



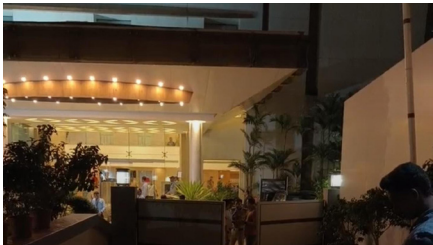
## Two Armed Men Open Fire At Casino Majestic Director In Goa

■ Shrinivas Nayak Escapes Unhurt As Security Guard Returns Fire; Police Identify Suspects Through CCTV

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**PORVORIM:** Two armed men allegedly opened fire at Casino Majestic director Shrinivas Nayak near the casino premises on Friday evening, with Nayak and his security guard escaping unhurt in the attack.

The incident took place near the casino's parking area when Nayak was approaching his vehicle. According to sources,



the two assailants had allegedly concealed themselves between parked vehicles and were waiting for an opportunity to target him. As Nayak was about to enter his car, the duo reportedly



approached him and fired three rounds at close range. His security guard immediately retaliated, firing three rounds at the attackers. The assailants nevertheless managed to escape from the

spot. Sources said they are suspected to have arrived on a motorcycle before fleeing across the road towards the Panaji-Mapusa highway. Police have launched an investigation and are examining CCTV footage from the casino and surrounding areas. A preliminary examination of the footage has reportedly helped investigators identify the two suspected assailants.

### Forensic Team Recovers Bullet Shells From Firing Scene In Porvorim

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**PORVORIM:** The investigation into the firing targeting Casino Group Director Srinivas Nayak continued late Friday night, with police and forensic teams examining and reconstructing the scene outside Majestic Paradise in Porvorim.

The forensic team recovered bullet shells



from the spot during the examination as investigators worked to piece together the sequence of events surrounding the shooting. The firing took place just around 50 metres from a police station, raising concerns over the brazen nature of the attack.



### CM Sawant Orders Swift Action Against Firing Suspects

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**PANAJI:** Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant has directed the Goa Police to take swift action and apprehend those suspected of involvement in the firing incident targeting a businessman. Reacting to the incident, Sawant said that such an incident had taken place for the first time during his tenure as Chief Minister and asserted that the government and police department would not spare those involved. "For the first time during my tenure as Chief Minister, an incident of firing at a businessman has taken place.

The government and the police department will not spare such incidents or those involved in the firing under any circumstances," Sawant said. The Chief Minister said that the exact reasons behind the firing would become clear as the investigation progresses. He added that instructions have already been issued to the police to apprehend the suspects at the earliest.

## Opposition Leaders Slam Government Over Porvorim Firing Incident

■ Viresh Borkar, Girish Chodankar, Sunil Kawthankar And Amit Palekar Question Goa's Law And Order

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**PANAJI:** Opposition leaders in Goa have criticised the state government following the firing incident involving Casino Group director Srinivas Nayak in Porvorim, alleging that the incident reflects a serious deterioration in law and order.

RGP MLA Viresh Borkar visited the Majestic Paradise premises and



took stock of the situation. Borkar said a possible revenge motive could be behind the attack and alleged that the firing appeared to have been planned.

Borkar questioned how such an incident could take place in a prime area like Porvorim and claimed it reflected the alleged collapse of law and order in Goa. GPCC

chief Girish Chodankar pointed out that the firing reportedly took place just metres from the Porvorim police station. He questioned how safe ordinary citizens could feel if armed assailants could allegedly open fire in the vicinity of a police station. GPCC Working President Sunil Kawthankar also hit out at the government, alleging that criminals had become emboldened enough to carry out a

gun attack near senior police establishments. He linked the incident to what he described as widespread corruption and a deteriorating law-and-order situation. Congress leader Amit Palekar too criticised the BJP-led government, warning that Goa could be heading towards a situation similar to Mirzapur. He said the state's law-and-order situation had reached its lowest point.

### No Govt Can Choose 'Politically Convenient' Date For Elections: HC

■ Bombay High Court Upholds Goa Municipalities Amendment Ordinance, Paving Way For Polls In 11 Municipal Councils

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**PANAJI:** The Bombay High Court has held that no government can choose a "politically convenient" date for conducting elections when the periodicity of those elections is fixed by the Constitution of India.

The observation came while the High Court upheld the validity of the Goa Municipalities (Amendment) Ordinance,



2026, clearing the way for elections to 11 Municipal Councils in Goa. The court emphasised that governments do not have an entitlement to determine election dates based on political convenience when constitutional provisions prescribe the periodicity of elections.

