



Goa Opposition Unity Hits Fresh Roadblock

■ GFP-AAP Hoardings Vanish As Sardesai Pushes Grand Alliance; Buzz Grows Over New Regional Front

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PANAJI: Goa's opposition politics has entered a fresh phase of uncertainty, with the disappearance of GFP-AAP hoardings across the state fuelling speculation about a possible new regional front ahead of the Assembly elections.

The hoardings, which carried the message "Congress and BJP cheated you twice. Don't let them cheat you the third time," have reportedly disappeared from several locations, coming amid growing differences between the



Goa Forward Party (GFP) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) over the shape of opposition unity.

The development follows AAP's demand that GFP chief Vijai Sardesai clarify his position on an alliance. AAP has since removed the GFP logo from its political artwork and reiterated that it stands with Goans and



not with what it termed the "BJP-Congress joint venture". The party has maintained that its Goa First platform is a non-BJP, non-Congress alternative.

Sardesai, however, has been advocating a broader opposition alliance, saying Goans want all anti-BJP forces to come together to defeat



the ruling party.

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Vijai Pushes Grand Opposition Alliance, Says Goans Want 'Rice-Curry'

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called for all opposition parties in Goa to come together in a grand alliance to defeat the BJP, saying the people want the opposition to unite.

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Reacting to the Aam Aadmi Party's recent statement on the alliance, Sardesai said, "I am the representative of the people of Goa. I am with the people."

On the reported removal of GFP-AAP banners from various locations, Sardesai said, "Maybe a new banner which Goans want will

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HC Adjourns Salgaonkar SIR Petition Hearing To Tuesday

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PANAJI: The Bombay High Court at Goa has adjourned to Tuesday the hearing on a petition filed by St Cruz resident Paresh Salgaonkar and five family members challenging the non-inclusion of their names in the electoral roll following the Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

The Election Commission of India (ECI) had sought a deferment of the hearing, pointing out that the Supreme Court is already seized of matters concerning the validity of the SIR of electoral rolls in several states. However, the High Court rejected the ECI's request, observing that "there is no substantial challenge to the SIR or the SIR process in this petition." The court proceeded to hear the matter and fixed the next hearing for Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. Salgaonkar and his family members have approached the High Court challenging the non-inclusion of their names in the electoral roll following the SIR exercise.

"We Have Not Approved Modified Form 6": CJI Surya Kant Amid ECI Voter Roll Row

■ CJI Surya Kant says the court will examine who changed the voter registration form amid the ongoing Special Intensive Revision controversy

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday made it clear that the modified version of Form 6 used in connection with voter registration has not been approved by the court.

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said the issue would be examined in detail after the relevant records are placed before



the bench.

The observation came during a hearing on a petition questioning whether Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar exercised powers that are constitutionally assigned to the full

Election Commission, which includes the two Election Commissioners.

Addressing the issue of Form 6, the Chief Justice said the Supreme Court had not approved any modification to the form and indicated that the court would examine who was responsible for making the change.

Loop Bridge accident prompts priority safety measures, AI cameras

Crash barriers, rumble strips and blinkers planned at accident-prone stretch in Vasco



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VASCO: The recent accident at the Loop Bridge in Vasco has prompted authorities to take up road safety measures on priority, with crash barriers, AI-enabled cameras, rumble strips and blinkers proposed to improve safety at the accident-prone stretch.

Vasco MLA Krishna Salkar visited the accident site along with NHAI officials, representatives of Gammon India, SP Traffic, the Mamlatdar and police officials to assess the situation and discuss measures to prevent similar accidents.

The visit comes in the wake of the recent fatal accident on the Baina flyover, which has once again brought road safety and responsible driving into focus in Mormugao. Salkar said immediate attention would be given to strengthening safety infrastructure at the Loop Bridge, with crash barriers among the measures proposed to be installed on priority. AI-enabled cameras would also be introduced to monitor traffic movement and help identify dangerous driving and speeding.

