



## Goa Bids Emotional Farewell To Fr Bolmax Pereira

■ Clergy, Faithful And Community Members Mourn His Passing, Recall Lifelong Commitment To People's Welfare, Church Service And Nature Conservation Efforts

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**CHICALIM/QUEPEM:**

Goa joined together in grief and remembrance as Fr. Bolmax Pereira, a well-known Catholic priest and social advocate, was laid to rest, marking the end of a life widely regarded as devoted to faith, service, and community welfare.

Fr. Pereira is being remembered as a compassionate and approachable spiritual leader who remained deeply connected to the people he served throughout his ministry.



Parishioners and members of the clergy recalled his pastoral care, humility, and consistent efforts to address the concerns of the faithful, particularly at the grassroots level.

Beyond his ecclesiastical duties, Fr. Pereira was also known

for his active involvement in social issues. He often spoke on matters affecting ordinary citizens and was regarded as a voice for the marginalised, earning respect across communities for his balanced and people-centric approach.

A strong advocate for environmental protection, Fr. Pereira frequently highlighted issues related to nature conservation and responsible stewardship of resources. His efforts to raise awareness on ecological concerns made

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## Two Killed, Three Injured In Belagavi-Goa Highway Midnight Crash Near Anmod Ghat

**Goa-Bound Poultry Lorry From Karnataka Involved In Head-On Collision During Overtaking Attempt At Ramnagar; Case Registered At Ramnagar Police Station**



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**PANAJI:** A major road accident on the Belagavi-Goa National Highway near Gavegali Cross on the Ramnagar-Anmod stretch claimed two lives and left three persons seriously injured in the early hours of the night, police said.

According to officials, a car bearing Andhra Pradesh registration number was travelling from Goa towards Karnataka when it attempted to overtake a poultry-laden tempo coming from the opposite direction. During the manoeuvre, the car reportedly collided head-on with the vehicle, leading to a severe impact.

The tempo, registered in Goa and reportedly

based in the Canacona (Quepem) route, was transporting broiler chickens from Karnataka towards Goa when the accident occurred. The collision was so intense that two occupants of the car died on the spot, while the driver and a couple travelling in the tempo sustained serious injuries.

Police said the accident took place around 1.30 am, triggering panic in the area. The injured were immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment.

A case has been registered at Ramnagar Police Station, and further investigation is underway to determine the exact sequence of events leading to the crash.

## Water Levels In Major Goa Dams Reported At Moderate Range Ahead Of Monsoon

■ Selaulim, Tillari And Other Reservoirs Show Varied Storage Status; Water Supply Currently Stable, Officials Closely Monitoring Inflows

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**PANAJI:** Water storage in Goa's key dams is currently at moderate levels, with authorities maintaining close watch on reservoir conditions as the state moves closer to the monsoon season.

The Selaulim Dam, the largest drinking water source in Goa, is presently holding roughly one-



third of its total capacity. Officials said the reservoir is at about 31 per cent storage, with the water

level standing below its full capacity mark, though controlled outflow is being maintained as part of

routine management.

Other major reservoirs in the state are showing differing levels of storage. Tillari Dam has comparatively higher reserves at over one-third capacity, while Anjunem Dam is reported to have relatively low storage levels. Smaller reservoirs including Chapoli, Amthane, Panchawadi

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## "DK Shivakumar Will Become Chief Minister": Siddaramaiah Announces Exit Amid Emotional Transition

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**New Delhi:** In a dramatic political development in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday announced that he would step down from office, paving the way for Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar to take over as the next Chief Minister



of the state.

The announcement came during a breakfast meeting hosted by Siddaramaiah at his

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## "All Appointments Take Immediate Effect": BJP Begins Major Organisational Reshuffle Across States

■ Harsh Malhotra Named Delhi BJP Chief as Party Revamps Leadership Ahead of Key Elections

**New Delhi:** The Bharatiya Janata Party on Thursday announced a fresh round of organisational appointments, unveiling new state presidents for Delhi, Haryana, Punjab and Tripura as part of a broader restructuring exercise aimed at strengthening the party ahead of upcoming electoral contests.



Union Minister of State and Member of Parliament Harsh Malhotra was appointed the new president of the BJP's Delhi unit, marking a

significant leadership change in the national capital. In Haryana, the party selected Archana Gupta to lead the state organisation, while Abhishek Debroy was chosen as the new chief of the Tripura unit.

For Punjab, where Assembly elections are

expected to become a major political battleground, the BJP appointed Kewal Singh Dillon as the state president.

The move is being viewed as part of the party's strategy to strengthen its regional leadership and improve organisational coordination at the grassroots level.

# Justice Cannot End With Property Seizures

The Enforcement Directorate's decision to attach properties linked to the Goa nightclub tragedy is an important step, but it is nowhere near justice. Twenty-five people died in that devastating fire. Families lost sons, daughters, spouses and friends in a matter of minutes. The value of attached assets, whether Rs 11 crore or more, cannot measure the value of those lost lives. Financial action alone cannot become a substitute for criminal accountability.

Police have alleged that the nightclub, Birch by Romeo Lane in North Goa's Arpora, operated through forged documents, fake clearances and expired licences. According to the ED, the establishment continued business despite lacking mandatory approvals, including a fire no objection certificate. The agency has also alleged that the club generated crores of rupees through illegal operations while authorities either failed to notice violations or chose to ignore them.