### Porvorim Casino Shootout: FIR Registered Against Unknown Accused

■ Casino Majestic Paradise Director Shrinivas Nayak was allegedly targeted in a shooting incident; no suspect named in complaint

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**PORVORIM:** Porvorim Police have registered an FIR against an unknown accused in connection with the alleged shooting targeting Casino Majestic Paradise Director Shrinivas Nayak.

According to police sources, Nayak



approached the Porvorim Police and lodged a complaint regarding the incident. However, he has not named any person as a suspect in connection

with the alleged attack. Police have registered the case against an unknown accused and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the shooting, including the motive and identity of the person allegedly involved.

# A Drug-Free Goa Cannot Be Created By a 500 Metre Circular

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant's attempt to clear the air over the Education Department's 500 metre drug-free zone circular is understandable. The government certainly has a responsibility to prevent confusion and ensure that Goa's image is not unnecessarily tarnished. But the Chief Minister's explanation does not address the central question. If the intention was to create a meaningful drug-free zone around schools, why was the responsibility left to a circular issued by the Education Department, an agency whose jurisdiction is essentially confined to educational institutions?

The problem is not the intention behind the circular. The problem is the way it was drafted, issued and communicated.

If the government genuinely wants to keep a 500 metre radius around every school free from drugs and related activity, such a directive cannot be treated as an Education Department matter alone. A school campus may be under the administrative control of the Education Department, but the roads, shops, establishments, public spaces and other properties surrounding that campus fall under different authorities. Depending on the location, these could involve the police, local bodies, panchayats, municipalities, the Excise Department, Health Department, Revenue authorities and other enforcement agencies.

Therefore, a circular dealing with an area extending 500 metres beyond school premises should logically have involved all the relevant agencies.

This is where the government needs to accept that there was an administrative and communication failure instead of simply asking people not to misinterpret the directive.

The Chief Minister has said that the circular follows guidelines issued by the Government of India and the Narcotics Control Bureau. If that is the case, the government should make the guidelines public and explain exactly how they are being implemented in Goa. More importantly, there must be clarity about which agency is responsible for enforcement within the 500 metre radius.

Awareness is one thing. Enforcement is another.

The Education Department can certainly create awareness among students, teachers and parents. It can monitor suspicious activities within school campuses and report concerns to the appropriate authorities. But it cannot, by itself, police every establishment located 500 metres from a school.

That distinction is important because a poorly worded circular can

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create more confusion than clarity. Does the 500 metre restriction apply to shops? Restaurants? Pharmacies? Paying guest accommodations? Bars? Construction sites? Private properties? Roads? What exactly constitutes a drug-free zone? Who will inspect these areas? Who will register offences? Who will take action? Under which law?

These questions cannot be answered by an Education Department circular alone.

If the government's objective is to create drug-free zones around schools, it should issue a comprehensive

government order involving all relevant departments and enforcement agencies. There should be a clearly marked radius, defined responsibilities and a mechanism for regular inspections and reporting. Police and the Anti-Narcotics Cell must have a central role because they possess the authority and expertise to investigate and take action against drug-related offences.

The government also needs to distinguish between a drug-free zone as a policy objective and a geographical restriction created through an administrative circular. Saying that Goa must be drug-free is a legitimate and necessary aspiration. But achieving it requires more than issuing a circular.

The Chief Minister has repeatedly maintained that Goa's Anti-Narcotics Cell is strong and vigilant. That vigilance should now be visible through coordinated action. If suspicious establishments are operating near schools, action should follow. If there are intelligence inputs about drug peddling around educational institutions, they should be investigated. If certain locations have emerged as vulnerable points, enforcement should be intensified there.

There is also a larger issue here. Goa cannot afford to treat the drug menace merely as an image problem. Drugs are a serious social and law enforcement challenge. Attempting to protect Goa's image by asking people not to "malign" the state will not solve the problem. The best way to protect Goa's image is to demonstrate that the state has the political will, administrative coordination and enforcement machinery to deal with the menace.

The 500 metre circular may have been badly worded, but it has highlighted an important issue. If the government really means business, it should correct the circular rather than defend its wording.

Let the Education Department handle schools. Let the police and Anti-Narcotics Cell handle enforcement. Let local authorities regulate establishments within their jurisdiction. Let the Excise and other concerned departments perform their statutory roles. And let the government bring all of them under one coordinated drug prevention framework.

Goa does not need a confusing circular. It needs a clearly defined, legally sound and jointly enforced policy.

The objective should not merely be a 500-metre drug-free zone around schools. The ultimate objective must be a drug-free Goa.

## EDITOR SPEAKS

### Opposition unity in Goa: all talk, but where is the ground game?

By Suraj Nandrekar

Congress president Girish Chodankar has once again promised to make every effort to bring Goa's Opposition parties together for the 2027 Assembly elections. It is the right political message, because if the Opposition genuinely wants to challenge the BJP, unity is not merely desirable. It is essential.

