



Porvorim Casino Shooting: Four Held As Crime Branch Probes Larger Conspiracy

■ Four suspects detained in Srinivas Nayak firing case; alleged shooters yet to be traced

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PANAJI: The Goa Crime Branch has detained four persons as part of its investigation into the shooting targeting casino executive Srinivas Nayak in Porvorim, with investigators now probing the larger conspiracy behind the attack.

The suspects were detained during the ongoing investigation, and police are working to establish their individual roles and possible links to the attack. The formal



arrest procedure is reportedly underway. The alleged shooters, however, remain at large. Investigators have identified the persons suspected of carrying

out the firing and are conducting searches to locate them. Nayak, a director of the Majestic Pride Group, came under fire on August 25 near the Neo Majestic

premises in Porvorim. The attack occurred at around 8.47 pm as he was preparing to leave the premises. According to the investigation, two armed men allegedly approached the area and fired several rounds towards Nayak. His security personnel responded with gunfire, following which the attackers escaped. Nayak was not injured in the incident. CCTV recordings from the area have emerged as an important

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‘7,000 Security Personnel, 4,800 Traffic Cops’: Delhi Gears Up for BRICS Summit

Bharat Mandapam and VVIP routes placed under multi layer security as traffic restrictions are expected across the capital



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NEW DELHI: Delhi has put in place an extensive security and traffic plan ahead of the BRICS Summit, scheduled from September 11 to 13 at Bharat Mandapam. Around 7,000 security personnel and nearly 4,800 traffic police officers have been deployed to manage the high profile event and ensure the safety of foreign delegates and other dignitaries. Security arrangements cover not only the summit venue but also airports, hotels, sensitive locations and the routes used by VVIP convoys. Delhi Police,

paramilitary forces, the National Security Guard, Intelligence Bureau, Special Protection Group and other agencies are working together as part of the multi layer security network. A five kilometre security zone has been established around Bharat Mandapam. The venue will have strict access controls, CCTV and technical surveillance, biometric verification and anti sabotage checks. Bomb detection teams and quick response units will remain on standby throughout the summit. Around 10 major hotels hosting foreign delegates are also under

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Roy Ravi Naik Exit From Ponda Civic Body Sparks Fresh Political Chatter

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PONDA: Roy Ravi Naik's decision to step down as a councillor of the Ponda Municipal Council has set off fresh speculation over his political plans, particularly amid growing talk of a possible Assembly contest from Marcaim.

Roy continues to remain aligned with the BJP, even as political discussions around the Naik family's electoral plans gather momentum. His elder brother, Ritesh Naik, had been named the BJP's candidate for the Ponda Assembly by-election before the proposed election was put on hold at the last moment.

Roy, meanwhile, has in recent days spoken about his interest in contesting from Marcaim, a constituency that has a strong political connection with his family and was previously represented by his father.

Goa Municipal Polls: Ward Delimitation Notified For 11 Councils

■ State Election Commission Publishes Detailed Ward Boundaries Ahead Of General Elections; Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa Among Councils Covered

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PANAJI: The Goa State Election Commission has formally notified the delimitation of wards for the ensuing general elections to 11 Municipal Councils, setting out detailed boundaries and areas that will determine the electoral map for the forthcoming civic polls.



The notification, issued on September 9, 2026, by State Election Commissioner Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), has been published in the Extraordinary issue of the

Official Gazette. It has been issued under sub-section (3) of Section 10 of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968. The exercise covers Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Curchorem-Cacora, Bicholim, Cuncolim, Quepem, Canacona, Valpoi, Pernem and Sanguem Municipal Councils.

Goa Congress Shares ‘1980s Trend’ Post, Takes Aim At Five Ministers

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PANAJI: The Goa Congress has shared a cryptic social media post featuring a collage of five photographs of political leaders, accompanied by the caption, “1980s Trend... Identify the rich villain!” The post appears to use the images as a political jibe, inviting followers to identify the person being referred to as the “rich villain”. The Congress did not provide any further explanation in the post. The collage has sparked reactions and comments on social media,



with users attempting to interpret the party's message and the political figures being targeted. The post comes amid the Goa Congress' ongoing social media campaign against the BJP-led government, where the party has frequently used memes, satire and sharp political messaging to target ministers and government policies.

‘Red Fort Wasn’t Plan A’: Traffic Forced Bomber to Abandon Alleged Temple Target

■ NIA chargesheet details explosive preparations, movements and alleged reconnaissance before the November 2025 blast

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NEW DELHI: The suicide bomber behind the deadly car explosion near Delhi's Red Fort had allegedly planned to park his explosives laden Hyundai i20 near Lal Mandir, a Jain temple, before traffic and police presence forced him to change direction, according to the National Investigation



Agency's chargesheet. The blast, which took place on November 10, 2025, killed 11 people and injured several others. The NIA has alleged that Umar Un Nabi, a doctor, prepared

explosives during an 11 day stay in Nuh before carrying out the attack. Investigators have gathered witness accounts, forensic material, mobile phone data and other evidence to reconstruct Nabi's movements and alleged preparations.