If these allegations are proven in court, then this was not merely an accident. It was a chain of deliberate violations driven by greed and protected by systemic negligence. That is precisely why punishment matters as much as investigation.

India has seen a dangerous pattern after major tragedies. Authorities move swiftly to suspend officials, seal properties, freeze bank accounts and announce compensation. Headlines follow. Public outrage rises briefly. Then, over time, the criminal cases weaken, witnesses lose faith, legal proceedings drag on for years and the accused eventually secure bail or reduced punishment. The system begins to treat deaths caused by negligence as unfortunate incidents instead of crimes with human consequences.

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The law must send a message that commercial negligence leading to mass death is not a minor regulatory offence. Running a crowded establishment without proper safety approvals is not a paperwork issue. Forging safety

documents is not a technical violation. These are actions that place profit above human life.

The tragedy also exposes a wider sickness in governance. A nightclub cannot operate illegally for years without gaps in enforcement. Trade licences expire. Fire clearances lapse. Local authorities inspect premises. Police issue permissions. Health departments certify establishments. Every stage involves oversight. When so many violations allegedly continued unchecked, accountability cannot stop with private owners alone.

Public officials who enabled, ignored or overlooked these violations must also face scrutiny. Otherwise, India will continue to punish only the visible faces while the deeper network of corruption survives untouched.

There is another uncomfortable truth. Disasters in India often become class selective tragedies. Safety rules are rigorously enforced in spaces used by the powerful, but relaxed elsewhere until catastrophe strikes. After every fire, bridge collapse or building disaster, authorities promise stricter inspections. Yet enforcement weakens once media attention fades. Citizens are left depending more on luck than governance.

The Goa fire should become a turning point. Courts must ensure a fast tracked trial. Investigators must pursue not only money laundering charges but also criminal liability linked directly to the deaths. Convictions, if guilt is established, must reflect the scale of the tragedy. Twenty five deaths cannot end in symbolic punishment, temporary outrage and eventual silence.

The ED's property attachment is necessary because illegal profits should not remain in the hands of the accused. But justice cannot be measured only in crores seized. Real justice will come only when the legal system proves that those responsible for risking human lives for profit cannot escape through influence, delay or technicalities.

Twenty five innocent people walked into a nightclub expecting music and celebration. They never came home.

The country owes them more than asset seizures. It owes them accountability.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Fix Goa's Power Problems Before Introducing Smart Meters

The decision to implement smart meters across Goa has raised several concerns among consumers. While modernisation and digital monitoring may help improve efficiency in the long run, the government and electricity department must first address the basic problems that continue to trouble people across the state.

Even today, there are areas in Goa that face frequent power failures, low voltage issues, and poor electricity infrastructure. In some remote places, residents still struggle to get a reliable electricity supply. During monsoons, power cuts become even more common, disrupting daily life, businesses, education, and healthcare services.

In such a situation, introducing smart meters appears premature and disconnected from the ground reality. Consumers are being asked to accept advanced technology when the existing system itself remains unreliable. People do not need smart meters to tell them that there are serious problems with the power supply and maintenance. The authorities are already aware of these issues, yet little improvement is seen.

Before investing heavily in smart meters, the electricity department should focus on strengthening infrastructure, upgrading transformers and transmission lines, ensuring stable voltage, and providing uninterrupted electricity to every household. Public confidence can only be built when essential services function properly. We are living in the 21st century, and it is high time the electricity department becomes smart first before expecting consumers to adapt to smart systems.

- Kenneth Fernandes, Margao

### Smart Meter Installation Should Not Be Forced on Consumers

There is growing concern among electricity consumers regarding the forcible installation of smart electricity meters in several parts of the country. Many consumers are unaware that, as per existing legal provisions, smart meter installation is not mandatory for consumers whose current electricity meters are functioning properly.

The Electricity Act, 2003, along with the Consumer Rights Rules, 2020 and the Central Electricity Authority Regulations, 2019, clearly protects the rights of consumers. These provisions establish that consumers have the freedom to continue using their existing post paid analog or digital meters if they so choose. Smart meters were primarily intended for new electricity connections and optional adoption, not compulsory replacement of existing functional meters. The recent clarification by the Union Ministry of Power in the Lok Sabha further strengthens this position. Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar reportedly stated in April 2026 that prepaid smart meters are optional and based entirely on consumer choice. The law allows a consumer to request a prepaid meter voluntarily, but nowhere does it authorize forced installation for existing users.

In a democratic country governed by law, public utilities must respect consumer rights and legal safeguards. Any attempt to pressure or compel consumers into accepting smart meters against their will undermines trust and violates the spirit of the law. Authorities should focus on transparency, public awareness, and improving power infrastructure instead of imposing decisions on consumers.

- Rupesh Sawant, Ponda

# MLA Viresh Borker Writes To RGP Seeking Meeting With Party Leaders

■ Party Yet To Finalise Schedule As Internal Consultation Process Continues

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**PANAJI:** St Andre MLA Viresh Borker has formally written to the Revolutionary Goans Party (RGP), expressing his willingness to meet the party's office bearers during the course of this week.