But there is a glaring contradiction between what Opposition leaders are saying and what their parties are doing on the ground.

Congress talks about unity with Goa Forward Party. Goa Forward talks about the need for an alternative. AAP says it is open to Opposition unity. RGP too has supported the idea. Yet, at the constituency level, the Opposition appears to be preparing to fight one another.

Congress is making its presence felt in Goa Forward's Fatorda constituency. Goa Forward is looking at Quepem, a Congress constituency. AAP is active in Congress held constituencies such as Benaolim and Vellim, while Congress is also making moves in Vellim, an AAP held constituency.

What exactly is the Opposition trying to achieve?

There is nothing wrong with any political party strengthening itself across Goa. In fact, every serious political party should do so. But political parties cannot simultaneously tell voters that they want Opposition unity and behave as though their principal political opponents are their fellow Opposition parties.

That is where the credibility of the entire unity exercise begins to collapse.

The Congress president's latest appeal comes after several rounds of discussions and disagreements among the Opposition parties. Congress and GFP had initiated alliance talks, but GFP subsequently put those talks on hold to concentrate on strengthening itself across all 40 constituencies. Chodankar has now said Congress will continue trying to bring GFP back to the table.

But alliance politics cannot work like this.

An alliance requires trust. It requires clarity. Most importantly, it requires sacrifice.

If Congress wants GFP to leave Fatorda alone, what is Congress prepared to offer in return? If GFP wants Congress to respect its traditional political space, will GFP stay away from Congress strongholds? If AAP wants a united Opposition, will it stop expanding into Congress constituencies? And if Congress expects AAP to respect its seats, will Congress reciprocate?

These are the questions that need answers.

The biggest mistake the Opposition can make is to confuse anti BJP sentiment with an automatic vote for an alliance. Voters may want change, but they will not necessarily coordinate their votes simply because political leaders announce that they are united.

The 2027 election will be fought constituency by constituency. In a state with only 40 Assembly seats, even a few thousand divided votes can decide the outcome.

This is precisely why the Opposition's present behaviour is worrying.

The BJP must be watching this with considerable interest. It does not have to defeat a united Opposition if the Opposition parties are busy defeating each other.

Congress, GFP, AAP and RGP need to decide what they want. Do they want to maximise their individual party presence or defeat the BJP? Both objectives cannot always be achieved simultaneously.

If defeating the BJP is genuinely the larger objective, then some parties will have to give up some constituencies. Some leaders will have to swallow their ambitions. Some workers will have to campaign for candidates from another party. That is what an alliance means. Otherwise, Opposition unity will remain a slogan repeated at press conferences while the parties quietly prepare to contest against each other.

Goa does not need another election where Opposition votes are divided and everyone later blames everyone else. Chodankar may be sincere in his effort. But sincerity at the leadership level is not enough. The message has to travel down to the constituency, booth and worker level.

The Opposition has time to correct course. But that time should be used to negotiate, not to expand against one another.

If Congress, GFP and AAP genuinely want to defeat the BJP in 2027, they must first stop treating each other as the enemy.

# ED Arrests Three In Goa In ₹417.49-Crore Digital Arrest, Investment Fraud Case

■ Mumbai Chartered Accountant Among Those Held; Special PMLA Court Grants ED Custody Till September 1

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**PANAJI:** The Enforcement Directorate's Panaji office has arrested three alleged operatives of a nationwide money-laundering network suspected to be involved in "digital arrest" and investment fraud cases involving reported losses of ₹417.49 crore. The arrested persons have been identified as Mumbai-based chartered accountant Bhushan Suryakant Moye, 47, and



alleged cash-conversion agents Shailesh Dagdu Chavan, 38, and Vilas Narayan Pawar, 61. They were produced before the Special PMLA Court at Merces in North Goa, which granted the ED custody of the trio until

September 1. The investigation originated from a complaint filed by a Margao resident who allegedly lost more than ₹2.60 crore between May 21 and June 2, 2025. According to the ED, the fraudsters allegedly impersonated officials from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India and the Central Bureau of Investigation.

The complainants were allegedly kept under continuous video surveillance and shown a forged Supreme Court order before being coerced into transferring their savings to accounts described as "Secret Supervision Accounts". The ED said the proceeds were initially routed through nine primary conduit bank accounts before being distributed across more than 400 mule accounts.



