourism mean death and destruction of the very nature God created? Spare us the lectures, Vishwajeet.

Then there are the Dhavalikar brothers, forever talking about cultural values, projecting themselves as custodians of morality, while politics and permissions run on another track entirely. It is yet another example of double standards wrapped in holy packaging. And herein lies the real hypocrisy of our society, which politicians like Dhavalikar

brothers (and many others) are taking advantage of: why is a girl dancing in a club "bad culture," while Madhuri Dixit and Sridevi are celebrated as superstars and heartthrobs for their song and dance performances? Why are we fine with iconic dance numbers like Ek do tin chaar panch, Chhe saath aath nau (the iconic Tezaab song which became a rage), but when a dancer performs in a different platform to earn an honest living, she is judged, and the culture labelled immoral. So, how is the art form pure on screen but wrong on stage? Do not demean any profession when it is performed honestly and sincerely - they have every right to earn their livelihood with dignity. This hypocrisy is not cultural - it is social prejudice hiding behind the mask of morality.

Meanwhile, Vishwajeet Rane talks of spiritual tourism, as though morality exists only in nightclubs and not within religious institutions. Have there not been scandals in ashrams, church bodies, and other religious spaces across the country? Why does morality only apply to clubs, artists, workers, dancers, DJs, musicians and others from the tourism Industry trying to earn an honest, dignified living? Often one of struggle, remember that not everyone who is there will make it in the big league, but they have their families too, who depend on this livelihood.

To add insult to injury, we now see BJP spokespersons like Savio Rodrigues using this tragedy to further their own political careers, building narratives and scoring points, with zero concern for the thousands of artists and workers whose livelihoods may collapse because of this misplaced blame. One can recall Churchill Alemao doing something similar years back, coming to the limelight when he sought a ban on "The Da Vinci Code", later on becoming the PWD Minister - a controversial tenure that drew public criticism over contract handling and his later arrest also.

At this stage, spare us the moral leadership, the distractions, cover-ups, and shifting of blame. Instead of destroying tourism, we should be asking where the ease of doing business is. Why is bribery the rule and compliance the exception? Why do we fail to provide even basic infrastructure? Why do we still lack reliable taxi services and a functioning public transport system? Why are investors and genuine entrepreneurs driven away? Why can Thailand, Bali, or Dubai build world-class tourism industries, while we chase away or make it difficult for honest investors?

Goa to Need Over ₹16,500 Crore in Institutional Credit in 2026–27: NABARD

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PANAJI: Goa's agriculture sector and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are expected to require institutional credit amounting to ₹16,512 crore during the financial year 2026–27, as per projections made by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). This represents a rise of nearly 29 per cent compared to the estimated credit demand of around ₹12,800 crore in the current year.

The estimates are detailed in NABARD's State Focus Paper for the upcoming financial year. According to the report, the Projected Linked Potential (PLP) for priority sector lending has been assessed at ₹10,339.38 crore for North Goa and ₹6,173.14 crore for South

Goa.

NABARD stated that the assessment of credit potential takes into account the policy priorities of both the Central and State governments, along with the Priority Sector Lending (PSL) norms prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India.

Emphasising coordinated action, NABARD noted that banks and the State government must collaborate closely to ensure sufficient and timely flow of credit to key priority areas such as agriculture, MSMEs, education, housing and renewable energy.

Among all sectors, MSMEs are expected to drive the bulk of credit demand. NABARD



has pegged the credit requirement for MSMEs at ₹10,800.06 crore, which is nearly 65 per cent of the State's total projected credit potential. In

comparison, MSMEs received credit of ₹9,348 crore in the ongoing financial year.

Reflecting Goa's service-oriented economy, NABARD observed that MSMEs have shown consistent performance in recent years, with steady growth and satisfactory utilisation of available credit.

At the district level, MSME credit potential in North Goa has been estimated at ₹7,074.58 crore, forming about 76 per cent of the district's total priority sector lending. A comparable share has been projected

for South Goa, where MSME credit potential also constitutes roughly 76 per cent of the priority sector allocation.

The agriculture and allied sectors — covering activities like fisheries, animal husbandry and horticulture — are projected to need ₹5,159.09 crore in credit during 2026–27. An additional ₹552.85 crore has been earmarked for other priority segments, including education, housing and renewable energy.

NABARD explained that the State Focus Paper is prepared following an extensive district-level evaluation of credit needs. The process includes analysing sector-wise demand, activity-specific requirements, and the overall development profile and agricultural economy of each district.

Gaondongrim Youth Critically Injured in Alleged Cousin Assault

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Canacona: A 23-year-old man from Gaondongrim sustained critical injuries after he was allegedly assaulted by three of his cousins using an iron rod and a sharp weapon in Canacona on Sunday afternoon.

The injured youth has been identified as Madhu Zore (23). The attack reportedly took place at Fulamol in Gaondongrim following a family-related dispute. During the assault, the victim suffered a severe cut injury to his hand and head trauma, resulting in heavy bleeding.