In his communication addressed to RGP leader Vishvesh Naik, Borker stated that he was unable to attend an earlier



scheduled meeting due to medical-related travel

outside Goa.

He further mentioned that he is now available for discussions at the party's head office in Panaji and requested that the meeting details be communicated to him at least a day in advance.

He also assured the party leadership of his full availability for the proposed interaction.

Meanwhile, party sources indicated that the RGP is likely to hold internal consultations before finalising the date and timing of the meeting.

The process, they said, may take some time as the party is currently functioning without a formally appointed president.



# Transport Department Sets June 4 Hearing In BMW Driver Licence Action Case

■ Show Cause Notice Issued To Jagdish Sardessai As Authorities Examine Possible Suspension Or Cancellation Over Dona Paula Crash

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**PANAJI:** The Transport Department has issued a show cause notice to BMW driver Jagdish Sardessai, fixing June 4 as the date for a personal hearing in connection with the Dona Paula accident case.

Officials said the hearing has been scheduled to examine whether his driving licence should be suspended or permanently cancelled following the incident involving a BMW car that allegedly collided with multiple vehicles in the Dona Paula area.

Acting on a communication from

Panaji Police, the Transport Department initiated proceedings after the driver was booked for rash and negligent driving and alleged driving under the influence of alcohol. Police had earlier recommended suspension of his driving licence and also took a bond of ₹75,000 before granting him bail.

Although no injuries were reported in the incident, CCTV footage reviewed by investigators reportedly showed the vehicle moving at high speed before swerving into the wrong lane and hitting a parked jeep and another oncoming vehicle.

# Goa CM Meets Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya In New Delhi

■ Assurance Given To Expedite Commissioning Of New Esi Medical College In Margao, Says Will Boost Healthcare And Medical Education In Goa

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**DELHI:** Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant met and interacted with Union Minister for Labour & Employment, Youth Affairs & Sports Mansukh Mandaviya in New Delhi.

The Chief Minister thanked the Union Minister for his assurance to expedite the commissioning of the new ESI Medical College in Margao, stating that the project will significantly strengthen healthcare



infrastructure and medical education in Goa.



# Man Dies After Falling While Cleaning Solar Panels in North Goa

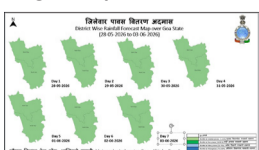
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**MAPUSA:** A 47-year-old man from Maharashtra died after allegedly falling from a height while cleaning solar panels at a property in North Goa, police said. The deceased, identified as Mahesh Dalvi, a resident of Ratnagiri in Maharashtra, had reportedly sustained grievous injuries in the incident that occurred at Rajwado in Mapusa on May 23.

# Light Showers Expected Across Goa; IMD Flags Heat And Health Precautions Despite No Weather Alerts

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**PANAJI:** The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Meteorological Centre Goa, has forecast light to moderate rainfall and thundershowers across North and South Goa from May 28 to June 3, 2026, while confirming that no weather warnings have been issued for the state during this period.



# Congress Leaders Pay Condolence Visit, Mourn Demise Of Fr Bolmax Pereira

■ Girish Chodankar, Altone D'Costa And Party Delegation Offer Prayers, Recall His Service To Society And Contribution To Social Harmony

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**PANAJI:** Former Goa Pradesh Congress Committee President and Congress Working Committee Member Shri Girish Chodankar, MLA Altone D'Costa, Goa Youth Congress President Archit Naik, District Presidents Rajesh Verekar and Assiz Noronha, along with leaders Glenn Cabral, Samil Volvoikar and others, paid a



condolence visit following the demise of Fr. Bolmax Pereira. The Congress delegation expressed

deep sorrow over his passing and conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family,

relatives, friends, and members of the community.

Leaders recalled Fr. Bolmax Pereira's service to society, describing him as a compassionate personality who worked towards promoting social harmony and human values.

They prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and strength to the family members to bear the loss.

# ED Attaches Rs 11.01 Crore Properties in Birch by Romeo Lane Fire Case

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**PANAJI:** The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Panaji Zonal Office,

has provisionally attached immovable properties worth Rs 11.01 crore under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the alleged illegal operations of "Birch by Romeo Lane" at Arpora, Goa.

# Vasco Man Booked For Alleged Stalking And Harassment Of Woman

■ Accused Allegedly Threatened Victim And Her Family, Passed Vulgar Remarks In Public

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**VASCO:** Vasco Police have registered a case against a resident of New Vaddem for allegedly stalking, harassing and criminally intimidating a woman over several months.

According to police, the complaint was filed by a Vasco resident whose identity has been withheld. The complainant alleged that between November



14, 2025 and May 12, 2026, the accused, identified as Triloknath Kerkar of New Vaddem, repeatedly stalked and harassed her after they became acquainted at a

family function.

Police said that despite the complainant clearly expressing disinterest and refusing contact, the accused allegedly continued to follow

her and attempted to establish unwanted personal communication. The complaint further stated that the accused mentally harassed the woman by allegedly

misusing his claimed influence as an advocate.

The complainant also alleged that during March 2026, the accused intentionally insulted her modesty and dignity by making vulgar remarks and obscene gestures in public view. Further, the accused allegedly abused and criminally intimidated the complainant and her family members by threatening them with dire consequences.