## Governor Rajendra Arlekar Launches 'Manvedh' And 'Avirat' Books

■ Calls For Widespread Reading Movement To Counter Declining Reading Habit Among Youth

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**PANAJI:** Governor of Kerala and Tamil Nadu Rajendra Arlekar has called for a widespread "reading movement" to revive the habit of reading among the younger generation, which he said is declining due to the growing use of mobile phones and social media. Arlekar was speaking as the chief guest at the launch of 'Manvedh' and 'Avirat', books authored by Shyam Gaonkar, at the Institute Menezes Braganza. The Governor said books are not merely a source of knowledge or entertainment but a powerful medium that enriches an individual's intellectual world and

helps shape society. He said regular reading of quality literature helps mature thinking, instil values and nurture a sensitive and cultured generation. Arlekar stressed that parents and teachers have an important role in developing a love for reading among children from an early age, particularly during adolescence. He suggested establishing "Reading Temples" in every village as centres of knowledge, thought and values. Director of the Department of Information and Publicity Abhir Hede said maintaining a reading culture has become increasingly challenging in the digital and social media era.



## GFP Opposes Proposed Anti-Conversion Bill, Says It Threatens Goa's Identity and Religious Freedom

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**PANAJI:** The party said the proposed legislation could place restrictions on the constitutional freedom to practise one's religion and potentially interfere with the personal religious choices of Goans.

GFP stressed that Goa has its own distinct identity, history and "Goemchi Asmitai", and argued that the State should not blindly replicate laws introduced in other BJP-ruled States.

The party further alleged that the proposed Bill could disproportionately target minorities and affect religious freedom in the State.

GFP said it would strongly oppose the proposed legislation both inside and outside the Goa Legislative Assembly, and urged Goans to reject what it described as divisive politics that places political interests above Goa's identity, freedom and unity.

## Husband allegedly abducted from Zuarinagar in Sancoale

■ Verna Police investigate complaint filed by wife; man reportedly missing since August 20

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**SANCOALE:** Verna Police have registered a complaint regarding the alleged abduction of a man from Zuarinagar, Sancoale. According to the complaint filed by Kariyamma Gudador, a resident of Zuarinagar, Sancoale, originally from Gadag, Karnataka, her husband, Parashuram Gudador, was allegedly abducted by unknown person(s) on August 20, 2026, at around 7.30 am from Zuarinagar.



Police have initiated an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the alleged abduction and are working to trace the missing

man and identify those responsible. Further investigation is being conducted by LPSI Pramila Fernandes of Verna Police Station.

## Goa Tightens Marine Fishing Rules, Makes Vessel Tracking Systems Mandatory

■ New Rules Require Tracking And Communication Equipment On Mechanised Vessels; Fishing Passes And Landing Centre Access Also Regulated

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**PANAJI:** The Goa government has introduced tighter regulations for marine fishing, making vessel tracking and communication equipment mandatory for mechanised fishing vessels while also strengthening rules governing fishing passes, berthing and trawl nets.

The changes have



been notified through the Goa Marine Fishing Regulation (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2026, which further amend

the Goa Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 1982. The amended provisions have come into effect immediately.

Under the new rules, every mechanised fishing vessel must be equipped with an Automatic Identification System (AIS), satellite-based transponder or Vessel Tracking and Monitoring System (VTMS). Vessels will also be required to carry a Search and Rescue Beacon, Marine Very High Frequency (VHF) radio and a Global Positioning System (GPS) navigator.

## Ponda woman allegedly cheated of ₹22 lakh in investment scheme

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**PONDA:** Ponda Police have registered a case of alleged cheating involving ₹22 lakh after a woman from Ponda complained that she was induced to invest money in a financial scheme on the promise of receiving double returns. According to the complaint filed by Rupali Naik, the alleged offence took place in Ponda prior to August 26, 2026, at around 4.20 pm.



## Modernising GMC, Strengthening Healthcare

The inauguration of the new Lecture Hall Complex at Goa Medical College and Hospital is a welcome investment in the future of medical education in the state. At a time when the number of MBBS seats at GMC has increased, strengthening the institution's academic infrastructure is not merely desirable but necessary.

Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant, who inaugurated the facility in the presence of Health Minister Vishwajit Rane, GSIDC Chairman Michael Lobo and other dignitaries, has rightly emphasised the importance of modern learning infrastructure for future medical

professionals.

The ₹40 crore complex, spread across 5,482 square metres, includes three lecture halls with a combined capacity of 1,200 students. Equipped with LED video walls, modern audio visual systems, recording, streaming and webcasting facilities, the complex reflects how medical education is changing. Students today need access to technology driven learning, digital resources and teaching methods that go beyond conventional classrooms.

However, infrastructure alone cannot guarantee better medical education. The government must ensure that these facilities are properly maintained and used to their

full potential. The quality of faculty, clinical exposure, research opportunities and student support remains equally important.

The announcement of an additional ₹500 crore provision for GMC infrastructure development is significant. Goa needs a clear and transparent roadmap for how this money will be spent. Infrastructure projects should address genuine academic and healthcare requirements rather than becoming a race to build structures without ensuring their long term utility.