Madhu was initially taken to the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Chaudi. As his condition deteriorated, he was shifted to the South Goa District Hospital in Margao and subsequently referred



to the Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC), Bambolim, where he is stated to be in a critical condition.

Family members of the victim told mediapersons outside the Canacona Police Station that the incident was triggered earlier when a local farmer approached Madhu regarding a missing buffalo. Madhu reportedly accompanied the farmer to the residence of his cousin, Bombo Zore, in connection with the matter.

It was alleged that during the visit, another cousin, Deepak Zore, threatened Madhu, took away his mobile phone, and refused to return it.

Study Links Ice Age Sea-Level Drops to Intensified Volcanic Activity at Ocean Ridges

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Panaji: A recent study by scientists at the CSIR–National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa, has revealed that glacial periods significantly intensified volcanic eruptions and hydrothermal activity along mid-ocean ridges (MORs), contributing to increased release of carbon dioxide into the oceans.

The research, led by CSIR–NIO Director Prof Sunil Kumar Singh along with scientists Sayantan De and Robin John, examined a 49,000-year-long sediment record retrieved from the Carlsberg Ridge in the Indian Ocean. The analysis aimed to understand how glacial–interglacial sea-level variations influenced volcanism and hydrothermal processes on the ocean floor.

Prof Singh explained that the findings establish a strong connection between glaciation and enhanced volcanic activity. During ice-age periods, falling sea levels reduced pressure on the seabed,



triggering more frequent volcanic eruptions along mid-ocean ridges. This, in turn, strengthened hydrothermal circulation systems, resulting in a greater transfer of carbon dioxide into the ocean.

To reconstruct past hydrothermal activity, the team studied trace elements and lead (Pb) isotope signatures preserved in ferro-manganese (Fe–Mn) oxyhydroxide coatings found on sediment cores. According to Singh, this marks the first-ever Pb isotope record derived from Fe–Mn coatings at an active mid-ocean ridge in the Indian Ocean, providing valuable long-term insights into how sea-level changes regulate hydrothermal systems at slow-spreading ridges. The study showed that deep-sea sediments near MORs contain a combination of hydrothermal deposits, volcanic material and land-derived debris.

North Goa Road Safety Panel to Rope in Doctors, Tighten Coordination

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Panaji: Alarmed by a rise in fatal and serious road accidents, the North Goa District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) has resolved to strengthen coordination among departments and seek expert medical inputs to enhance road safety measures across the district.

The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by Additional Collector-I Gurudas Desai, where members

noted the growing number of accidents resulting in deaths and grievous injuries. To better understand injury patterns and causes of fatalities, the committee decided to invite a representative from the Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC) to participate in future DRSC meetings. As part of its preventive strategy, the committee resolved to recommend the formation of children transportation committees in all schools, aimed at ensuring safer travel for students. The

Tourism Department will also be brought on board to reinforce road safety efforts, particularly in view of the high number of road accidents involving tourists in the State.

The meeting was attended by Superintending Engineer (PWD) and Member Secretary Jude A. D. Carvalho; Rajesh B. Naik, Chairman of the Lead Agency; DySP Traffic (North) Sudesh Narvekar; GOACAN Coordinator Roland Martins; Sudesh Velip (HQ) North; and B. A.



Sawant, Additional Director of Transport (North), among other officials.

Members reviewed recent guidelines issued by the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety (SCCoRS) and discussed the preparation of the Action Taken Report for North Goa district. The committee also examined a preliminary inspection report of approach roads to Karmali Railway Station and deliberated on measures to tackle the problem of stray cattle along National Highways.

Elderly Woman Duped of Gold Chain by Fake Policeman in Bicholim

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Bicholim: A 65-year-old woman from Bicholim was allegedly swindled of her gold mangalsutra valued at around ₹3 lakh by an unidentified man who pretended to be a police officer, police said on Saturday.

According to Bicholim Police, the incident took place on Friday at about 12.30 pm near the Sankalp Building, adjacent to the Unnati Flowers Shop in Bicholim town.



The victim, identified as Madhavi Naik, a resident of Gaonkarwada, was walking to a friend's residence when she was stopped by the accused.

Police said the suspect, described as a tall man aged between 40 and 50 years, dressed in a

light-coloured full-sleeved shirt and conversing in Marathi, introduced himself as a policeman. He allegedly cautioned the senior citizen about recent theft incidents in the area and instructed her to hand over her gold mangalsutra for "safe packing", warning of possible penalties if she failed to comply.

Trusting the accused, the woman handed over her gold mangalsutra weighing approximately 50 grams. The man then returned a paper-wrapped

bundle, claiming it contained the jewellery, and immediately fled the scene. The victim later discovered that the packet contained only two small stones. The complainant suffered a financial loss estimated at ₹3 lakh.

Following the complaint, Bicholim Police registered a case under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, relating to cheating, impersonation, and criminal breach of trust.