Mumbai-Goa Highway: Shame Is Not Enough, Accountability Must Follow

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari is right to be angry. He is right to say that he feels ashamed about the prolonged delay in completing the Mumbai-Goa National Highway. But anger, disappointment and even public admission of shame cannot be the end of the matter.

The question that must now be asked is far more uncomfortable: who is accountable for this colossal delay?

The Mumbai-Goa highway has been under construction for years. The project was originally expected to be completed much earlier, yet motorists have continued to endure unfinished stretches, diversions, bottlenecks, dangerous road conditions and the frustration of a journey that should have become easier long ago. Gadkari has now said that the project is around 93 to 94 per cent complete and that he intends to inspect its progress personally in October.

That is welcome. But after years of delay, the people deserve more than another inspection.

Gadkari has indicated that contractors responsible for poor performance could face blacklisting and that officials could face suspension. This is precisely where the government must now move from words to action.

If contractors have failed, they must be held accountable under the terms of their contracts. If officials have failed to monitor the work, enforce deadlines or take timely action against defaulting contractors, they too must answer. If there were repeated extensions, inadequate supervision, contractual failures or administrative lapses, these should not disappear into files once the road is finally completed.

Heads must roll where responsibility is established.

There is an important distinction between political accountability and scapegoating. Nobody should be punished merely because a project was delayed. But neither should officials and contractors escape responsibility when an independent examination establishes negligence, dereliction of duty or contractual

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The Mumbai-Goa highway is not an ordinary local road project. It is a critical economic artery connecting Mumbai with Goa and the Konkan region. Thousands of people depend on it every day. Businesses depend on predictable travel. Tourism depends on connectivity. Transport operators depend on reliable roads. Most importantly, ordinary citizens have paid the price of the delays through lost time, fuel costs, traffic congestion, vehicle damage and, in some stretches, serious safety concerns.

For years, the public has heard

assurances that the work would be completed soon. Deadlines came and went. What should have been a symbol of modern connectivity became a symbol of how infrastructure projects can get trapped between contractors, bureaucracy, land issues, execution problems and administrative delays.

That is why Gadkari's latest statement should become a turning point.

The minister should not merely ask why the highway was delayed. The government should publish a clear accountability report identifying the reasons for every major delay and the agencies, contractors and officials responsible for each failure. Where wrongdoing or negligence is established, action should follow.

There should also be a clear completion schedule for every remaining stretch. The public should not have to wait for another round of promises.

Gadkari has built a reputation for demanding faster execution of highway projects. His admission that the Mumbai-Goa highway delay has become a matter of shame makes the issue even more significant. If the Centre is serious about setting records for blacklisting non-performing contractors and suspending officials, the Mumbai-Goa highway provides the opportunity to demonstrate that accountability is not merely a statement made at a public function. (The Indian Express)

The message must be simple: public infrastructure cannot be delayed indefinitely without consequences.

Completing the highway is important. Completing it safely and properly is even more important. But after completion, there must also be an honest accounting of why the project took so long.

The people of Goa and the Konkan have waited long enough for the road.

They should not have to wait equally long for accountability.

Gadkari has said he is ashamed of the delay.

Now let the system show that it is capable of being accountable for it.

EDITOR SPEAKS

Curcholem's Drug Menace Is Not an Election Issue

By Suraj Nandrekar

Mr Amit Patkar's decision to launch an anti drug campaign in Curcholem deserves attention. The drug menace is a serious issue and any genuine effort to protect young people from addiction should be welcomed. But there is one uncomfortable question that Mr Patkar must answer.

Where was this concern earlier?

Today, Curcholem is being projected as a place facing a growing drug problem. But drugs did not suddenly appear in Curcholem yesterday. If the situation was serious enough to warrant an anti drug campaign now, why was there no similar sustained campaign, political intervention or public movement when Mr Patkar was heading the Goa Pradesh Congress Committee?

This is not a question being asked to undermine the fight against drugs. It is being asked because timing matters in politics.

The announcement comes at a time when Goa is entering an increasingly political period, with parties and leaders already positioning themselves ahead of the next Assembly election. Mr Patkar is no longer the president of the Goa Pradesh Congress Committee, and his renewed focus on Curcholem naturally invites scrutiny over whether this is a genuine social intervention or an attempt to establish a political presence in an important constituency.

Curcholem deserves better than becoming an election backdrop.

If the drug problem is genuinely serious, then the response cannot begin and end with a campaign, a public meeting, speeches and photographs. The people need sustained action. They need to know where drugs are entering the area, who is supplying them, whether young people are being targeted, whether schools and colleges are adequately protected and whether the police have the resources and intelligence necessary to dismantle the network.

Most importantly, they need politicians to remain engaged after the cameras disappear.

Mr Patkar should therefore explain what he and the Congress did about the alleged drug problem in Curcholem when he was GPCC president. Did the party receive complaints? Were representations made to the police or government? Were specific locations or alleged networks brought to the attention of the authorities? Did Congress workers conduct awareness programmes in Curcholem before this campaign was announced?

If the answer is yes, let the people know.

If the answer is no, then Mr Patkar should also have the honesty to admit that this issue received inadequate attention earlier.

That would not weaken his campaign. In fact, it would strengthen it.