GMC is not just another government institution. It is the backbone of Goa's public healthcare system and an

important centre for medical education. Its students will eventually become doctors serving communities across Goa and beyond. The quality of education they receive will directly influence the quality of healthcare available to people.

The expansion of MBBS seats also brings greater responsibility. More students mean greater demand for classrooms, laboratories, hostels, clinical training facilities and teaching staff. The government must ensure that expansion does not compromise academic standards or the quality of practical training.

The new Lecture Hall Complex is therefore a

positive step, but it should be viewed as part of a larger transformation of GMC. The objective should not simply be to provide bigger and smarter classrooms. It should be to create an institution where students receive world-class education, doctors have access to modern facilities, and patients receive better care.

Goa has the opportunity to build GMC into a leading medical education and healthcare institution. The challenge now is to ensure that the promised investment translates into lasting improvements, better doctors and, ultimately, better healthcare for the people of Goa.



Department of Information and Publicity

# Strengthening Goa's Police for a Safer Tomorrow



Goa is strengthening its policing infrastructure with a clear focus on modern mobility, technology enabled policing and a well trained force capable of responding effectively to the needs of citizens

Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant recently flagged off 46 new P10 vehicles procured to strengthen the mobility and response capabilities of the Traffic Police, Highway Patrol, District Police Stations and the State Police Control Room. The addition of these vehicles will provide police personnel with improved mobility and greater operational readiness across Goa.

For a modern police force, mobility is an essential part of effective public service. Whether it is responding to an emergency, managing traffic, patrolling highways, reaching a police station or attending to a situation in the field, reliable vehicles enable personnel to reach citizens quickly and efficiently.

The Government's investment in new vehicles



reflects its commitment to equipping Goa Police with the resources required for contemporary policing. Stronger mobility will complement the efforts of police personnel working across the state to promote road safety, prevent crime and ensure public security.

The initiative also comes alongside the induction of a new generation of Police Sub Inspectors into the Goa Police. Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant extended appointment letters to the newly selected officers, who were recruited through the Staff Selection Commission.

The recruitment process

itself reflects Goa's growing emphasis on transparency and technology in public administration. Computer-based tests, videography and RFID-based monitoring were incorporated into the selection process, helping create a structured and technology-enabled recruitment system.

The appointment of new Police Sub Inspectors will add strength to the policing establishment and bring fresh talent and energy into the force. These officers will have an important role in serving communities, maintaining law and order and responding to the evolving requirements of policing in a modern state.

Technology, trained manpower and mobility together form the foundation of effective policing. Goa's investment in all three demonstrates a forward looking approach towards public safety.

The newly appointed officers now begin an important journey of service. Their responsibility goes

and upholding the values of discipline, integrity and professionalism.

With upgraded vehicles supporting police operations and a new generation of officers joining the force, Goa is strengthening its policing capabilities for the future.

The vision is clear: a modern police force, equipped



beyond enforcing the law. It also involves building public confidence, assisting citizens

with modern resources and committed to the safety and security of every citizen.



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# C. Krishniah Chetty Group of Jewellers Brings 155 Years of Exceptional Craftsmanship to Goa this Festive Season – Exclusive Exhibition from 28th August to 31st August 2026 at Hotel Fidalgo, Panjim

## Team Goemkarponn

**PANJIM:** As Goa gears up to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi and the festive season, C. Krishniah Chetty Group of Jewellers, one of India's most prestigious names in fine jewellery with a legacy of 155 years, has brought an exclusive four-day festive exhibition to Goa, blending timeless tradition with modern sophistication. The exhibition commenced on 28th August and will continue until 31st August 2026 at Hotel Fidalgo, Panjim, Goa.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Miss Sobita Kudtarkar, an actor and filmmaker from Goa, marking the beginning of an opulent celebration of artistry, heritage, and festive sparkle. Just in time for the festivities, C. Krishniah Chetty Group has brought its signature craftsmanship, rare gemstones, and heritage-inspired designs to Goa.

For 155 years, C. Krishniah Chetty Group has been synonymous with exquisite artistry, impeccable quality, and a legacy of serving royal families and connoisseurs alike. This festive showcase invites visitors to discover jewellery that celebrates new beginnings, prosperity, and togetherness – perfect for the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations. From timeless classics to bold contemporary statements, each creation is as meaningful as it is



magnificent.

The showcase features the purest gold, rare gemstones, and innovative designs — from luminous pearls, majestic amethysts, regal emeralds, and radiant rubies to vivid turquoise, glowing citrine, and brilliant diamonds. Each jewel has been meticulously crafted to complement the festive spirit and every style.