# FRRO Goa Traces Two Kenyan Nationals Overstaying In Calangute-Candolim

■ Intensive Drive Conducted To Track Foreigners Violating Visa And Immigration Norms

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**PANAJI :** The Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO), Goa, on Tuesday traced two Kenyan foreign nationals staying in violation of immigration rules during a special verification drive conducted in the Calangute-Candolim belt.

According to FRRO Goa, the intensive operation was carried out on May 27 by a team led by PSI Parag Parekh along with PC Rupesh Matkar, LPC Gauravi Pirankar and LPC Uttara



Bagi, with the objective of identifying foreign nationals overstaying and residing illegally in the state. During the course of the operation, the two Kenyan nationals were found overstaying in Goa without valid visa documents. Authorities stated that necessary legal action has been initiated against them

under the applicable provisions of law.

FRRO Goa reiterated that strict action will continue against foreign nationals found violating visa and immigration conditions. The office also urged hotels, guest houses, homestay operators, landlords and accommodation providers to strictly verify travel documents of foreign guests and ensure timely submission of C-Forms/Form-III, warning that delays or failure in reporting would invite legal consequences.

# Three Booked For Cruel Transportation Of Pigs Near Bambolim

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**OLD GOA:** Old Goa Police have registered a case against three persons for allegedly transporting around 30 pigs in cruel and inhuman conditions near the Panjim-Bambolim stretch early Tuesday morning.

The case was registered on May 27 at 11:49 am under Sections 281, 125, 325 read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Sections 11(1)(d) and 11(1)(e) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.



# Retired Govt Servant Duped Of Rs 8.48 Lakh In Online Banking Fraud At Curchorem

■ Fraudster Posed As Bank Manager, Broke Fixed Deposit Through Previously Allotted SIM Card

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**CURCHOREM:** Curchorem Police have registered a cyber fraud case after a 79-year-old retired government servant from Sanvordem was allegedly cheated of Rs 8.48 lakh by an unknown accused impersonating himself as a bank manager.

According to police, the case was transferred from Cyber Crime Police Station, Ribandar and converted into Curchorem Police Station Crime No. 23/2026 under Sections 318(4) and 319(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

As per the complaint filed by Yeshwant Bombdo Naik, resident of

Anandwadi, Sanvordem, the fraud took place between May 22 and May 25, 2026. The accused allegedly accessed the complainant's online banking account using an Airtel SIM card number previously allotted to him and, without his knowledge or consent, broke a fixed deposit worth Rs 10 lakh held at Yes Bank's Curchorem branch. Police said the accused then fraudulently transferred Rs 8,48,400 through multiple online transactions, thereby cheating the complainant.

Further investigation is being carried out by PSI Pramod Tari of Curchorem Police Station under the supervision of senior officers.

# Bihar Labourer Dies Of Electrocution At Navy Construction Site In Vasco

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**VASCO:** A 33-year-old labourer from Bihar died after allegedly suffering an electric shock while working at an under-construction Indian Navy site near IOC Junction in Vasco on Tuesday evening. The deceased has been identified as Sola Kumar Ram, a native of Shumbha in Bihar. According to Vasco police, information about the incident was received from the Casualty Police at Sub District Hospital (SDH), Chicalim at around 6.51 pm.

# Neura Resident Booked For Illegal Land Filling And Unauthorized Construction

■ Accused Allegedly Carried Out Land Filling And Built Swimming Pool Without TCP Permission

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**AGACAIM:** Agacaim Police have registered an offence against a 27-year-old resident of Neura O Grande for allegedly carrying out illegal land filling and unauthorized construction without obtaining permission from the Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department.

The case was registered on May 26 at 5:31 pm following



a written complaint lodged by Dattaprasad S. Toraskar, Mamlatdar of Tiswadi Taluka.

According to police, the accused, identified as Anthony Gonsalves, resident of Xencre

Bhat, Neura O Grande, allegedly carried out illegal land filling over an area of approximately

2,000 square metres in survey number 96/6 of Village Neura O Grande, Tiswadi. Police further stated that the accused had also constructed a swimming pool along with a concrete structure on the same property without obtaining prior written permission from the TCP Department, thereby violating provisions of the TCP Act. Further investigation is being carried out by PSI Zaki Hussain of Agacaim Police Station.

# “Enough Is Enough” To Hold Virtual Goa Statehood Day Meeting

Public Gathering Shifted Online After CCP Withdraws Azad Maidan Permission

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**PANAJI:** The “Enough is Enough” movement has announced that its proposed Goa Statehood Day public meeting on May 30, 2026, will now be held virtually after the Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) withdrew permission for the physical event at Azad Maidan.

According to a press note issued by the movement, the virtual



meeting will feature prominent speakers, including former Justice Ferdinando Rebello, who will address issues related to Goa's governance,

environment, public policy and matters of public interest.

The movement stated that the CCP, through a communication dated May 25, cancelled the permission that had earlier been granted on May 21, citing a government exhibition scheduled at Azad Maidan to mark Goa Statehood Day celebrations. Following an emergency core committee meeting held

on May 26 evening, members unanimously decided to continue with the programme in an online format. The organisers said the meeting link will be shared shortly with Goans in the state and across the world.