Rumble strips and blinkers are also planned as part of the

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Rahul Gandhi Sits on Dharna as INDIA Bloc Marches Against Gyanesh Kumar

■ Opposition MPs protest over SIR electoral roll revision as Rahul Gandhi joins dharna after march is stopped

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NEW DELHI: The INDIA bloc intensified its campaign against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on Tuesday as Opposition MPs marched from Parliament towards Nirvachan Sadan, the headquarters of the Election Commission of India. The protesters carried "Save Democracy" banners and demanded Kumar's resignation over alleged irregularities in the



Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. The march began from Makar Dwar after Opposition MPs assembled at Parliament. Security was tightened across central Delhi, with police and paramilitary personnel deployed along the route. The protesters

were stopped before reaching the Election Commission office. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi subsequently sat on a dharna after being prevented from proceeding towards Nirvachan Sadan. He

Is Goa First Already Falling Apart?

The sudden disappearance of Goa First hoardings across the state has raised a political question that cannot be brushed aside as a routine change in advertising. The hoardings carried a strong political message against both the BJP and Congress, declaring that Goans had been “cheated” twice and should not be cheated a third time. Now, at a time when Congress and Goa Forward are showing signs of coming closer, those hoardings have reportedly vanished.

The timing is difficult to ignore.

Goa First was launched with considerable political ambition. The alliance between the Aam Aadmi Party and Goa Forward Party was projected as an alternative to both the BJP and Congress. Its central argument was simple: Goa needed a political formation that would put Goa first rather than serve the interests of national parties.

That message was not merely electoral. It was the very identity of the alliance.

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The problem is not that opposition parties are talking to each other. In fact, if the objective is to defeat the BJP in 2027, opposition unity is a legitimate political strategy. The problem is that the parties involved are now sending conflicting signals about what Goa First actually represents.

AAP has openly questioned Goa Forward chief Vijai Sardesai's position after indications emerged that GFP could be open to a broader alliance involving Congress. AAP's argument is that Goa First was created as a non Congress, non BJP platform. If one of its principal partners now moves towards Congress, what happens to the very idea behind Goa First?

That is a fair question.

The Congress and GFP talks have added another layer of uncertainty. For GFP, joining a wider opposition arrangement could make electoral sense. For Congress, bringing Sardesai into a broader anti BJP front could help consolidate opposition votes. For the BJP, a divided opposition remains the most comfortable situation.

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There is also a question of credibility.

When Goa First was launched, the message was that both Congress and BJP had failed Goa. The hoardings reinforced that narrative in unusually blunt language. If the same political leadership now begins negotiating with one of the parties it had placed on the same side of the political divide, voters are entitled to ask whether the earlier message was genuine or simply an electoral strategy.

This is where Goa First faces its biggest test.

Was it conceived as a serious political alternative for 2027 or was it always intended to be a

temporary arrangement until a larger opposition alliance could be negotiated?

If the latter is true, voters deserve to know.

The disappearance of the hoardings does not necessarily mean the alliance has ended. Hoardings can be removed for several reasons. But when they disappear precisely when the political partners are publicly disagreeing and GFP is simultaneously opening the door to a broader opposition arrangement, the symbolism becomes difficult to overlook.

The danger for Goa Forward is equally serious.

Vijai Sardesai has built his political identity around regionalism and the argument that Goa's interests must come before the calculations of national political parties. That gives him a distinct political space. But if GFP becomes part of a Congress dominated opposition arrangement, it risks losing that independent identity.

AAP, meanwhile, has its own challenge. If Goa First collapses, it will have to explain why the alliance it promoted as the alternative to both Congress and BJP could not survive even a few weeks of political pressure.

And that leaves the people of Goa watching.

The opposition is talking about unity because it understands that a fragmented anti BJP vote could once again benefit the ruling party. But unity cannot be created merely by putting different parties on one platform. There has to be a common political purpose, a seat sharing formula, leadership clarity and, most importantly, trust among the partners.