KTCL Driver Collapses, Dies Near Volvoi Ferry Point

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Mardol: Mardol Police have registered an Unnatural Death (UD) case following the death of a 55-year-old man who collapsed near the Volvoi ferry point while on his way to work on Sunday.

According to police, UD No. 44/2025 under Section 194 of the BNSS, 2023, was registered after information was received at around 9.10 am on December 21 from the Marcel Outpost, which in turn had received a call

from the doctor on duty at the Primary Health Centre (PHC), Betki, stating that a person had been brought dead to the health facility.

During the inquiry, police visited PHC Betki and confirmed that the deceased was identified as Deepak Salgaonkar (55), a resident of Surla, Pale, Bicholim. He was brought dead to PHC Betki from the Volvoi ferry point.

Further inquiry with family members revealed that the deceased was employed as a driver with



the Kadamba Transport Corporation Limited (KTCL). On December 21 at around 6.30 am, while proceeding to work from his residence, he suddenly collapsed near the Volvoi ferry point and was found lying unconscious. He was subsequently shifted to PHC Betki, where he was declared brought dead.

Police conducted an

inquest panchanama over the body and referred it for post-mortem examination. The autopsy was conducted by the police surgeon, who certified the cause of death as acute myocardial ischemia (inferior wall) in a person with occlusive coronary artery disease.

After completion of legal formalities, the body was handed over to the family members for final religious rites. The inquiry is being conducted by PSI Abhilash Naik of Mardol Police Station.

Man Assaulted with Danda in Curtorim, One Accused Named

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Curtorim: A case of assault has been registered at the Maina Curtorim Police Station following a complaint filed by Husenbadsha Nadaf, a resident of Curtorim.

According to the complaint, the incident occurred on December 8, 2025, prior to 10.30 am at Ralloi, Curtorim. The complainant alleged that accused Paul Fernandes, a resident of Ralloi, Curtorim, along with his labourer, assaulted his brother, Mehboob Nadaf, a resident of Nessai, with a danda, acting with common intention.



The assault reportedly took place in a fit of anger, resulting in serious injuries to Mehboob Nadaf, who is currently undergoing medical treatment at the Goa Medical College (GMC), Bambolim.

Police have registered the case, and further investigation is being carried out by LPSI Veronica Coutinho of the Maina Curtorim Police Station.

Mobile Phone Snatched Near Bar in Mapusa; Complaint Filed

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Mapusa: A 36-year-old mason from Guirim lodged a complaint with the police alleging that his mobile phone was snatched by unknown persons near a bar and restaurant in Mapusa on December 20.

According to the complaint, the incident occurred at around 2 pm on December 20 near a bar and restaurant in Mapusa, Bardez. The complainant, Uday Ashok Madar, a resident of Vanciwado, Guirim, stated that unknown accused persons, acting with common intention, snatched and stole his



pista-coloured POCO mobile handset with dual SIM connectivity, valued at approximately ₹6,000.

The complainant further alleged that after the theft, the accused damaged the stolen handset, causing an additional loss of around ₹3,000.

Police have registered a case and are investigating the matter to trace the accused.

Utorda Beach Shack Guttled in Early-Morning Fire; Losses Pegged at ₹10 Lakh

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Utorda: A significant fire engulfed the well-known beachside restaurant and shack Jamming Goat at Utorda beach in the early hours of Sunday, causing extensive damage and financial losses estimated at around ₹10 lakh.

Fire officials said the blaze was reported from the shack premises in the morning, following which the Fire and Emergency Services received an alert at 8.35 am. Fire tenders from the Verna and Margao fire stations were immediately dispatched to the location. The



firefighting teams reached the site at approximately 8.55 am and managed to contain the fire before it could spread further.

The fire completely gutted the kitchen section and bar counter of the establishment. However, due to the

prompt response of the firefighters, furniture in the sitting area—valued at nearly ₹2 lakh—was successfully salvaged. No injuries were reported, as the shack was closed at the time of the incident and was reportedly undergoing

maintenance work. Senior fire department personnel, including Station Fire Officer Dilesh Gaonkar and Sub Officers Deepak Jadave and R. S. Kutkar, were present at the scene and supervised the firefighting operations until the blaze was fully extinguished. The cause of the fire remains undetermined and has been officially recorded as “not known” by the Fire Department. While investigations are ongoing, the shack owner has reportedly raised suspicion that fireworks used at a nearby event venue may have sparked the fire.

Pernem Youth Dies at GMC; UD Case Registered

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Pernem: Pernem Police have registered an Unnatural Death (UD) case following the death of a 23-year-old man from Pernem while undergoing medical treatment at the Goa Medical College (GMC), Bambolim.

According to police, UD No. 15/2025 under Section 194 of the BNSS was registered on December 21 at around 9.25 am after information was received from the Casualty Police (CP), GMC Bambolim, that the patient, identified as Tukaram Vithoba Zore (23), a resident of



Dhangar Wada, Murmuse, Pernem, had expired in Ward No. 144 during treatment.