Drug abuse is far too serious to become another political weapon. Goa has already seen repeated political statements promising action against drugs. The latest commitment from the government is also for zero tolerance towards the drug menace.

What Goa needs now is not another competition over who can speak the loudest about drugs.

It needs results.

Curcholem's parents deserve to know that their children are safe. Young people struggling with addiction need counselling and rehabilitation. Schools need awareness programmes. Communities need support. And law enforcement agencies must pursue those who profit from addiction rather than merely catching small time users.

Mr Patkar has chosen Curcholem to begin this campaign. That is his political and social decision. But if he wants the people to believe that this is about public interest and not electoral calculations, he must be prepared to make the campaign long term.

The people of Curcholem will ultimately judge him not by the number of banners or meetings, but by what happens after the campaign ends.

The drug menace cannot be switched on when elections approach and switched off when they are over.

If this is truly a fight for Curcholem's youth, let it be a fight that continues long after the election slogans have disappeared.

Cuncolim Police Seize Mobile Phone In Sarpanch Assault Case

Police oppose anticipatory bail, seek custodial interrogation of Malcum Agnelo Pereira

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MARGAO: Cuncolim Police have seized the mobile phone of 47-year-old Malcum Agnelo Pereira of Bamado, Chinchinim, as part of their investigation into the alleged assault on Chinchinim-Deussua Sarpanch Gerson Gomes.

The device is likely to be examined for forensic evidence, including its social media activity. Police are probing allegations that Pereira



had uploaded more than a dozen videos from the same phone targeting and allegedly defaming the Chinchinim-Deussua Panchayat and the

Sarpanch.

The development comes as Cuncolim Police have filed their reply before the Sessions Court, Margao, opposing

Pereira's anticipatory bail application.

According to the police, the alleged assault took place on September 7 following an argument over the collection of 'Sopo' at the Chinchinim-Deussua Panchayat office. Police allege that Gomes was pushed down a staircase and subsequently kicked in the chest and head.

Gomes sustained injuries and required hospitalisation following the incident.



Goa Tightens Panchayat Sealing Process, Curbs Sarpanch Powers

New SOP makes panchayat resolution mandatory and brings police, revenue officials into enforcement

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PANAJI: Village panchayats in Goa will no longer be able to proceed with sealing of unauthorised commercial premises solely on the directions of a sarpanch, with the State government introducing a structured enforcement mechanism under Section 72-A of the Goa Panchayati Raj Act. The new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) requires the panchayat body to formally approve sealing action before premises operating without the necessary permissions can be closed.

The government has also moved to make the enforcement process

a coordinated exercise involving the panchayat, Revenue Department and Police authorities. District-level teams are proposed to be constituted in both North Goa and South Goa, with the teams working alongside the respective Director of Panchayats.

The framework follows the recent amendment to the Panchayati Raj Act, through which panchayats were granted the power to seal establishments functioning without the requisite permission.

The expansion of these powers had, however, raised questions about safeguards governing their use.



Dabolim Political Buzz: Panchas, Sarpanchas Urge Kamla Prasad Yadav To Contest Assembly Polls

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DABOLIM: Political activity in the Dabolim constituency appears to be gaining momentum, with several present and former panch members and sarpanchas urging Chicalim Sarpanch Kamla Prasad Yadav to contest the upcoming Assembly elections from Dabolim. The appeal came on Wednesday evening during the launch of the Gomati Mahila Gruha Udyog (GMGU) initiative, started by Yadav on the occasion of his wife and Chicalim Panch member Sunita Yadav's birthday. Several elected and former local representatives who attended the programme openly called upon Yadav to enter the electoral fray from Dabolim and assured him of their support. They also expressed confidence that they would work towards ensuring his victory by a significant margin.

Goa Returns To Market Borrowing, Raises ₹100 Crore

State taps market for the first time this fiscal as ₹3,700-crore borrowing limit remains in place

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PANAJI: The Goa government has returned to the market to raise funds, securing ₹100 crore through the auction of State securities on September 8, according to borrowing figures released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The latest auction is Goa's first open market borrowing of the 2026-27 financial year, coming after the State stayed out of the market for the first



five months of the fiscal.

The development assumes significance as the government had earlier highlighted its efforts to contain market borrowings and strengthen fiscal management. During the recent Assembly session, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant

had said the government was concentrating on fiscal discipline, improving revenue collections and managing its debt obligations.

Goa's borrowing programme had envisaged higher market mobilisation during the first quarter. The RBI's indicative calendar had provided for State Development Loan borrowings of ₹200 crore in April, ₹400 crore in May and ₹300 crore in June.

North Goa Set For 400 MLD Water Supply Expansion

Amthane pumping station targeted for October 1; Sal project to add another 250 MLD to network

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PANAJI: North Goa is set to receive a substantial addition to its water-handling capacity, with pumping stations coming up at Amthane and Sal expected to collectively contribute 400 million litres per day (MLD) to the supply system. Water Resources Minister Subhash Shirodkar recently reviewed the progress of both projects during an inspection of the works at Amthane in Bicholim and Sal.



He also assessed the construction of the Sal check dam, which forms part of the wider water infrastructure development. The Amthane pumping station,

with a capacity of 150 MLD, is being developed to pump water towards the Assonora water treatment plant. Officials have been asked to make the facility operational by October 1.