Speaking at the inauguration, \*Miss Sobita Kudtarkar\* said, “The festive season is all about celebrating joy, prosperity and timeless traditions. It’s wonderful to see a heritage brand like C. Krishniah Chetty bring such exquisite artistry to Goa at this auspicious time. Each piece reflects not just exceptional craftsmanship, but also the emotion and blessings that jewellery brings during our festivals. I am sure Goans will cherish this festive collection.”

\*Ms. Rekha J, Head of the store, C. Krishniah Chetty Group\* added, “With Ganesh Chaturthi just around the corner,

there couldn't be a better time to bring our festive collections to Goa. At C. Krishniah Chetty Group, we believe jewellery should celebrate life's most precious moments. This exhibition is our way of becoming a part of Goa's festive celebrations, sharing our 155-year-old heritage and our sustainable luxury with http://crash.club by CKC collection. Every time we exhibit in Goa, the love and response have been overwhelming, and it inspires us to keep coming back.

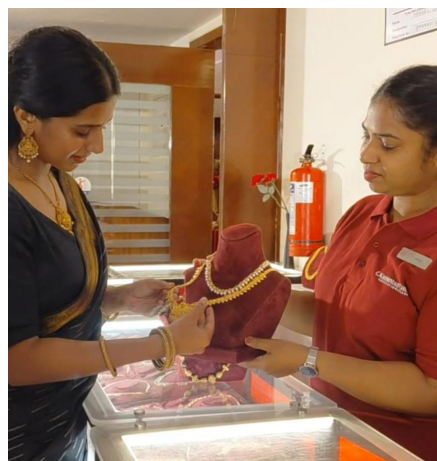
We look forward to celebrating this festive season with our patrons here.”

Highlighting the event is crash.club by C. Krishniah Chetty Group — a revolutionary collection of lab-grown diamonds that redefines modern luxury. These gems are identical in brilliance, clarity, and sparkle to their mined counterparts but are created through advanced technology, ensuring minimal environmental impact. Designed for

those who want to wear their values as confidently as their style, crash.club diamonds represent a harmony of science, artistry, and sustainability.

This Goa showcase is more than just an exhibition — it is an immersive experience of artistry, heritage, and purpose, where visitors will witness how a 155-year-old C. Krishniah Chetty Group is shaping the future of jewellery, where beauty meets responsibility, and luxury becomes a conscious choice for the festive season.

Adding to the festive cheer, the brand is offering exclusive special offers available only for its Goa clientele, which include 2% OFF on Silver Jewellery, 4% OFF on Gold Jewellery and 6% OFF on Diamond Jewellery, along with personalised consultations with jewellery experts and a first look at unseen, exclusive festive collections, said Mr. Tejas Kalra, PR Head, C. Krishniah Chetty Group.



## New GOA team meets CM Sawant, discusses vision for Goa sports



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**PANAJI:** The newly elected Executive Committee of the Goa Olympic Association (GOA), led by President and Rajya Sabha MP Shri Sadanand Shet Tanavade, met Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant at his official residence in Altinho and discussed the Association's vision and priorities for the 2026-30 term. The delegation highlighted its focus on strengthening athlete support, improving coordination with State Sports Associations and building a stronger sporting ecosystem in Goa.

During the interaction, GOA also requested the Chief

Minister's intervention for the release of pending grants to sports associations and athletes, while seeking suitable office premises in Panaji to enable the Association to function more effectively and coordinate with affiliated associations and stakeholders. Dr Sawant assured the new team of the Government of Goa's full support and cooperation in taking forward the State's sporting development. Adding a warm personal touch to the visit, GOA Vice Presidents Sandhya Paliekar and Bhageshri Padloskar, along with Executive Member Rukmini Kamat, tied rakhis to the Chief Minister on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.



# “Flood Safe Turns Into Crime Scene”: 29 Detained After ₹92 Lakh Cash Recovered in Nepal

■ Police recover millions from a safe swept away by floodwaters as authorities investigate theft allegations

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**KATHMANDU:** A cash safe swept away by devastating floods in Nepal has become the centre of a major theft investigation, with police detaining 29 people and recovering more than Rs 92.68 lakh from their possession.

The safe was reportedly carried away



by floodwaters from the Bhotekoshi area of Rasuwa on September



10. It was later discovered along the Trishuli River near Belkhukhola in

Dhading's Galchhi Rural Municipality.

Police received information on September 12 that people in the area had allegedly broken open the safe and removed the cash stored inside. A police team was subsequently dispatched to the location, leading to the detention of 29 people during the initial investigation.



## “As Requested by Nepal”: India Offers NDRF Teams, Medical Aid After Devastating Floods

■ India prepares rescue teams, engineering support and relief supplies as Nepal leads its own disaster response

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**NEW DELHI:** India has offered to deploy National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams in Nepal following devastating flash floods that have killed at least 552 people across areas on both sides of the Nepal Tibet border.