The movement has appealed to Goans globally to participate in large numbers and show collective support for Goa's future and public causes.

# Governor And Chief Minister Extend Eid-Adha Greetings

Leaders Call For Peace, Harmony, Brotherhood And Unity On Holy Occasion

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**PANAJI:** Governor P. Ashok Gajapati Raju and Chief

Minister Pramod Sawant have extended greetings to the people of Goa, especially the Muslim community, on the occasion of Eid-al-Adha (Id-UI-Zuha). In his

message, Governor P. Ashok Gajapati Raju said that Id-UI-Zuha, celebrated in the spirit of sacrifice, compassion and benevolence, is observed with deep devotion and enthusiasm across India and the world. Describing the festival as the “Festival of Sacrifice,” the Governor said the occasion inspires people to uphold values of faith, charity, selflessness and humanity.



## Fuel Sales Surge In Goa As PSU OMCs Assure Uninterrupted Supply

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**PANAJI:** Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported a sharp rise in fuel sales across Goa while assuring uninterrupted availability of petrol, diesel and LPG throughout the state.

According to PSU OMCs, petrol (MS) retail sales in Goa recorded a 7 per cent increase during May 2026 compared to the same period last year, while diesel (HSD) sales witnessed a significant 10 per cent growth.

Officials attributed the surge in demand to migration of institutional and commercial consumers towards public sector fuel outlets due to price differences with private suppliers, along with increased seasonal farming activities.

The PSU oil companies stated that uninterrupted logistics coordination and round-the-clock operational preparedness are ensuring steady fuel supplies across Goa despite shifting global conditions.

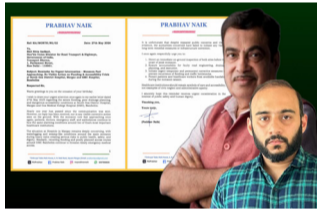
OMCs assured that adequate stocks of petrol, diesel and LPG are available across the country.

## Prabhav Naik Again Writes To Nitin Gadkari On Hospicio & GMC Accessibility Concerns

Seeks Urgent Action Over Flooding, Poor Drainage And Dangerous Hospital Access During Monsoon

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**MARGAO:** Madganvcho Awaaz and youth leader Prabhav Naik has once again written to Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari, seeking urgent intervention to address recurring flooding, poor drainage planning and dangerous accessibility conditions at South Goa District Hospital, Hospicio Margao, and GMC Hospital, Bambolim.



In his communication, Prabhav Naik pointed out that nearly one year has passed since his earlier representation highlighting the serious hardships faced by patients, doctors, emergency staff and ambulances during the monsoon season.

## COTPA Raid Conducted Near Bogmalo Beach, Fines Imposed On Violators

Establishments Penalised For Failing To Display ‘No Smoking’ Boards

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**VASCO:** A special raid under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) was conducted near the Bogmalo beach stretch by Pravinjay Pandit, Mamlatdar and Executive Magistrate of Mormugao Taluka, against business establishments violating anti-smoking regulations.

During the drive, fines were imposed on



establishments that had failed to display mandatory “No Smoking” boards on their premises.

Circle Inspector D.D. Korgaokar along with police personnel assisted

the Mamlatdar during the enforcement drive.

Officials stated that a total fine amounting to Rs 1,000 was collected from the violators during the operation.

## Annual St. Anthony Trezen To Begin At Loutulim From May 31

Feast Celebrations To Culminate With Procession And Prayer Service On June 13

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**LOUTOLIM:** The annual Trezen, comprising thirteen days of prayer in honour of St. Anthony of Padua, will be solemnly observed at Tolleaband, Loutulim, from May 31 to June 12, 2026.

According to organisers, the daily prayer service will begin at 6:15 pm, bringing together devotees and families in an atmosphere of faith,



devotion and spiritual preparation ahead of the feast of the beloved saint.

The celebrations will culminate on the Feast of

St. Anthony on June 13, 2026, with the programme scheduled to commence at 6:15 pm. The feast celebrations will begin

with the traditional procession to the miraculous statue of St. Anthony, accompanied by the floating of petition candles around the statue by devotees seeking the saint's blessings and intercession. This will be followed by a solemn prayer service and community fellowship aimed at fostering unity, devotion and togetherness among devotees.



## Body Of 37-Year-Old Man Found Floating In Mandovi River Near Panaji

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**PANAJI:** A 37-year-old man from Corlim was found dead after his body was spotted floating in the Mandovi river near Big Daddy Casino in Panaji on Tuesday afternoon. According to police, Panaji Police received information from PCR Panaji at around 3.13 pm regarding a body floating in the river near the casino area.

# India Approves First Hydrogen Train For Haryana Route In Major Green Transport Push

■ Hydrogen Powered Rail Service On Jind Sonipat Section Marks New Step Towards Clean Energy Mobility

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**New Delhi:** India has cleared its first hydrogen powered train for operations on the Jind to Sonipat rail section, marking a major milestone in the country's transition towards cleaner and environmentally sustainable public transport. The approval by Indian Railways signals the beginning of hydrogen based rail operations in the country and places India among a select group of nations experimenting with the emerging technology.

The newly approved trainset will consist of 10 coaches powered by a 1,200 KW hydrogen fuel cell propulsion system. Railway officials said the train is expected to begin services soon and will operate at a maximum speed of 75 kilometres per hour.