At present, none of that appears settled.

Goa First was born with the promise of offering voters something different. If that experiment is already being sacrificed at the altar of a larger opposition alliance, then the question is unavoidable:

Was Goa First ever meant to be a political alternative, or was it simply a stepping stone towards the next alliance?

The disappearance of the hoardings may therefore be more than the removal of political advertising.

It could be the first visible sign that Goa First itself is losing its political firstness.

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Can a Voter Be Asked to Apply Again?

Francisco Fernandes

The reported deletion of 97 eligible voters from Goa's electoral rolls is not merely a technical issue. It raises serious questions about the reliability of the electoral system and the responsibility of the Election Commission to protect every eligible citizen's right to vote.

What makes the matter more disturbing is what happened after the issue came to light. According to the report, three brothers from Taleigao, whose names were among those deleted, were approached by a Booth Level Officer and asked to submit Form 6 to enrol themselves again. They complied and submitted the required documents.

But why should an existing voter have to apply as a new voter because of an error in the electoral system?

This question deserves a clear answer.

The issue came to light after an investigation revealed that 97 voters in Goa, despite being found eligible by Electoral Registration Officers, were left out of the final electoral roll. The explanation reportedly involved the ECINET system and the absence of a rollback facility. If that is indeed what happened, it exposes a serious weakness in a system that is supposed to safeguard the electoral process.

The Election Commission has reportedly stated that 88 of the 97 voters have since been added back, while three were found to possess Portuguese passports and six were residing outside India. Restoring the names may address the immediate problem, but it does not resolve the larger issue of accountability.

If an eligible voter was wrongly excluded because of a technological failure, who is responsible? If an Electoral Registration Officer had already determined that the person was eligible, why could the original entry not simply be restored? Why should the citizen bear the inconvenience and uncertainty of submitting a fresh application?

Technology should make governance easier, not make citizens run from one office to another to correct an error they did not create.

There is also a larger concern here. An electoral roll is not merely a database. Every name represents a citizen who has the right to participate in a democratic election. The deletion of a genuine voter's name can effectively silence that citizen on polling day.

That is why the Election Commission must treat such incidents with the seriousness they deserve. There should be a transparent audit of the entire episode. The authorities should establish how the 97 names disappeared, whether similar cases exist elsewhere in Goa and whether any safeguards were in place to detect and prevent such deletions.

The Commission must also clarify whether voters whose names were restored through fresh applications retain their original electoral continuity and whether there could be any consequences for their voting rights in future elections.

Goa cannot afford uncertainty over something as fundamental as the electoral roll, particularly when the State is heading towards another Assembly election.

The responsibility of maintaining an accurate electoral roll lies with the election machinery. Citizens should certainly cooperate with verification procedures, but they should not be made to repeatedly prove their eligibility because of administrative or technological failures.

A voter should not have to chase the Election Commission to regain a right that was already legally theirs.

The Goa episode should therefore serve as a warning. Before undertaking further revisions or relying heavily on technology, the Election Commission must ensure that there are proper safeguards, human oversight and an effective mechanism to immediately reverse wrongful deletions.

Democracy begins with the voter's name appearing on the electoral roll. If that name can disappear because of a system failure, then the system must also have a clear and accountable mechanism to put it back.

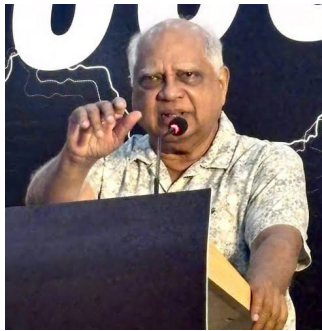
Justice Ferdino Rebello Flags Concerns Over Constitutional Institutions

■ Former Allahabad High Court Chief Justice Calls For Stronger Adherence To Constitutional Morality And Rule Of Law

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PANAJI: Former Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court and 'Enough is Enough' convenor Justice Ferdino Rebello has criticised the functioning of constitutional institutions, stressing that courts must protect the core principles and philosophy of the Constitution.