The Ministry of External Affairs said India was preparing additional humanitarian assistance following a request from Nepal. The support includes medical personnel, engineering teams, rescue equipment and infrastructure material aimed at helping affected areas recover from the destruction.

Two aircraft carrying relief supplies

have already been sent to Nepal, while another aircraft is expected to deliver additional humanitarian assistance. India is also preparing a specialised tunnel rescue team, with an advance team set to assess the situation and determine the equipment required.

Medical assistance is also being arranged, while India has offered Bailey bridges and technical teams to help restore road connectivity in areas where infrastructure has been damaged.

Separately, India has offered NDRF personnel and equipment to support ongoing search and rescue operations. A response from Nepal regarding the deployment is awaited.



## “Student Union Elections Will Be Held Soon,” Says Suwendu Adhikari

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**KOLKATA:** Student union elections will soon be conducted across colleges and universities in West Bengal, Leader of Opposition Suwendu Adhikari said on Friday, as pressure grows for the restoration of campus polls across the state. Student union elections have remained largely absent from West Bengal's higher education institutions for several years. Opposition parties and student organisations have repeatedly demanded that elections be held to give students a greater role in campus representation. Adhikari made the announcement after attending an event outside Jadavpur University. He also expressed confidence that the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), the student organisation affiliated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, would perform strongly once elections are conducted. The demand for student union elections has gained renewed attention following clashes involving student groups at several educational institutions, including Jadavpur University.

## PM Modi: “India Seeks a Region Free From Terrorism”

■ Prime Minister to push India's SCO vision focused on security, connectivity and opportunity during Central Asia visit

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**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said India will work with members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to promote a region free from terrorism, separatism and extremism.

Ahead of his visit to Uzbekistan and the Kyrgyz Republic from August 29 to September 1, PM Modi said India's approach to the region is centred



on three key priorities: security, connectivity and opportunity. He expressed confidence that the visit would further strengthen India's strategic partnerships in Central Asia and deepen longstanding civilisational and people to people ties. PM Modi will begin

his tour with a State Visit to Uzbekistan on August 29 and 30 at the invitation of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. He is expected to discuss ways to expand cooperation in areas including trade and investment, digital connectivity, defence and energy.

The Prime Minister will also highlight the shared development goals of India and Uzbekistan, including the vision of a developed India and a modern Uzbekistan.

## “Krishna Consciousness Can Make the World Better”: Mohan Bhagwat in New York

■ RSS chief highlights unity and harmony during ISKCON temple visit ahead of Madison Square Garden address

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**NEW YORK:** Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat said Krishna consciousness can help overcome divisions and conflicts in the world during his visit to an ISKCON temple in New York on Friday.

Addressing devotees at the temple, Bhagwat spoke about the need for greater unity in a



world marked by conflicts, differences and competing interests. He emphasised consciousness as a force capable of bringing people

together despite their diverse backgrounds and beliefs.

Bhagwat said that understanding the spiritual idea that everything is connected to Krishna could help create a more peaceful and harmonious society. He suggested that if this belief becomes deeply rooted in people's hearts, the world could move closer to an environment of universal harmony. During his

temple visit, Bhagwat also took part in a food distribution initiative for homeless people.

His visit comes ahead of his scheduled address to the Indian community at Madison Square Garden on August 29 during the Universal Oneness Celebration, an event being organised as part of programmes marking the RSS centenary year.

Bhagwat arrived in New York on Tuesday as

part of a three nation tour covering the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. His upcoming appearance has generated controversy in New York, with Mayor Zohran Mamdani expressing opposition to the RSS event while noting uncertainty over whether city authorities have the legal power to cancel a privately organised gathering.

# "Cricketers to Stay 20km Away": Asian Games Accommodation Crisis

■ Nagoya Games face a shortage of rooms, while India and Pakistan also raise concerns over cricket venue facilities

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**NEW DELHI:** The upcoming Asian Games in Japan are facing a major accommodation challenge, with the number of athletes and officials rising beyond the capacity originally planned by organisers. The situation has also raised concerns among cricket teams, including India, over player



accommodation and facilities at the competition venue. The Nagoya Aichi Asian Games are scheduled from September 19 to October 4. Organisers had initially

planned for around 15,000 athletes and officials, but the number has now increased to approximately 17,000 following the inclusion of teqball and padel. Unlike the Olympics, the Games will not have a traditional athletes' village. Organisers are instead

relying on hotels, a cruise ship and temporary accommodation. Around 4,000 to 5,000 athletes are expected to stay aboard an Italian cruise ship, while another 2,000 may be housed in temporary facilities. The accommodation crunch has reportedly led organisers to ask the Olympic Council of Asia to consider reducing the number of participants.