Unlike conventional diesel powered trains, the hydrogen train will generate electricity onboard through fuel cell technology. The system produces energy through a chemical reaction involving hydrogen, releasing only water



vapour as emission. This makes the technology significantly cleaner and more environmentally friendly compared to traditional fossil fuel powered transport systems.

To support the project, an indigenous hydrogen storage and refuelling facility has been developed in Jind. The facility has received approval from the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation, paving the way for operational readiness and safety compliance.

Railway authorities said specially trained

technical personnel will accompany the train during the initial phase to monitor performance, safety systems and operational efficiency. Several safety measures have also been introduced, including hydrogen leak detectors, flame sensors, regular inspections and continuous monitoring of the refuelling infrastructure.

With the launch, India joins countries such as Germany, Japan, China and the United States in exploring hydrogen powered railway systems as part of broader clean

energy initiatives.

The push for hydrogen based transport is also expanding beyond railways. Earlier this month, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation introduced the country's first hydrogen powered shuttle bus service in the Central Vista area of New Delhi with support from Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

Officials say the hydrogen rail project aligns with India's long term clean energy goals and its broader commitment towards achieving net zero carbon emissions.

## Life After Liver Transplant for Children: A New Beginning for Growth, Learning and Childhood

■ By Dr. Lalit Verma, Associate Director – Paediatric Hepatology, Institute of Liver, Intestine and Pancreas Sciences, Nanavati Max Super Speciality Hospital.

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**Goa:** For children with serious liver disease, a liver transplant is not just a life-saving surgery; it can be the beginning of a healthier childhood. Many children who need a transplant have long-standing problems such as jaundice, poor weight gain, pale or clay-colored stools, swelling of the abdomen, repeated infections, tiredness or delayed development.

In conditions such as biliary atresia, where the tubes that carry bile from the liver are blocked or absent, or in inherited liver diseases, the child's liver may slowly lose its ability to support normal growth and development says Dr Lalit Verma, Associate Director Paediatric Hepatology, Institute of Liver, Intestine & Pancreas Sciences, Nanavati Max Super Speciality Hospital, Mumbai.

Before transplant, these children may struggle because the damaged liver cannot properly process nutrients, clear toxins or support digestion. Poor bile flow can reduce the absorption of fats and important vitamins such as A, D, E and K, which are essential for growth, immunity, eyesight, bone strength and blood clotting. Fluid in the abdomen, repeated infections, itching and fatigue can further affect appetite, sleep, play and school readiness.

After a successful liver transplant, many children show remarkable improvement. One of the most encouraging changes is "catch-up growth", where the child begins to gain height and weight more



steadily after months or years of illness. Energy levels improve, appetite often becomes better, and children are able to participate more actively in school, play and daily routines. With regular developmental monitoring and therapy when required, many children also make progress in movement, speech, learning and social interaction.

However, life after transplant requires disciplined care. Children need regular follow-ups, medicines to prevent rejection of the new liver, vaccination planning, infection precautions and nutritional guidance. Parents play an important role in ensuring that medicines are taken

on time, warning signs are not ignored and routine check-ups are maintained. For families in Goa, timely specialist access can make a major difference. Nanavati Hospital, Mumbai, runs an exclusive Paediatric Hepatology and Gastroenterology OPD at Vision Hospital, Mapusa, on the second Friday and Saturday of every month from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Children with liver disease, poor growth after treatment, transplant-related concerns or complex gastroenterology problems can be evaluated locally and guided for advanced care when needed. Early expert advice can help children not only survive liver disease, but return to the childhood they deserve.

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## Goa Bids Emotional Farewell To Fr Bolmax Pereira

him a respected figure not only within the Church but also among environmental activists and civil society groups.

Following his passing, tributes poured in from across Goa, with many describing him as a "shepherd of the people" whose life reflected service, compassion, and moral conviction. Clergy members, parish communities, and well-wishers gathered to pay their final respects, recalling moments of guidance, support, and inspiration received from him over the years.

His funeral saw a large turnout of faithful who came together to bid him farewell, reflecting the deep bond he shared with the community. Many noted that his legacy would continue

through the values he upheld and the lives he touched during his ministry.

Fr. Pereira's passing marks a significant loss for the Church and the wider community, with many expressing that his voice for people and the environment will be deeply missed in the days ahead.

## Water Levels In Major Goa Dams Reported At Moderate Range Ahead Of Monsoon

and Gaunem are also reflecting a mix of moderate to lower water availability. Water Resources Department officials have assured that the current storage situation is sufficient to meet immediate drinking water requirements across the state. However, they noted that continuous monitoring is being carried out to

track inflows, especially as rainfall activity is expected to increase in the coming weeks.

Authorities are also preparing for improved reservoir recharge with the onset of the southwest monsoon, which is expected to gradually boost water levels across Goa's dam network.

## "DK Shivakumar Will Become Chief Minister": Siddaramaiah Announces Exit Amid Emotional Transition

Bengaluru residence, where senior cabinet colleagues gathered amid growing speculation over a possible leadership transition within the Congress government.