At Sal, a larger pumping facility with a capacity of 250 MLD is under development. The project is being executed in conjunction with the Sal check dam, which is now approaching completion and is designed to hold around five million cubic metres of water. The new infrastructure comes against the backdrop of increasing water requirements in North Goa. Rapid development in areas such as Porvorim and Pilerne has increased the demand on the existing supply network, particularly

during periods of peak consumption.

The additional pumping capacity and water storage are expected to provide greater flexibility to the system and help maintain supplies during the summer, when demand increases and water availability becomes more challenging. During his visit, Shirodkar instructed the concerned officials to adhere to the project timelines and complete pending works at the earliest.

Taxi driver injured in alleged sickle attack in Panaji

■ Complainant alleges two men restrained and assaulted him with a sickle following previous enmity

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PANAJI: A 23-year-old taxi driver sustained cut and bleeding injuries after he was allegedly assaulted with a sickle at a room in Panaji on September 8, police said.

The offence was registered at 1.19 am on September 9 following a complaint by Altaf Chapparbanh, a resident of Chimbél, Tiswadi. According to the complaint, Altaf received a call from his friend Arjun



around 4 pm, asking him to come to his residence in Panaji for some work. The complainant

subsequently went to the room where Arjun was working as a caretaker and reached there around 4.30 pm. Police said Altaf found their common friend Ankit at the room, while Arjun was initially absent. At around 5 pm, Arjun and Ramesh Tilli Bahadur allegedly arrived at the room and the group watched television. The complainant alleged that during this time, he saw Arjun hand over a koyta (sickle) to Ramesh. Altaf said he attempted to leave

the room, but Ramesh allegedly restrained him, abused him and attacked him with the sickle.

In an attempt to protect himself, Altaf allegedly used both his hands to block the weapon, sustaining cut and bleeding injuries to his hands, left shoulder and leg. Despite the injuries, he managed to escape and ran towards Panaji Church. A passerby reportedly noticed him and alerted the police and 108 ambulance service.



Bangladeshi national booked for allegedly staying in Goa without valid visa

■ 29-year-old woman found at Vagator resort without valid travel documents, police say

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VAGATOR: Anjuna Police have registered an offence against a 29-year-old Bangladeshi national for allegedly staying illegally in Goa without valid travel documents.

According to police, the case was registered on September 9 following a complaint by PSI Saish Shetgaonkar of Anjuna Police Station.

The accused has been identified as Fatema Khatun, 29, daughter of Belal Sarder, who was residing at Casa De Royal Boutique Resort,

Vagator. Police said she is a native of Muslim Nagar, Joypurhat, Bangladesh.

Khatun was allegedly found at the resort around 12.15 pm on September 9 and was found to be staying in India without a valid visa or other required travel documents.

Police said her alleged stay without valid documentation amounted to a violation of Section 23(a) of the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025.

Further investigation is being conducted by PSI Swapnil Naik of Anjuna Police Station.



Two held for allegedly accepting matka bets at Agacaim Market

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AGACAIM: Agacaim Police have booked two persons for allegedly accepting matka gambling bets at Agacaim Market on Tuesday evening.

Police said the accused, Prakash Hirekurabar, 42, a resident of Moita, St Lourence, Tiswadi, was allegedly caught red-handed around 6.30 pm while soliciting and collecting matka bets by betting on numerical digits.

During the operation, police seized ₹990 in cash, along with two carbon papers, two paper slips and a ball pen from his possession. The seized items were attached under a panchanama.

In a separate action at the same location and time, police apprehended Mahmad Sadik Devihosur, 32, a resident of Agacaim Dandi and originally from Shiggaon, Haveri, Karnataka, for allegedly accepting matka bets.

Police seized ₹820 in cash, two carbon papers, two paper slips and a ball pen from Devihosur.

Clara Goa booked for noise pollution violation at Vagator

■ Anjuna Police register case after music allegedly exceeded permissible sound limits and time

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VAGATOR: Anjuna Police have registered an offence against the owner/manager of M/s Clara Goa, Vagator, for allegedly violating noise pollution norms by playing music beyond the permissible time and sound limit. The case was registered on September 9 following an email received from the Goa State Pollution Control Board and a complaint lodged by PSI Sahil V. Warang of Anjuna



Police Station. According to the complaint, the violation occurred between 10 pm and 11 pm on September 8, 2026, at Clara Goa, where the sound level was recorded at 79.6 decibels (dB).

Police said the establishment was found playing music beyond the permissible time and limit, allegedly causing noise

pollution in the locality. Anjuna Police have registered the case under provisions of the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000, and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Scooter rider booked after collision leaves 19-year-old grievously injured

■ Aprilia allegedly rammed into Activa at Honda Market, Sattari; rider also sustained injuries

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VALPOI: Valpoi Police have registered an offence against a 43-year-old scooter rider for allegedly driving rashly and negligently and causing a collision that left a 19-year-old pillion rider grievously injured at Honda Market in Sattari.