Police inquiry revealed that the deceased had been admitted to

GMC on November 26, 2025, as a case of ethanol consumption at his residence. Further inquiry indicated that he had allegedly consumed ethanol due to frustration

and stress.

During the course of the inquiry, a dying declaration statement was recorded by the Joint Mamlatdar of Pernem, wherein it was stated that no foul play was suspected in the death. A post-mortem examination was conducted by Dr. M. S. Swathy Krishna, who certified the cause of death as multi-organ damage in a person with an alleged history of consumption of paraquat.

After completion of formalities, the body was handed over to the family members for final religious rites. Further inquiry in the case is in progress.

Leopard Strikes Two-Wheeler in Mulgaon, Rider Injured

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Bicholim: A motorcycle rider sustained injuries after a leopard leapt onto his two-wheeler while attempting to cross the road at Mulgaon on Saturday night, triggering fresh concerns over wildlife movement in the area.

The incident occurred at around 8 pm on the Mulgaon main road, where the sudden appearance of the leopard caused the motorcycle to crash, leaving the vehicle badly damaged.

The injured rider has been identified as



Digambar Naik, a resident of Mulgaon. He suffered injuries to his hand and leg and was rushed to the Bicholim Health Centre. After receiving primary medical care, he was later discharged.

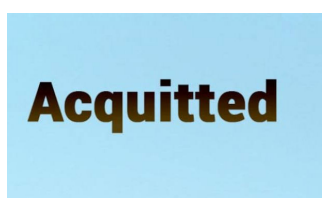
Locals have reported a rise in leopard sightings in and around Mulgaon over the past few days, leading to anxiety among residents.

2019 Moti Dongor Murder Case: All Accused Aquited

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MARGAO: The Margao Additional Sessions Court has acquitted all five accused in the 2019 Motidongor murder case of 24-year-old Anwar Shaikh.

Those acquitted are Nagraj Naikar, Jagesh Metti, Sadashiv Metti,



Basuraj Kaddi and Manjunath Metti, who were charged with murdering Shaikh at Motidongor, Margao, on

December 27, 2019.

While pronouncing the acquittal, the trial court observed that the prosecution failed to firmly establish the identity of the assailants, noting that no Test Identification Parade (TIP) was conducted. The court also held that the prosecution failed to link the seized weapons and

clothes to the commission of the crime.

The court further noted that the chain of evidence was incomplete, with the case resting largely on weak and partly hostile testimony. Significantly, even the two purported eyewitnesses failed to identify the accused in court.



Celebrating 64 Years of Goa's Liberation: 'Committed to a Vibrant and Prosperous Goa,' says Minister Ramesh Tawadkar

Team Goemkarponn

CANACONA: Stating that the government remains committed to building a vibrant and prosperous Goa, Sports Minister Ramesh Tawadkar on Thursday paid tribute to the freedom fighters who liberated the state from 450 years of foreign rule.

Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Tribal Welfare, Art & Culture, and Canacona MLA Ramesh Tawadkar was speaking after unfurling the National Flag and inspecting the Guard of Honour presented by the Goa Police at Canacona on the occasion of the 64th Goa Liberation Day.

"On this historic occasion, we salute the courage and sacrifices of our liberators and reaffirm our commitment to a vibrant and prosperous Goa," Tawadkar said.

Canacona Municipal Council (CMC) Chairperson Laxuman Pagui, Deputy Collector Prataprao Gaonkar, Dy SP Nilesh Rane, heads of various government departments at the taluka level, staff, freedom fighters, students and members of the public were present.

School students presented a march-past and saluted the Minister, followed by cultural programmes featuring patriotic songs and dances.

Goan Artisans Showcase Traditional Crafts at Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav in Hyderabad

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: Artisans from Goa took part in the Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav held at Rashtrapati Nilayam in Hyderabad from November 22 to December 1, 2025, highlighting the rich and diverse craft traditions of the State alongside those from other parts of western India.

The festival was organised jointly by the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Textiles and the Ministry of Tourism, and brought together artisans from five western States. Goa's participation was facilitated through the Handicrafts Service



Centre, Panaji.

A total of 15 artisans represented Goa at the exhibition, presenting a wide range of traditional and contemporary crafts. These included Kaavi art by Sagar Naik Mule; pottery and terracotta works by Sharad Kadari Kumbhar; crochet creations by Joseph John Shriguru and Prem Kumari Joseph; jute crafts by

Hema V Bugde; sea-shell crafts by Raziyyabegum A Mirasab; silk-thread jewellery by Shweta G Sawardekar; sea-shell jewellery by Roja U Kholkar; embroidery and crochet by Nikita Morajkar; coconut shell artefacts by Sonali S Shetgoankar and Vijay Datta Lotlikar; hand embroidery by Namrata Nashlonkar; bamboo furniture by Vishal V

Pareshekar; bamboo basketry by Sonali Parwar; and Azulejos tile paintings by Shankar T Turi. Several artisans also conducted live craft demonstrations during the Mahotsav, offering visitors an opportunity to observe traditional techniques and engage directly with the creators, adding a dynamic cultural element to the exhibition.