## "Sport Is About More Than Winning": PM Modi, Shikhar Dhawan Mark National Sports Day

■ Leaders honour Major Dhyan Chand and urge young Indians to embrace sports, fitness and perseverance

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**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan extended their greetings on National Sports Day on Saturday, highlighting the dedication of athletes and the valuable life lessons that sport offers to young people.

Prime Minister Modi paid tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand, whose birth anniversary is observed



as National Sports Day in India. He praised sportspersons and sports enthusiasts for their passion, commitment and determination, saying their efforts continue to inspire the country. Modi also remembered Major Dhyan

Chand's extraordinary contribution to Indian hockey and described his sporting brilliance as an inspiration for generations. Former India cricketer Shikhar Dhawan also used the occasion to encourage more young people to participate in sports. He emphasised that sporting success is not limited to winning medals or matches, but also involves developing qualities that help people deal with challenges in everyday life. Dhawan

highlighted perseverance, hard work and the ability to recover from setbacks as some of the important lessons learned through sport. He called for greater participation among youngsters and encouraged them to make sports a regular part of their lives. National Sports Day is observed across India every year on August 29 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, one of the country's most celebrated hockey players.



## Peddem Weightlifting Centre Creates History With 8 Gold Medals at Goa Inter Collegiate Championship

■ Mapusa centre dominates all eight groups as Sumukh Mahale wins Iron Man and Best Player of the Tournament award

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**MAPUSA:** The Peddem Weightlifting Centre at Mapusa produced a record breaking performance at the All Goa Inter Collegiate Men's Weightlifting Championship, winning gold medals in all eight groups at the two day competition held at the Peddem Sports Complex on August 27 and 28.

The centre secured an impressive haul of eight gold, five silver and three bronze medals, underlining the strength and depth of its weightlifting programme.

The dominant performance also helped SSA Pernem

College emerge as the overall Team Champions. AITM Assagao finished as runners up, while Don Bosco College, Panjim secured the second runners up position.

Adding to the celebrations, Sumukh Mahale was named the Iron Man and Best Player of the Tournament. Mahale delivered a standout performance and surpassed his own record from last year to claim the prestigious individual honour.

Mahale is part of the SAG Mapusa Peddem Weightlifting Centre, which continues to produce strong performances at state level competitions.

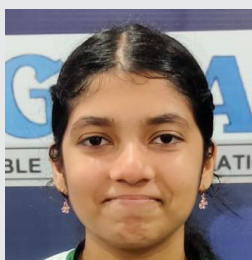
## Sanisha, Ishita, Sachi and Tisha Storm Into YMCA Table Tennis Finals

■ Young Goa paddlers dominate multiple age categories at the All Goa Major Ranking Tournament

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**PANJIM:** Sanisha Sinha, Ishita Colaso, Sachi Dessai and Tisha Shaikh booked their places in the finals across different age categories at the YMCA All Goa Major Ranking Table Tennis Tournament, being held at the Indoor Stadium, Campal.

The tournament is organised by YMCA Panjim in association



with the Goa Table Tennis Association and has brought together some of Goa's promising young paddlers.

In the Girls U17 category, Sanisha Sinha produced a dominant

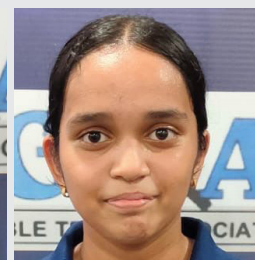


performance to defeat Tisha Shaikh 3-0 in the semifinals. Ishita Colaso also secured a convincing 3-0 victory over Inara D'Souza to enter the title clash.

Sanisha had earlier



defeated Alyka Fernandes 3-0 in the quarterfinals, while Tisha overcame Neeza Kamat 3-2. In the other quarterfinals, Inara defeated Gianna George 3-1 and Ishita beat Bretnia Laishram 3-0.



The Girls U13 final will feature top seed Sachi Dessai and Tisha Shaikh. Dessai advanced after defeating Vanlalrinzuali 3-0 in the semifinals, while Tisha registered another straight games victory, defeating Inara D'Souza 3-0.

In the Girls U15 category, Ishita Colaso booked her final berth with a 3-0 win over Aarna Lotlikar. Tisha Shaikh joined her in the title match after defeating

Sachi Dessai 3-0.

Earlier, Sachi Dessai, Vanlalrinzuali, Inara D'Souza and Tisha Shaikh progressed from the U13 quarterfinals. In the U15 event, Ishita Colaso, Aarna Lotlikar, Tisha Shaikh and Sachi Dessai advanced to the semifinals.

With four young paddlers featuring prominently in the finals across three age groups, the tournament has highlighted the depth