# “A Privilege I Look Forward To”: Anthony Albanese Signals PM Modi Visit To Australia Soon

■ Australian Prime Minister Highlights Growing India Australia Partnership Across Trade, Culture And Indo Pacific Cooperation

**New Delhi:** Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has reaffirmed the strengthening ties between India and Australia, saying he looks forward to hosting Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Australia once again in the near future.

Speaking in Parliament, Albanese described India as one of the fastest growing economies in the world and highlighted the expanding cooperation



between the two countries in trade, culture, education and regional security. He noted that the relationship between the two nations continues to deepen

through people to people connections and shared interests in the Indo Pacific region.

Recalling his earlier visit to India, Albanese

spoke warmly about the reception he received and said he was eager to welcome Modi to Australia again. He described the opportunity to host the Indian Prime Minister for a second time as a privilege he looked forward to repeating. The remarks drew appreciation from Australian High Commissioner to India Philip Green, who shared excerpts of Albanese's speech on social media platform X.



## “Main Culprit Is Worsening Climate Change”: UN Climate Chief Warns As India Battles Extreme Heat

■ Temperatures Cross 48 Degrees Across Parts Of India Amid Rising Concerns Over Heatwaves And Energy Demand

**New Delhi:** India is facing one of its harshest summers in recent years, with soaring temperatures and relentless heatwaves disrupting daily life across several states. Amid the worsening conditions, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Stiell warned that climate change remains the primary reason behind the intensifying heat gripping the country. Stiell said large parts of India are already experiencing a punishing summer marked by severe human and economic consequences. He pointed to the continued global dependence on coal, oil and gas as a major factor driving

rising temperatures and worsening climate conditions worldwide.

The warning came on the same day Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged citizens to remain cautious during the extreme heat and pay attention to signs of heat exhaustion. He advised people to stay hydrated and help vulnerable individuals by offering water during the ongoing heatwave conditions. Modi also highlighted the risks faced by children, elderly citizens and outdoor workers, who remain especially vulnerable to heat related illnesses. Several regions across India have witnessed temperatures crossing 48 degrees Celsius, while unusually warm nights have further intensified discomfort and health risks.



## “Significant Milestone”: Bengal Government Hands Over 142 Acres To BSF For Border Fencing

**New Delhi:** The government of West Bengal has intensified efforts to strengthen border security by accelerating the construction of Border Security Force outposts and barbed wire fencing along sensitive stretches of the India Bangladesh border, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari announced on Thursday.

Sharing details of the initiative on social media platform X, Adhikari said the state government had handed over additional land to the Border Security Force for fencing and related infrastructure projects. According to him, the total land allotted so far has reached 142.79 acres. The Chief Minister described the development as a “significant milestone” in the state government's broader border security plan, which was approved during the first cabinet meeting held after the Bharatiya Janata Party formed the government in Bengal following its Assembly election victory.

## Gujarat Isolates Congo Businessman And Three Others As Ebola Tests Underway

■ Health Authorities Say No Confirmed Ebola Case Yet, Urge Public Not To Panic

**New Delhi:** Health authorities in Gujarat have isolated a businessman from Democratic Republic of the Congo along with three individuals who came into contact with him after he developed fever symptoms, prompting precautionary Ebola virus testing. State Health Minister Praful Pansheriya said the 37 year old businessman arrived in Mumbai from Congo



around five to seven days ago before travelling to Vadodara. After developing a fever, he was admitted to a private hospital in Vadodara and later shifted to the Ebola

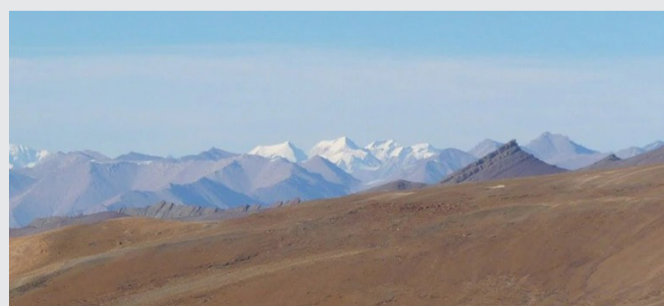
isolation ward at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital for further monitoring and treatment. According to the minister, the patient is currently stable, his temperature is under control and there has been no confirmation of Ebola infection so far. He stressed that there is no reason for public panic at this stage.

## India China Border Talks In Beijing Mark Fresh Push Towards Normalisation Of Ties

■ Both Sides Express Satisfaction Over Peace Along Eastern Ladakh Border And Agree To Continue Dialogue

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**New Delhi:** India and China held constructive and forward looking discussions in Beijing on the situation along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh, as both countries continued efforts to stabilise and gradually normalise bilateral relations after years



of military tensions. The discussions took place during a meeting of the Working Mechanism

for Consultation and Coordination on border affairs, where officials from both nations reviewed

the overall situation in the border regions and discussed measures aimed at maintaining peace and stability along the frontier. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, both sides expressed satisfaction over the progress achieved in maintaining peace and tranquillity in border areas. The two countries noted that

improved stability along the border has helped create conditions for gradual normalisation of overall diplomatic and political relations. India and China have been engaged in multiple rounds of military and diplomatic dialogue since relations deteriorated sharply following the deadly Galwan Valley clash in 2020.