The event received special recognition with a visit by President Droupadi Murmu, who interacted with the participating artisans and expressed appreciation for their skill, creativity and contribution to preserving India's handicraft heritage.

Neglected Internal Roads Plague Mapusa Market Area, Shopkeepers Forced to Act

Team Goemkarponn

MAPUSA: The deteriorating condition of roads in Angod reflects a wider problem, with several internal roads within the Mapusa municipal market complex also falling into disrepair, causing daily inconvenience to traders and shoppers.

Road surfaces across the busy market area have worsened significantly, hampering movement and affecting commercial activity. The situation traces back to underground cabling works carried out nearly two years ago. Although the dug-up stretches

were later refilled, the restoration was poorly executed.



Montessori Primary School & Kindergarten, Goa Velha celebrates Christmas

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GOAVELHA: Montessori Primary School celebrated Christmas day in School on 18th Dec. The theme "Light a candle in someone's darkness" was powerfully conveyed through acting, highlighting how each

one of us can light a candle in other people's life. Various Christmas-themed activities were held like carols, crib, dances, bible quiz, fancy dress & Christmas creativity exhibition. The student's handiwork was impressive & much appreciated.

Shri. Edwin Lobo
President - Parra Citizens Forum Association

Festival of Stars

Shri. Pradip Morajkar
Convener - Organising Committee

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.

PRIZES FOR STAR PRESENTATION

All Goa		Calangute & Siolim Constituency	
1 st Place	₹ 25,000/- + Trophy	1 st Place	₹ 25,000/- + Trophy
2 nd Place	₹ 22,000/- + Trophy	2 nd Place	₹ 22,000/- + Trophy
3 rd Place	₹ 20,000/- + Trophy	3 rd Place	₹ 20,000/- + Trophy
4 th Place	₹ 18,000/- + Trophy	4 th Place	₹ 18,000/- + Trophy
5 th Place	₹ 17,000/- + Trophy	5 th Place	₹ 17,000/- + Trophy
6 th Place	₹ 16,000/- + Trophy	6 th Place	₹ 16,000/- + Trophy
7 th Place	₹ 15,000/- + Trophy	7 th Place	₹ 15,000/- + Trophy
8 th Place	₹ 14,000/- + Trophy	8 th Place	₹ 14,000/- + Trophy
9 th Place	₹ 12,000/- + Trophy	9 th Place	₹ 12,000/- + Trophy
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12 th Place	₹ 9,000/- + Trophy	12 th Place	₹ 9,000/- + Trophy
13 th Place	₹ 8,000/- + Trophy	13 th Place	₹ 8,000/- + Trophy
14 th Place	₹ 7,000/- + Trophy	14 th Place	₹ 7,000/- + Trophy
15 th Place	₹ 6,000/- + Trophy	15 th Place	₹ 6,000/- + Trophy

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

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.

Mr. Ashwin
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Mr. Janardhan
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Mr. Bali
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“We Will Compensate Affected Passengers”: IndiGo to Issue Rs 10,000 Travel Vouchers From December 26

■ Airline announces additional relief for flyers stranded during early December flight disruptions

New Delhi: IndiGo has announced that it will begin issuing travel vouchers worth Rs 10,000 to passengers who were severely affected by large scale flight cancellations earlier this month. The compensation process will start from December 26 and is aimed at customers who were stranded at airports for several hours between December 3 and December 5.

The move comes after a high level review of the disruption and is intended to provide relief beyond the compensation already prescribed under existing aviation regulations. The vouchers will be issued in addition to the mandatory compensation of Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000 applicable

under government norms for flight cancellations and delays.

The decision was taken following discussions involving senior aviation officials, who directed the airline to ensure that all eligible passengers receive their compensation without delay. IndiGo has been asked to prioritise customers who booked tickets directly through its official website, as their data is already available with the airline. Payments for these passengers are expected to begin within a week.

For passengers who booked tickets through travel agents or online travel platforms, IndiGo has been instructed to coordinate with

booking intermediaries to collect passenger details and ensure direct compensation. Aviation authorities will closely monitor the disbursement process to ensure that payments reach affected customers. The civil aviation ministry will also track progress through its grievance redressal system.

While IndiGo has initiated refunds for cancelled flights, delays have been reported in compensating some passengers who booked through online travel agencies, highlighting coordination challenges between airlines and booking platforms. In some cases, booking platforms have processed refunds to customers

even before receiving reimbursement from the airline.

IndiGo's leadership has acknowledged the severity of the operational disruptions and has said that external technical experts will be brought in to identify the root causes of the failures. The airline has stated that this step is aimed at preventing similar large scale disruptions in the future.

According to the airline, its network has been fully restored since December 8, with flight operations stabilising from December 9. IndiGo has reiterated its commitment to customer service and operational reliability as it works to rebuild passenger confidence following the disruptions.