Speaking during a special podcast with LOCAL channel, Rebello said the Supreme Court should interpret



constitutional provisions in a manner that safeguards constitutional morality, public interest and the rule of law. He also acknowledged that the apex court "has failed

us sometimes". Rebello raised particular concerns over the interpretation of the Tenth Schedule, saying the judiciary must ensure that constitutional principles are not diluted while dealing with issues relating to political defections. He suggested that the problem of defections could be addressed by not treating legislative parties as completely independent entities from the political parties under whose banner legislators

contest elections. The former Chief Justice also questioned the functioning of the Election Commission and said constitutional authorities must be subject to the highest standards of accountability. "If what's on record is true and what both Election Commissioners are stating is factual, the Chief Election Commissioner has failed the Constitution and he has no business to be on that post anymore," Rebello said.



CAG Urges JPC To Reject FCRA Amendment Bill 2026

■ Association Raises Constitutional And Administrative Concerns, Flags Possible Impact On Minority Institutions

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MARGAO: The Catholic Association of Goa (CAG) has urged the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to recommend the withdrawal of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, raising concerns over its proposed powers, safeguards and possible impact on minority-run institutions. In its memorandum to the JPC, the association said it was in favour of greater transparency, accountability and financial discipline in the use of foreign contributions. It also supported action against organisations found to be misusing such funds in ways that pose a genuine threat to national security. However, CAG president Cyril Fernandes

said the proposed amendments went beyond these objectives and could create serious constitutional and administrative concerns. He said the association's position was based on its earlier representations to the President, Prime Minister and Union Home Minister. The CAG has particularly objected to provisions relating to the permanent transfer of assets, the proposed role of a "Designated Authority", removal of existing safeguards, immunity for officials and retrospective application of the law. Fernandes said these provisions could give the authorities excessive powers and have a disproportionate effect on institutions involved in education, healthcare and social welfare, particularly those run by minority communities.



Goa Kula-Mundkar Samiti To Observe Tiller Day, Demands Land Rights

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PANAJI: The Goa Kula-Mundkar Sangharsh Samiti will observe Tiller Day on October 8 to highlight the rights of Kula-Mundkars, land-related issues, applicable laws and the current status of pending land claims in Goa. The Samiti said that even after five decades, many Kula-Mundkars are yet to secure ownership rights over the lands they have cultivated, with the properties continuing to remain recorded in the names of Bhatkars. "After 50 years, our lands still do not belong to us. They continue to belong to the Bhatkars. We demand that these lands be legally recognised as belonging to the Kula-Mundkars," the Samiti said. The organisation further warned that if the government fails to conduct a proper survey of Kula-Mundkar lands, it will launch a campaign against the government during the upcoming Assembly elections. As part of its awareness drive, the Samiti will also organise the 'Bahujan Jagruti Sawad' programme across Goa to educate people about Kula-Mundkar land issues.

Fire Guts First-Floor Flat In Calangute; Four Rescued

■ Family Away At Work And School As Blaze Destroys Household Belongings, Documents And Valuables

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CALANGUTE: A fire broke out in a first-floor flat at Naikavaddo, Calangute, while the family was away at work and school.

The blaze reportedly gutted the flat, destroying household belongings along with important documents, passports, gold ornaments and cash. The loss has been estimated at around ₹3-5 lakh. Four people who were trapped on



the second floor were safely rescued by personnel from the Fire &

Emergency Services. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.