The case was registered on September 9 at 12.32 pm based on a complaint by HC



4816 Shyam Polekar, attached to Valpoi Police Station, in connection with MV Accident No. 35/2026 dated September 3.

According to police, the accident occurred around 7.15 pm on September 3 near Honda Market when Vasim

Mehboob Beig, 43, a resident of Postwada, Honda, was allegedly riding an Aprilia scooter bearing registration number GA-04-R-7747 from Wadakade Honda towards Sanquelim.

Police said the scooter was allegedly being ridden in a rash and negligent manner, endangering human life, and collided with an Activa scooter bearing registration number GA-04-R-4010.

₹1.88 lakh online fraud reported in Calangute

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CALANGUTE: Cyber Crime Police have registered a case following an alleged online financial fraud in which ₹1.88 lakh was fraudulently withdrawn from the bank account of a Calangute resident.

The case was registered at 12.45 pm on September 9, 2026, after Cyber Crime Police Station, Ribandar, received a Zero FIR registered on September 5 based on a complaint filed by Ramesh Desai, a resident of Porbovaddo, Calangute.

Goa SC/ST panel orders WRD officer's reversion

■ Commission questions non-implementation of 2024 direction; next hearing fixed for October 23

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PANAJI: The Goa Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has once again called for the reversion of Water Resources Department officer Rajan Kamble, directing the department to restore him to his substantive post until the Commission concludes its proceedings.

At its September 7 proceedings, the Commission noted that



a direction issued in July 2024 had not been implemented. The earlier order had asked the WRD to move Kamble back to his post as Surveyor of Works, Circle III, while awaiting the findings of the Scrutiny Committee

constituted under the Social Welfare Department.

Kamble is currently functioning as Superintending Engineer, Circle IV, WRD. The

Commission has now directed the department to revert him to the Surveyor of Works post with immediate effect and maintain the arrangement until its final recommendation is issued. The panel

also examined the WRD's affidavit defending Kamble's ad hoc elevation. The department had cited manpower constraints as the reason for the arrangement. Despite the explanation, the Commission maintained that the reversion should be carried out pending a final decision. During the proceedings, the Commission also highlighted the prolonged delay in the verification exercise.



Chicalim garden project finally set to move ahead, says Mauvin Godinho

■ Third tender succeeds; foundation stone for long-pending recreational project to be laid soon

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CHICALIM: The long-pending Chicalim garden project is finally set to move towards execution, with Panchayat Minister Mauvin Godinho announcing that the foundation stone will be laid shortly.

Godinho was speaking to reporters after inaugurating a four-arm high-mast electricity lamp near the Shivaji Statue at Chicalim. The new installation is expected to improve illumination and visibility in the area, particularly during the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations.

The Minister also distributed musical instruments to the

Ganapati Temple at New Vaddem, supporting local religious and cultural activities.

Speaking about the festive preparations, Godinho said the government had decided to illuminate public places across the area to enhance the atmosphere during Ganesh Chaturthi.

"Ganesh Chaturthi is a big festival and we have decided to put up lights at all places to make the festival brighter," Godinho said.

On the Chicalim garden project, he said the tender process had finally been completed after three attempts, clearing a key hurdle for the long-awaited development.



GRLA asks Congress to back Romi Konkani in manifesto

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PANAJI: The Global Romi Lipi Abhiyan (GRLA) has approached Congress manifesto committee chairperson and MP Viriato Fernandes seeking the party's support for the recognition and promotion of Romi Konkani. A delegation of the Abhiyan, led by president Kennedy Afonso and comprising secretary Michael Gracias and vice president Joaquim Faleiro, met Fernandes on Wednesday and submitted a memorandum outlining two key demands. The GRLA wants Romi Konkani to be granted equal status under Goa's Official Language Act and seeks its introduction in schools as an optional language for students, in line with the provisions of the New Education Policy. During the interaction, the delegation explained its concerns over the continued preservation and promotion of the Romi Konkani script. Fernandes discussed the matter with the representatives and assured them that he would examine the demands in consultation with the Congress Manifesto Committee.

Bhandari Seeks Urgent Action Over Canacona CHC Health Gaps

■ Congress leader gives Health Department 15 days to address shortcomings in medical facilities, infrastructure and manpower

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CANACONA: Congress leader Janardhan Bhandari has approached Director of Health Services Dr Medha Salkar seeking immediate intervention over what he described as serious shortcomings in healthcare services at the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Canacona. In his petition, Bhandari highlighted gaps in medical facilities, infrastructure and staffing



at the health centre, raising concerns over the availability and adequacy of services for residents of Canacona. He has called for an urgent joint inspection involving all relevant government

departments to assess the existing conditions at the CHC and identify areas requiring immediate attention. "It is high time to identify the existing deficiencies and take immediate measures to strengthen and improve healthcare facilities and infrastructure at the CHC," Bhandari said. Bhandari has given the authorities 15 days to initiate corrective measures and improve the situation at the health centre.

DJ music banned for Ganesh Visarjan processions across Mormugao

■ Traditional Dindi processions allowed; administration urges pandals to complete registration and follow safety norms

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VASCO: The Mormugao administration has banned the use of DJ music systems during Ganesh Visarjan processions across the taluka, allowing organisers to conduct traditional Dindi processions accompanied by conventional musical instruments.