“A Historic Step Forward in India–Oman Relations,” Says PM Modi as CEPA Is Signed

■ Comprehensive trade pact aims to boost commerce, investment, services and people to people ties

New Delhi: India and Oman have entered a new phase of economic cooperation with the signing of a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, a landmark pact designed to significantly deepen bilateral trade and investment ties. Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the agreement as a historic step that will energise relations between the two countries for decades and open fresh opportunities across multiple sectors.

The agreement reflects a shared commitment to expand cooperation in goods, services and investment while strengthening long term economic engagement. It is expected to give new momentum to trade flows, encourage cross border investments and create meaningful opportunities for businesses and young professionals in both nations.

Oman is regarded as a key strategic partner for India in the Gulf region and serves as an important gateway to markets in the Middle East and Africa. The relationship is further strengthened by a strong Indian community in Oman, numbering around seven lakh people, including families with commercial links spanning more than two centuries.

Indian enterprises also have a notable presence, with over 6,000 businesses operating across a wide range of sectors. Bilateral trade between the two countries currently exceeds 10 billion dollars, supported by substantial annual remittances.

Under the CEPA, Oman has granted zero duty access on more than 98 percent of its tariff lines, covering over 99 percent of India's exports. Major sectors such as textiles, gems and jewellery, leather, engineering goods, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and automobiles are set to benefit from full tariff elimination, most of it effective immediately.

India will, in turn, liberalise tariffs on nearly 78 percent of its tariff lines, accounting for about 95 percent of imports from Oman by value. Certain sensitive products, especially in agriculture and labour intensive segments, have been excluded to safeguard domestic interests.

Services form a central pillar of the agreement. Oman has offered extensive commitments in areas including information technology, professional services, education, healthcare, research and audio visual services. Provisions to enhance mobility for Indian professionals, such as higher quotas and longer stay periods, have also been included. A significant highlight is Oman's commitment to traditional medicine, opening new avenues for India's AYUSH and wellness sectors. The pact also permits full foreign direct investment by Indian companies in several services sectors in Oman.

The agreement is expected to strengthen supply chains, generate employment and firmly anchor the India–Oman economic partnership in the years ahead.



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TRIPLE ENGINE LOADING....ZP

Political observers say the elections are significant as they offer insights into grassroots-level public opinion ahead of the State

Assembly elections slated for next year. As many as 226 candidates were in the fray for the elections, with 111 contesting in North Goa

and 115 in South Goa. The field includes just nine sitting members, along with 12 candidates who had also contested the polls in 2020.

AAP Opens Account In Goa Zilla Panchayat Polls With Colva Win

register wins elsewhere, limiting the party's overall presence in the Zilla Panchayat bodies.

Political observers noted that while the Colva result gives AAP a foothold at the district-level local

governance, the party continues to face challenges in expanding its grassroots base in Goa.

“A Historic and Mutually Beneficial Partnership”: India and New Zealand Seal Landmark Free Trade Agreement

■ Deal concluded in record time aims to double bilateral trade and expand long term investment flows

New Delhi: India and New Zealand have announced the successful conclusion of a landmark Free Trade Agreement following discussions between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon. The agreement marks a significant step forward in bilateral relations and reflects the shared commitment of both nations to deepen economic and strategic cooperation.

The Free Trade Agreement was finalised just nine months after negotiations began, making it one of the fastest concluded trade deals for both countries. Talks were formally launched during Prime Minister Luxon's visit to India in March 2025,



and the swift outcome highlights strong political will and alignment of economic priorities on both sides.

The agreement is expected to substantially enhance economic engagement by improving market access, encouraging two way investment and strengthening cooperation across multiple sectors. It opens new opportunities for businesses, innovators, farmers, micro and small enterprises,

students and young professionals, creating a broad based framework for inclusive growth.

Both leaders expressed confidence that the agreement will help double bilateral trade within the next five years. In addition, it is projected to facilitate investments worth USD 20 billion from New Zealand into India over the next 15 years, supporting infrastructure development, innovation and industrial expansion. The partnership is not

limited to trade alone. During their conversation, the two prime ministers welcomed progress in defence cooperation, sports collaboration, education exchanges and people to people ties. They reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining close engagement to ensure effective implementation of the agreement and to further strengthen the overall relationship.

A key feature of the agreement is the significant reduction or removal of tariffs on the vast majority of New Zealand exports to India. This is expected to improve competitiveness and expand access to India's rapidly growing consumer market, creating long term benefits for exporters and investors.

India Emerging as a Trusted Global Partner on the Back of Reforms and Exports

■ Policy stability, digital innovation and trade agreements strengthen India's global economic standing

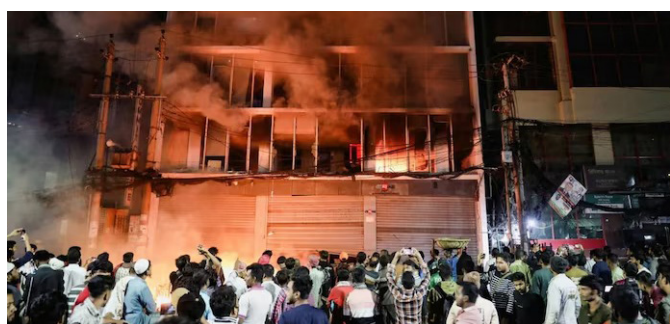
New Delhi: India is steadily positioning itself as a dependable partner in global trade, driven by wide ranging policy reforms, expanding exports and a strong push for digital innovation. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal highlighted that these factors have significantly enhanced India's credibility and competitiveness on the world stage.