GHRC Directs Action Against Tourist Rentals In Calangute Housing Complex

■ Commission Says Residents' Rights Were Affected By Unchecked Commercial Use Of Residential Flats

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PANAJI: The Goa Human Rights Commission (GHRC) has directed authorities to take action against residential flats at Saldanha Kieran Park, Calangute, allegedly being used for short-term tourist accommodation. The Commission, while examining a complaint filed on behalf of residents, observed that the alleged commercial



use of residential premises and the authorities' failure to effectively address the issue had affected the

residents' rights to life, liberty, equality and dignity. The complaint was filed by Savita Yadav on behalf

of residents, who alleged that several flats in the 156-unit complex were being rented to tourists on a daily basis. According to the complaint, around 46 flats were allegedly being used for such rentals, with some reportedly accommodating more than 10 visitors. Residents had raised concerns over security and disturbance and approached the Calangute Panchayat, police and other government authorities

seeking intervention. The Calangute Panchayat had earlier directed the welfare association to stop daily rentals within seven days, invoking provisions of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994. During the proceedings, the Director of Tourism informed the Commission that only eight units in the complex had been registered with the department as guest houses or hotels.

Missing 16-year-old girl traced safely after Calangute kidnapping complaint

■ Calangute Police trace minor after technical and field investigation; girl says she left Goa on her own and travelled to West Bengal and Mumbai

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CALANGUTE: A 16-year-old schoolgirl who was reported missing from a school in Calangute has been safely traced by the Calangute Police following a detailed technical and field-level investigation.

Calangute Police Station registered Crime No. 116/2026 under Section 137(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Section 8 of



the Goa Children's Act after a complaint was lodged alleging that the minor girl had been kidnapped by an unknown person. Following

field-level investigation to establish the girl's whereabouts. During the investigation, police traced leads indicating that she had travelled outside Goa.

registration of the case, police immediately activated reliable sources and began technical as well as

According to the complaint, the girl was reportedly in regular contact with a boy from West Bengal with whom she was stated to have a close relationship. The complainant had suspected that the girl may have been taken by the said boy. Acting on the available leads, Calangute Police pursued the girl's movements and conducted an extensive investigation.



Unidentified man found unconscious at Vasco railway station dies

■ Around 35-year-old man declared brought dead at Chicalim hospital; police conduct inquest

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VASCO: An unidentified man, believed to be around 35 years old, was found unconscious on Platform No. 1 of Vasco Railway Station in the early hours of October 5, 2026.

According to police, information about the incident was received at around 12.22 am from the Deputy Station Manager of Vasco Railway Station.

Upon receiving the information, police immediately diverted a 108 ambulance to the railway station. The man was subsequently shifted to the Sub-Divisional Hospital

(SDH) at Chicalim, where the duty doctor declared him brought dead. During preliminary enquiry, police found that the deceased appeared to be a labourer. Police suspect that he may have died due to illness, though the exact cause of death is yet to be established.

Police conducted an inquest panchanama over the body, which was subsequently preserved at SGDH Margao for further medico-legal formalities.

Further enquiry in the matter is being conducted by PI Amarnath Passi of Vasco Railway Police Station.



Decomposed body of unidentified man found near PWD Quarters in Patto

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PANAJI: The decomposed body of an unidentified man, believed to be between 40 and 45 years old, was found lying in the verandah of a house near the PWD Quarters at Patto, Panaji, on October 5. According to Panaji Police, a person appeared at the police station at around 1.20 pm and informed police that an unknown person was lying near the PWD Quarters at Patto. Acting on the information, PSI Rohan Madgaonkar visited the location.

The informant pointed out a house which was found closed. Police subsequently noticed the body of an unidentified male, aged approximately 40 to 45 years, lying in the verandah of the house in a decomposed condition. Police conducted a scene-cum-inquest panchanama at the spot.

The body was subsequently shifted to Goa Medical College and Hospital, Bambolim, for preservation, accompanied by Police Constable 9319.