# “Universe Baby Boss”: Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Shatters Chris Gayle’s IPL Six Hitting Record

■ 15 Year Old Rajasthan Royals Sensation Creates History With Explosive Knock Against Sunrisers Hyderabad

**New Delhi:** Teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi produced another extraordinary performance in the IPL 2026 Eliminator, rewriting multiple records and surpassing some of the biggest names in T20 cricket history. The 15 year old Rajasthan Royals opener broke Chris Gayle’s long standing record for the most sixes in a single IPL season during a stunning innings against



Sunrisers Hyderabad. Sooryavanshi smashed seven sixes during his

explosive 29 ball 97, taking his tally to 65 sixes this season and moving past Gayle’s previous record of 59 sixes set in IPL 2012. The young batter also

hammered a breathtaking half century in just 16 balls, equalling the fastest

fifty ever recorded in an IPL playoff match. The remarkable innings earned him a new nickname from fans and broadcasters at the stadium in New Chandigarh, where he was labelled “Universe Baby Boss”, a tribute inspired by Gayle’s famous “Universe Boss” title. Gayle himself praised the youngster on social media, describing him as a “new six machine” and applauding his fearless batting.



## Praggnanandhaa Defeats Magnus Carlsen Again In Stunning Norway Chess Upset

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**New Delhi:** Indian chess prodigy R Praggnanandhaa delivered another memorable performance on the international stage after defeating world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen in round three of the prestigious Norway Chess tournament in Oslo. The victory earned Praggnanandhaa three full points and pushed him to 4.5 points overall, moving him into sole second place in the standings. The Indian grandmaster now trails only Alireza Firouzja, who currently leads the tournament with 7.5 points. Praggnanandhaa’s latest triumph over Carlsen further strengthened his growing reputation as one of the brightest young stars in world chess. The win was especially significant because it came against the Norwegian legend on home soil and in one of the strongest tournaments on the global calendar. It also marked another successful chapter in Praggnanandhaa’s recent performances at the Superbet Chess Classic in Bucharest before arriving in Oslo.

## Sumit Antil Breaks His Own World Record With Massive 74.82m Throw In Bengaluru

■ Double Paralympic Champion Continues Dominance In Para Javelin With Historic Performance At National Championship

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**New Delhi:** Dr. Ajay Gaude, GCS Officer, Goa, Director of Sports and Youth Affairs, and Executive Director of SAG, successfully captured the breathtaking beauty of the Roli-Kholi Summit situated at an altitude of 13,500 feet amidst the majestic snow-clad Himalayan ranges.

Indian para athletics star Sumit Antil created history once again after breaking his own world record in the



Men’s Javelin F64 category during the 8th Indian Open International Para Athletics Championships 2026 in Bengaluru.

The two time Paralympic gold medallist produced a sensational throw of 74.82 metres on

Wednesday, surpassing his previous world record mark of 73.29 metres that he had set during the 2022 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou. Representing Haryana, Antil delivered a commanding performance to secure the gold medal and further cement his status as one of the world’s greatest para javelin throwers.



## Esha Singh Creates World Record To Win Gold At ISSF World Cup In Munich

■ Indian Shooter Opens Country’s Medal Account With Historic Performance In 25m Pistol Event

**New Delhi:** Indian shooter Esha Singh scripted history at the ISSF World Cup in Munich after clinching gold in the women’s 25 metre pistol event with a stunning world record performance.

The 21 year old shooter became the first athlete in the event’s history to score 43 points in the final, surpassing the previous world record mark of 42. Her dominant display also opened India’s medal account at the Munich World Cup on the second day of competition at the Olympic Shooting Range.

Esha delivered an exceptional performance in the final, recording perfect scores of five in

five out of the ten series. Her consistency and composure helped her finish comfortably ahead of home favourite and former world champion Doreen Vennekamp, who secured the silver medal after trailing by five shots.

Miroslava Mincheva of Bulgaria claimed the bronze medal, while reigning Olympic champion Yang Jiin exited the competition in fifth place.

The gold medal marked Esha’s fourth individual medal at the ISSF World Cup level and further strengthened her growing reputation as one of India’s top shooting talents. The shooter had earlier won a silver medal at the 2022 Asian Games.

## Three Goa Cricketers Earn Selection For BCCI U 19 Girls Inter CoE Tournament 2026

■ Vidhi Bhandare, Usma And Harshita Yadav To Represent Goa At Prestigious Bengaluru Tournament

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**New Delhi:** In a significant achievement for women’s cricket in Goa, three young cricketers from the Goa Cricket Association have been selected to participate in the prestigious BCCI U 19 Girls Inter CoE Tournament 2026, scheduled to be held at the BCCI Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru from May 30 to June 10.



The selected players are Vidhi Bhandare, Usma and Harshita Yadav, who have earned recognition for their consistent performances and promising talent in the



junior cricket circuit. Their selection is being viewed as an important milestone for Goan women’s cricket and a reflection of the growing opportunities for young female cricketers in



the state. The tournament, organised under the banner of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, will bring together some of the most talented under 19 players from

across the country. The event is expected to provide a valuable platform for emerging cricketers to showcase their skills at the national level and gain exposure in a highly competitive environment. Former Ranji player and GCA President Mahesh Dessai congratulated the players on their achievement and extended his best wishes for the tournament.