Speaking at the World Hindu Economic Forum 2025, Goyal said governance rooted in reforms has created a solid base for long term economic transformation. He noted that new labour codes, simplified regulations and technology led systems have improved efficiency and transparency across sectors, making India more attractive to global



investors and trade partners.

Addressing the theme of establishing Brand Bharat and enhancing competitiveness in global trade, the minister said India's progress goes beyond economic growth. According to him, the country is also witnessing a shift in confidence, values and international engagement. He underlined that India's civilisational principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, which views the world as one family, continues to shape its global outlook and leadership approach.



“There Is No Space for Such Violence”: Arrests Continue in Bangladesh Lynching Case

■ Twelve held so far as investigations find no evidence backing blasphemy allegations

New Delhi: Bangladesh authorities have arrested two more individuals in connection with the lynching of a Hindu man in Mymensingh district, taking the total number of people held in the case to twelve. The arrests are part of an ongoing investigation into the brutal killing that has sparked widespread condemnation.

The victim, Dipu Chandra Das, a 25 year old garment factory worker, was attacked by a mob on Thursday in the Bhaluka area of Mymensingh. He was allegedly targeted

following accusations of blasphemy. According to investigators, Das was first assaulted outside the factory premises, later hanged from a tree, and his body was left near the Dhaka Mymensingh highway. The mob subsequently set the body on fire before fleeing the scene.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College for postmortem examination. Following the incident, Das's brother filed a criminal complaint naming a large group of unidentified individuals for their alleged involvement in the killing.

“India Is a Hindu Nation and Needs No Constitutional Validation,” Says Mohan Bhagwat

■ RSS chief asserts cultural identity while rejecting claims of exclusion and anti minority bias

New Delhi: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat has said that India does not require constitutional endorsement to be described as a Hindu nation, asserting that it is an inherent cultural reality rather than a matter of legal terminology. His remarks came during an event in Kolkata marking 100 years of the RSS.

Addressing the

gathering, Bhagwat stated that India is, and will continue to remain, a Hindu nation as long as Indian culture is valued and preserved by its people. He said the country's civilisational identity does not depend on formal recognition in the Constitution, comparing it to natural truths that exist regardless of official approval.

He explained that



anyone who considers India their motherland and respects its cultural heritage is part of this national identity. According to him, even the presence

of a single individual who believes in and honours the legacy of India's ancestors is enough to affirm the country's Hindu character. He described this belief as central to the ideological foundation of the RSS. Bhagwat added that even if Parliament were to amend the Constitution in the future to explicitly include such terminology, it would not alter the core reality.

BJP Got Rs 6,654 Crore In Election Year, Congress Donations Drop 43%

■ Congress and several regional parties report sharp declines as first post electoral bond year reshapes funding trends

New Delhi: The Bharatiya Janata Party recorded a significant surge in political donations during the 2024-25 financial year, receiving Rs 6,654.93 crore, its highest collection in the last five years. The figure marks a sharp rise of about 68 percent compared to the previous year and coincides with a period

marked by Lok Sabha elections and multiple Assembly polls across the country.

The donations were received between April 1, 2024 and March 30, 2025 and were disclosed to the Election Commission in compliance with rules that require reporting of contributions above Rs 20,000. The reporting



period covered elections in several states including Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra,

Jharkhand, Haryana, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.

“I Didn’t Want to Play Anymore”: Rohit Sharma Opens Up on Retirement Thoughts After 2023 World Cup Loss

■ Former India captain reveals emotional toll of final defeat and why he chose to continue in ODI cricket

New Delhi: Former India captain Rohit Sharma has revealed that he seriously considered retiring from international cricket following India’s defeat to Australia in the 2023 ODI World Cup final, describing the period as one of the most emotionally draining phases of his career. Speaking at a public event, Rohit said the heartbreak left him feeling completely exhausted, both mentally and physically.



India had enjoyed a dominant run during the home World Cup, winning nine matches in a row to reach the final. However, the campaign ended in disappointment after

Australia clinched the title, with Travis Head’s century proving decisive. Rohit said the loss was devastating because of the immense effort he had invested into

the tournament over an extended period.

He explained that after the final, he felt the sport had taken everything out of him and that he had nothing left to give. The disappointment, he said, was not limited to the weeks of the tournament but stemmed from the responsibility he had carried since taking over the captaincy in 2022. The emotional impact was so severe that he briefly felt like stepping away from the game entirely.