Suspect caught by family member and locals during theft attempt in Mapusa

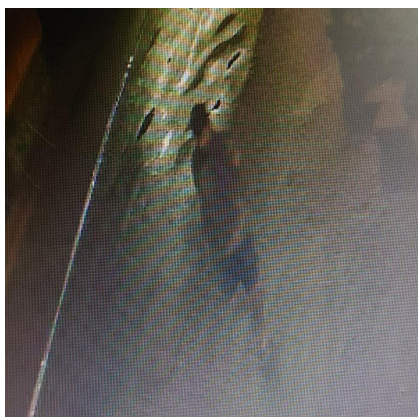
■ Mapusa Police take suspect into custody; he was allegedly involved in an earlier theft at the same house

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MAPUSA: A theft attempt was reported at a house in Mapusa, where a family member spotted a suspected thief inside the premises and raised an alarm.

The family member, with the help of local residents, managed to catch the suspect and hand him over to the Mapusa Police.

Police took the suspect into custody and have initiated an investigation



into the incident.

According to preliminary information, the suspect was allegedly

involved in an earlier theft at the same house. During the previous incident, cash was reportedly stolen before the suspect fled the spot.

Mapusa Police are investigating both incidents and are expected to ascertain the suspect's involvement and the circumstances surrounding the alleged thefts.

Russian national arrested for alleged illegal stay in Goa

■ Mandrem Police register case under Immigration and Foreigners Act; investigation underway

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MANDREM: Mandrem Police have registered a case against a 40-year-old Russian national for allegedly staying illegally in India without a valid travel document or visa.

According to police, the case was registered on October 4, 2026, at around 11.24 pm following a complaint lodged by PSI Laxman Dessai, aged 29, attached to Mandrem



Police Station.

The accused, identified by police

as Taraslavluluchie Slavianskif, was allegedly found at around

5.15 pm near Raj Super Market at Madlawada, Morjim, Pernem, without valid travel documents, including a visa, thereby allegedly contravening Section 23(a) of the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025.

Police arrested the accused at around 11.28 pm on the same day.

Further investigation in the case is being conducted by PSI Kunal Naik of Mandrem Police Station.

Car driver flees after crashing into scooter in Parra, two seriously injured

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PARRA: A hit-and-run accident was reported at Brittowado, Parra, Bardez, where two persons sustained serious injuries after their Honda Activa scooter was allegedly hit by a car travelling from Nagoa towards Mapusa.

According to the complaint lodged by Head Constable Samir Munankar of Mapusa Police Station, the incident occurred on October 3, 2026, at around 7.15 am.

Goa can become epicentre of political change in 2027, says Pawan Khera

■ Congress targets BJP over land, jobs, infrastructure and electoral concerns during Goy Rakhonn Yatra in Ponda

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PONDA: Goa can emerge as an important centre of political change in the February 2027 Assembly elections, AICC Media and Communication Chairman and Rajya Sabha MP Pawan Khera said on Monday as the Congress-led Goy Rakhonn Yatra entered Ponda on its 14th day. The Ponda leg of the yatra was dedicated to the memory of late Dr. Ketan Bhatkar. Congress leaders paid



floral tribute to his portrait before commencing the programme. Addressing the gathering, Khera accused the BJP of targeting young voters and raised concerns over

what he described as "vote theft". He said the protection of Goa's land, businesses, forests, rivers, environment, culture and identity would be among the key issues in the

2027 Assembly elections. Khera said Rahul Gandhi's campaign against alleged electoral irregularities had resonated with citizens and claimed that the BJP was attempting to weaken the democratic voice of the people. "Goa can become an important centre of political change in the February 2027 Assembly elections," Khera said, calling upon Goans to make the protection of the state's identity and natural resources a central electoral issue.