The decision was taken at a joint



meeting convened by the Mormugao Deputy Collector along with Vasco MLA Krishna Salkar on Wednesday to review preparations for the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations.

Officials from the Police Department, Mormugao Municipal Council and other concerned departments attended the meeting. The Deputy Collector directed Ganesh mandals and

organisers not to use DJ systems during immersion processions and instead follow the traditional Dindi format, with customary musical instruments permitted. The administration said the move was aimed at ensuring peaceful and disciplined celebrations, while maintaining public safety and minimising inconvenience to residents and motorists during immersion processions.

Gems of India contest deadline extended to September 30

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PANAJI: Aspiring digital creators across Goa and the country have been given additional time to participate in the pilot phase of the 'Gems of India' initiative, with the entry deadline extended to September 30, 2026. Launched in August by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting through Prasar Bharati, the initiative aims to discover emerging digital storytellers and create a national collection of content highlighting the culture, heritage, tourism, traditions, achievements and lesser-known stories of districts across India.

Meta India Chief Summoned Over Instagram Child Abuse Ad Allegations

■ NCPDR begins formal inquiry after report alleges paid advertisements promoted child sexual abuse material in India

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NEW DELHI: The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has summoned Meta India's Managing Director and Head to appear before the commission on September 9 as part of an inquiry into allegations involving advertisements linked to child sexual exploitation and abuse material.

The proceedings follow a media investigation that alleged Instagram had allowed paid advertisements promoting such material to appear in India.

The report claimed that some advertisements used search terms associated with child abuse and directed users to Telegram channels where the material was allegedly being offered for sale.

The NCPDR took suo motu cognisance of the allegations and issued a notice to Meta Platforms on July 3, seeking an explanation from the company. Meta submitted its response a week later.

After examining the response, the child rights commission decided to initiate a formal inquiry to establish the facts and circumstances surrounding the



allegations. The appearance of Meta India's senior representatives is intended to provide further information as the investigation continues.

The allegations have also raised questions about the effectiveness of Instagram's content moderation systems. The investigation claimed that advertisements on the platform undergo moderation before publication and alleged that one flagged advertisement remained

available even after it was reported to Instagram.

Separately, the National Human Rights Commission has directed the Delhi Police to conduct a detailed investigation into the allegations. The NHRC has asked authorities to examine whether Meta and other entities involved complied with their legal reporting responsibilities under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

The human rights panel took up the issue

after reviewing reports concerning the alleged advertisements and their links to external channels. It directed the Delhi Police Commissioner to submit a comprehensive Action Taken Report.

The twin proceedings by the NCPDR and NHRC place greater scrutiny on social media platforms over the detection and removal of child sexual abuse material, as well as their compliance with legal obligations to report such content to authorities.

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enhanced security. Dedicated arrangements have been made for routes connecting these hotels with the airport and summit venue.

Traffic Restrictions Across Key Delhi Roads

The movement of VVIP convoys is expected to affect traffic on more than 35 major roads, including Sardar Patel Marg, Mother Teresa Crescent, Teen Murti Marg, Akbar Road, Mathura Road, Janpath, Ashoka Road, Barakhamba Road and Tolstoy Marg.

Authorities have identified 22 major diversion points to manage congestion and facilitate secure

convoy movement. Vehicles travelling towards Mathura Road and Bharat Mandapam may be redirected through Lodhi Road and Lodhi Flyover, while traffic near Dhaura Kuan and Sardar Patel Marg could be diverted towards Ring Road, Vande Mataram Marg or NH 48.

Technology will also play a key role, with GPS tracking of VVIP convoys, extensive CCTV monitoring and aerial surveillance to detect unauthorised drones.

Schools and government offices in Delhi will remain closed on September 11, while private companies have been encouraged to facilitate work from home.

Authorities have advised residents to avoid sensitive areas where possible, plan journeys in advance and use the Delhi Metro to minimise congestion. Special arrangements have also been made to ensure emergency vehicles

receive uninterrupted passage.

Porvorim Casino Shooting: Four Held As Crime Branch Probes Larger Conspiracy

part of the investigation, with footage reportedly showing the suspected attackers waiting in the vicinity before the shooting.

The Crime Branch is examining the circumstances leading up to the attack, including the possibility of a business-related dispute. Investigators are also trying to determine whether the four detained suspects were involved in planning, facilitating or otherwise supporting the assault. The probe is continuing as police step up efforts to apprehend the alleged shooters and establish the complete chain of events behind the Porvorim firing.

Chavticho Bazaar Brings Goan Ganesh Festival Traditions to Multiplex Courtyard

■ Three day festive market to showcase traditional Goan products, delicacies and eco friendly items

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PANAJI: The Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG) is hosting "Chavticho Bazaar" at the Multiplex Courtyard from September 10 to 12, 2026, bringing together Goan artisans, self help groups and local entrepreneurs ahead of the Ganesh festival.

The three day festive market will provide visitors an opportunity to explore and purchase a wide range of products associated with Goa's traditional Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations. The initiative aims to provide a platform for local makers and entrepreneurs while highlighting the cultural traditions and craftsmanship connected with the festival.