Jemimah Rodrigues Joins Mithali Raj at the Top With Record T20I Feat

■ Unbeaten fifty powers India to dominant win over Sri Lanka and gives hosts early series lead

New Delhi: Jemimah Rodrigues continued her remarkable run in international cricket, producing a composed unbeaten half century to guide India to a commanding eight wicket victory over Sri Lanka in the opening match of the five match women’s T20I series in Visakhapatnam. Her innings not only sealed a comfortable win for India but also placed her alongside Mithali Raj for the most fifty plus scores by an Indian batter against Sri Lanka in women’s T20Is. After a disciplined bowling effort restricted Sri Lanka to 121 for 6 in their allotted 20 overs, India chased the target with ease, reaching 122 for 2 with more than five overs to spare. Rodrigues anchored the chase with an assured 69 not out from 44 deliveries, displaying calm under pressure and sharp game awareness.

With this knock, Rodrigues recorded her fourth fifty plus score against Sri Lanka in women’s T20Is, matching Mithali Raj’s tally. In the

process, she moved ahead of Smriti Mandhana, who has three such scores, while captain Harmanpreet Kaur follows with two. Rodrigues brought up her half century in just 34 balls, striking 10 boundaries and maintaining a healthy scoring rate throughout the innings.

India suffered an early setback when Shafali Verma departed cheaply, but Rodrigues steadied the innings with a 54 run partnership for the second wicket alongside Mandhana. Mandhana played a measured knock of 25, reaching another personal milestone by becoming the first Indian woman to cross 4000 runs in T20I cricket. She struck four boundaries before being dismissed while attempting to accelerate.

Rodrigues then combined with Harmanpreet Kaur in an unbeaten stand that ensured there were no further hiccups. The captain remained not out on 15 as India cruised to victory and took a 1 nil lead in the series.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty Exit BWF World Tour Finals

■ Indian men’s doubles pair fall in semifinals despite strong start and historic run

New Delhi: India’s top men’s doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty bowed out of the BWF World Tour Finals after a hard fought semifinal defeat to China’s Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang in Hangzhou. Despite winning the opening game, the Indian duo could not sustain the momentum and went down 21-10, 17-21, 13-21 in a contest that lasted just over an hour.

Satwik and Chirag had earlier beaten the



same Chinese pair in the group stage and entered the semifinal unbeaten. However, when it mattered most, the home favourites regrouped and turned the match in their favour. The

defeat denied the Indians a place in the final, though they still achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first Indian men’s pair to reach the semifinals of the season

ending tournament.

The Indians began confidently, matching the Chinese point for point early in the first game before gradually taking control. Targeting Liang with sharp serves and aggressive third shot play, Satwik and Chirag built a healthy lead at the interval. Satwik’s presence at the net and Chirag’s powerful smashes helped India reel off a long run of points, allowing them to close out the opening game comfortably.

“This Title Is for Goa”: Pralhad Panda Claims IBC Featherweight Crown in Historic Fight Night

■ Vanlalengkawltira stuns Kailas Gauns as Susegado Strike hosts India’s first triple title boxing event

New Delhi: Goa witnessed a landmark moment in Indian professional boxing as local boxer Pralhad Panda was crowned the Indian Boxing Council Featherweight National Champion at Susegado Strike Fight Night 4.0, held at the International Centre Goa lawns in Dona Paula. The event also saw a major upset, with Mizoram’s Vanlalengkawltira knocking out crowd favourite



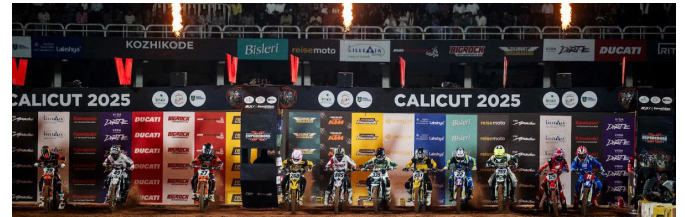
Kailas Gauns in the Superflyweight title bout. Fight Night 4.0 marked a historic first for Indian boxing, becoming the country’s inaugural triple title professional boxing

event. The evening combined intense competition with emerging talent, underscoring the growing stature of professional boxing in India.

BigRock Motorsports Defends ISRL Crown in Front of Record Crowd

■ Historic Season 2 finale in Calicut draws over 32,000 fans and showcases India’s growing Supercross stature

New Delhi: The Indian Supercross Racing League Season 2 concluded on a spectacular note with a landmark Grand Finale at the EMS Corporation Stadium in Calicut, where BigRock Motorsports successfully retained its championship title. The finale marked a defining moment for Indian motorsport, drawing a record breaking crowd of more than 32,000 spectators, the highest



attendance ever recorded for a motorsport event in the country. The high energy finale unfolded in front of roaring fans and featured intense racing action across categories, reinforcing Kerala’s growing reputation as a

major destination for large scale sporting events. Adding to the excitement, ISRL Brand Ambassador Salman Khan was present at the venue, lending star power to an evening that combined elite racing with live entertainment.