Mauvin gets SCAN Goa-Miles MOU signed for free transport to female crime victims

■ Initiative will provide free, confidential taxi services to women and children from remote areas travelling to courts

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DABOLIM: Transport Minister Mauvin Godinho on Monday facilitated a unique initiative to provide free transport to victims of crime, particularly women and children from remote parts of Goa, who are required to travel to courts. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Goa Miles and Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) Goa in the presence of Godinho and Panjim Mayor Rohit Monserrate. Under the agreement, Goa Miles will provide free taxi services to victims travelling to courts and back, while maintaining

confidentiality regarding their identities and cases. Godinho described the initiative as a first-of-its-kind in the country, saying it would provide crucial support to victims, especially those living in remote villages. "This is a very important MOU signed by Goa Miles with SCAN Goa and it is a unique initiative because women and children victims of crime in remote villages will get support to travel to court and back. This is a unique initiative pushed by Panjim Mayor Rohit Monserrate and it is the first of its kind in the country where help in terms of transport is being provided in remote villages across Goa.



SIR is not a new process, says CM Sawant

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PANAJI: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is not a new process and has been part of India's electoral system for decades. Sawant said intensive revisions, also referred to as deep revisions, have been undertaken at various points since the early years of the country's electoral system. Such exercises were carried out in 1952-56, 1957, 1961, 1965, 1966, 1983-84, 1987-89, 1992, 1993, 1995, 2002, 2003 and 2004. According to the Chief Minister, these revisions involved door-to-door verification, distribution and collection of enumeration forms, and verification of voter records. The exercises were conducted under different Chief Election Commissioners and governments over several decades. Sawant said periodic intensive revision of electoral rolls is necessary as demographic and residential patterns continue to change. Rapid urbanisation and migration can affect voter lists, while new voters attain the age of 18, people pass away and voters shift their places of residence.

Goa College of Fisheries Science to get dedicated campus

■ CM Pramod Sawant reviews infrastructure, land, staffing and other requirements for operationalising the college

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PANAJI: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant chaired a meeting at Mahalaxmi in Panaji to review the establishment and operationalisation of the Goa College of Fisheries Science.

The meeting discussed key requirements related to the proposed college, including infrastructure, land and facilities, staffing and faculty requirements, as well as the construction of a dedicated college



building.

A proposal to transfer 2.6 hectares of land under the Veterinary Department for construction of the new college building was also discussed during the meeting.

The establishment of

the Goa College of Fisheries Science is aimed at strengthening fisheries education and scientific research while developing

skilled human resources for Goa's fisheries sector.

Sawant said the initiative would contribute to building academic and technical capacity in fisheries and support the long-term development of the sector in the state.

Training held for sector officers ahead of Goa Assembly election

■ Programme focuses on election duties, field coordination and maintenance of law and order

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MARGAO: In view of the forthcoming Goa Legislative Assembly Election 2027, a training programme was conducted for Sector Officers and Sector Police Officers assigned election-related duties at the Office of the Collector, South Goa District.

The training was conducted by Dr Shantanu Gauns,



NLMT (ECI), and Dr Nilesh B. Fal Dessai, Director, Department of Archaeology, Mala, Panaji.

The programme focused on strengthening the preparedness of

Sector Officers and Sector Police Officers by providing guidance on their election-related responsibilities and field-level coordination.

Participants were

also briefed on the maintenance of law and order and other aspects essential for ensuring the smooth and effective conduct of the electoral process.

The training forms part of the preparations for the 2027 Goa Legislative Assembly Election and is aimed at ensuring that officers entrusted with field-level election responsibilities are adequately prepared for their duties.