The stalls at Chavticho Bazaar will feature a variety of festive products, catering to different needs of households preparing for Ganesh Chaturthi. Visitors can find decorative items, makhar, festive delicacies, pooja sahitya and traditional Matoli items, along with other

products used during the celebrations.

A special attraction will be the display and sale of Goan musical instruments such as the Ghumat and Shamel, offering visitors a chance to connect with Goa's rich musical traditions. The bazaar will also feature Ganesh idol jewellery, eco friendly products, fashion and apparel, as well as a range of allied festival products.

The event is being organised under the leadership and guidance of Goa Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant and Siolim MLA and ESG Vice Chairperson Delilah Lobo.

With local artisans, self help groups and entrepreneurs participating, Chavticho Bazaar is expected to offer shoppers a convenient destination for traditional and contemporary festive requirements while supporting Goa's local creative community.

The public is invited to visit the bazaar at the Multiplex Courtyard between September 10 and 12. For further details, visitors can contact 7887404340.

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AAP Re-Elects Arvind Kejriwal as National Convenor

■ Party announces new 23 member National Executive as it prepares for its next political phase

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NEW DELHI: The Aam Aadmi Party has re-elected Arvind Kejriwal as its national convenor, retaining him in the top organisational post he has held since the party was founded in 2012. Pankaj Gupta has been elected as the national secretary, while ND Gupta will continue as the party's national treasurer. The leadership changes were announced along with the formation



of a new 23 member National Executive. The new National Executive includes Arvind Kejriwal, Atishi, Bhagwant Mann, Manish Sisodia, Sanjay

Singh, Satyendar Jain, Gopal Rai, Anurag Dhanda, Dilip Pandey, Durgesh Pathak, Gopal Italia, Rani Agarwal, Harpal Singh Cheema,

Adil Ahmad Khan, Mohammad Irshad, Preeti Sharma Menon, Prithvi Reddy, Rakhi Birla, Vibhav, Shelly Oberoi and Rajbir. Five special invitees have also been appointed to the National Executive. They are Ajay Dutt, Chaitar Vasava, Imran Hussain, Mehraj Malik and Venzy Viegas. The party said Kejriwal and other senior leaders discussed AAP's future political strategy with members during the meeting.



'Three PG Buildings Declared Dangerous': Delhi Steps Up Safety Checks After Satya Niketan Collapse

■ Seven people were killed after a five storey PG building collapsed, prompting inspections of nearby structures

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NEW DELHI: Authorities in Delhi have intensified safety inspections of paying guest accommodations following the collapse of a five storey building in Satya Niketan that killed seven people and injured six others. The building, estimated to be around 50 years old, reportedly housed nearly 75 students in PG rooms. It collapsed within seconds on Sunday afternoon, raising serious concerns over the safety of ageing

buildings used as student accommodation. Initial findings suggest that the collapse may have originated in the basement, where repair work was reportedly being carried out. The incident has also brought attention to reports that the structure had begun tilting several months earlier, a warning sign that many residents were reportedly unaware of. Following the tragedy, three nearby PG buildings have been declared dangerous after inspections by civic authorities.



'Firewalls Are Very Necessary for Children': SC Seeks Centre's Response on Online Safety Safeguards

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has sought the Centre's response on measures required to strengthen safeguards for children using social media and other digital platforms, stressing the need for stronger protection against online abuse and harmful content.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, along with Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana, highlighted the growing risks faced by children in the digital environment. During the hearing, the bench orally observed that "firewalls are very necessary for children" given their widespread access to online platforms.

The court was hearing a petition filed by the Just Rights for Children Alliance, which has sought stronger regulatory measures to ensure that minors are adequately protected while accessing digital services.

'I Felt Ashamed': Nitin Gadkari Says He Won't Attend Mumbai Goa Highway Inauguration

■ Union Minister plans October road inspection as delays, potholes and traffic problems continue

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NEW DELHI: Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has expressed disappointment over the prolonged delay in completing the Mumbai Goa Highway, saying he had already decided not to attend its inauguration because he felt ashamed that the project had taken so long.

Gadkari said a meeting



on the highway was held with officials on Tuesday and announced plans to personally inspect the road in October.

He said he would travel by road from Mumbai

to Goa after arriving at Mumbai airport to assess the condition of the highway and determine whether the upgraded route has actually improved convenience for travellers.

The 440 km Mumbai Goa Highway widening project has faced repeated delays over several years despite substantial spending and prolonged construction work.

'What Benefits Are We Getting?': P Chidambaram Questions India's Gains From BRICS

■ BJP hits back at Congress leader as India prepares to host the BRICS Summit in New Delhi

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NEW DELHI: Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP P Chidambaram has questioned the tangible benefits India has gained from its participation in BRICS, SCO, G20 and QUAD, saying recent BRICS meetings have not produced significant outcomes for the country.

With India preparing



to host the BRICS Summit in New Delhi on September 12 and 13, Chidambaram said he was not convinced that the last two or three BRICS summits had delivered concrete results

for India. He also questioned what the country had gained from its participation in several major international groupings.

Chidambaram noted that India is simultaneously part of BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, G20 and QUAD. He argued that while these platforms bring together major global powers,

their value should also be assessed through the benefits they deliver to India. His remarks triggered a response from the BJP, which questioned the Congress leader's approach to diplomacy. BJP leader Nalin Kohli argued that international diplomacy cannot be viewed only through the lens of immediate or measurable gains. The BJP also accused Congress of attempting to politicise an important

international event and questioned the party's understanding of India's diplomatic engagements. India Takes Charge of BRICS in 2026 India assumed the BRICS Chairship on January 1, 2026, with the theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'. The summit is expected to bring together leaders from the expanded BRICS grouping.

'Why Does BCCI Want to Stay Outside the New Law?': The Cricket Board's Big Governance Battle

■ Odisha elections bring BCCI's autonomy, Article 12 status and the National Sports Governance Act into focus

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MUMBAI: The Board of Control for Cricket in India is facing renewed questions over whether it should come under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025, as a legal dispute over the administration of Indian cricket continues.

The issue has emerged during proceedings related to elections to the Odisha



Cricket Association. The BCCI has argued that its existing constitution should govern the election process, maintaining that the new legislation does not currently apply to cricket because the sport

has not been formally notified under the Act.

The dispute is significant because the BCCI has traditionally maintained that it is an autonomous private body and not an arm of the government.

Why Article 12 Matters
A key part of the debate concerns Article 12 of the Constitution, which defines what constitutes the "State" for the purpose

of fundamental rights.

The Supreme Court's 2005 Constitution Bench judgment in Zee Telefilms v Union of India held that the BCCI could not be treated as "State" under Article 12. The court noted that the board was not created through legislation, was not government owned and was not financially dependent on the government.



Harshit Rana Ruled Out of Afghanistan T20Is and Asian Games, Yash Thakur Named Replacement

■ Vidarbha pacer gets late India call up after Rana suffers another injury setback

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NEW DELHI: India have made a late change to their squads for the upcoming T20I series against Afghanistan and the 2026 Asian Games, with fast bowler Harshit Rana ruled out due to injury.

Vidarbha pacer Yash Thakur has been named as Rana's replacement for both assignments. The 27 year old will now be part of India's squads for the three match T20I series against Afghanistan as well as the Asian Games campaign in Japan. (The Indian Express)

Rana has been

dealing with recurring fitness problems after suffering a hamstring injury earlier this year. His latest setback has ruled him out of the upcoming international series and the continental event, forcing the Indian team management to make a last minute adjustment.

Thakur earned his T20I debut during India's tour of Zimbabwe and made an immediate impact, taking four wickets in two matches. The Vidarbha seamer has also been a consistent performer in domestic T20 cricket, claiming 81 wickets in 50 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy appearances.

'19-0 Against Pakistan': India Storm Into Women's Junior Asia Cup Semifinals

■ India produced a record breaking attacking display, scoring 19 goals while keeping Pakistan completely scoreless

Team Goemkarponn

NEW DELHI: India delivered a stunning performance at the Women's Junior Asia Cup, crushing Pakistan 19-0 to book their place in the semifinals.

The Indian team dominated from the opening whistle and maintained relentless pressure throughout the match. They scored five goals in the opening quarter, added another five before half time, found



the net three times in the third quarter and finished with six goals in the final period.

India also completely controlled the set pieces, earning 18 penalty corners and a penalty stroke. Pakistan failed to win a

single penalty corner or penalty stroke during the contest.

Puja Sahoo opened the scoring in the seventh minute after India had already earned several early penalty corners. Roshni Aind doubled the

advantage two minutes later before Tanushree Kadu made it 3-0 in the 11th minute. Sukhveer Kaur then converted a penalty stroke in the 13th minute, followed almost immediately by Sanika Mane's field goal to give India a 5-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

India continued their attacking onslaught in the second quarter. Madhu Sidar and Geeta Yadav extended the lead before Sanika scored again to complete her brace.

Goa Girls Crowned National Champions as Tennis Ball Cricket Championships End on High Note

■ Goa girls win U/14 national title, while boys finish runners up and senior team secures joint third place

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MARGAO: Goa witnessed a grand finish to the 11th U/14 Mini National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship 2026 and the All India Inter Zonal Tennis Ball Cricket Championship 2026, with teams from across the country delivering a strong display of talent, competitive spirit and sportsmanship.

The three day championships



were held in Goa from September 7 to 9, 2026, and were organised by the Goa Tennis Ball Cricket Association (GTBCA) in collaboration with the Tennis Ball Cricket Federation of India

(TBCFI) and the Sports Authority of Goa.

The biggest success for the host state came in the U/14 Girls category, where Goa emerged national champions. Goa finished ahead of Tamil



Nadu, while Maharashtra and Karnataka shared third place.

The Goa boys also produced an impressive campaign in the U/14 Mini National Championship. Maharashtra claimed the

title, with Goa finishing runners up. Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry secured joint third place.

Goa also made its presence felt in the All India Inter Zonal Tennis Ball Cricket

Championship. Uttar Pradesh won the men's title, followed by Pondicherry in second place. Goa and Mumbai shared third place after strong performances during the competition.

In the All India Tennis Ball Cricket Championship 2026 for men, Madhya Pradesh secured first place, while Western Uttar Pradesh finished second. Karnataka and Rajasthan shared third position.