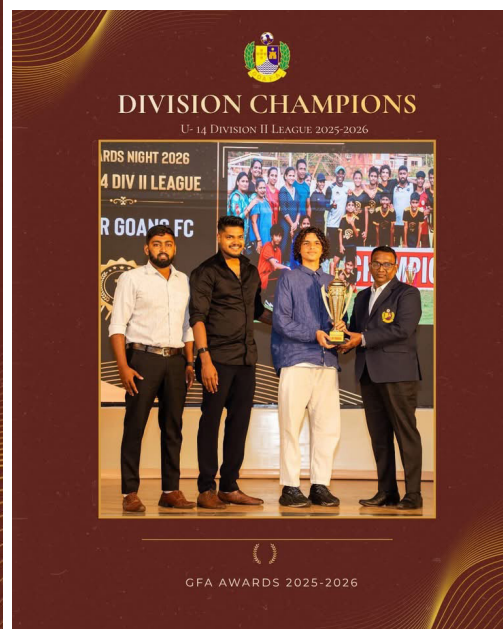
Goa revises compensation for death, disability and injuries caused by wild animals

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PANAJI: The Goa Government has revised the compensation rates payable to people who suffer death, permanent disability or injuries caused by wild animals. The Forest Department issued a notification dated September 22, 2026, partially modifying the earlier notification issued on April 24, 2020, under the "Scheme for grant of compensation on account of human life loss, disability or injury caused by Wild Animals."

Team Super 30 Shines At GFA Awards With Multiple Honours

■ Alfie Thorn and Te Salameh claim Player of the Year awards as Super Goans FC secures two championship titles



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PANAJI: Team Super 30 capped off an impressive 2025-26 season with a strong showing at the Goa Football Association Awards Night, collecting multiple honours across different age categories. Alfie Thorn emerged

as one of the standout performers after being named Player of the Year in the U-18 Division II League. Thorn played a key role throughout the campaign, finishing the season with eight goals and earning recognition for his consistent performances.

The U-14 category also saw Team Super 30 produce another individual award winner, with Te Salameh being named Player of the Year in the U-14 Division I League. Salameh enjoyed a remarkable scoring campaign, finding the net 41 times and establishing

himself as one of the most prolific young players in the competition.

The club's success extended beyond individual awards, with Super Goans Football Club adding two major team honours to its season achievements. The club won the U-18 Division

II All Goa Championship, underlining its strength at the junior level. Super Goans FC also secured the U-14 Division II All Goa Championship title, completing a successful campaign across two age groups. The collection of individual and team awards highlights the

depth of talent within Team Super 30 and the club's growing presence in grassroots football in Goa. With strong performances across multiple age categories, the 2025-26 season proved to be a memorable one for the young players and the entire Super Goans setup.

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of the people of Goa. I am with the people."

Asked about the disappearance of the GFP-AAP hoardings, Sardesai said, "Maybe a new banner which Goans want will come," while adding that he did not want the impact of "Delhi politics" to come to Goa.

Meanwhile, political circles are abuzz with talk of a third regional front taking shape in Goa. Though the proposed formation has not been formally announced, speculation is rife that dissident factions from some regional

parties could join the new platform.

The developments have raised questions over the future of the GFP-AAP understanding and whether Goa's opposition space could witness a significant realignment before the elections. For now, the composition and leadership of any new regional front remain under wraps.

Vijai Pushes Grand Opposition Alliance, Says Goans Want 'Rice-Curry'

come."

He also said he did not want the influence of "Delhi politics" to impact Goa, amid growing differences over

the proposed opposition alliance and the political direction of the GFP-AAP understanding.

Loop Bridge accident prompts priority safety measures, AI cameras

safety measures.

The installations are aimed at alerting motorists and encouraging them to reduce speed while negotiating the stretch.

The MLA said the measures were being taken with the objective of preventing accidents and making the road safer for all categories of road users.

The recent series of accidents in

the Vasco area has raised concerns over speeding and road-user behaviour, particularly at stretches where motorists tend to pick up speed. While improved infrastructure and enforcement are expected to strengthen road safety, motorists also have a key role to play in preventing accidents.

Salkar appealed to motorists to avoid speeding, follow traffic rules and drive responsibly, stressing that road safety is a shared responsibility. With the Loop Bridge set to receive additional safety infrastructure, motorists are expected to exercise greater caution while authorities work towards reducing the risk of accidents and making the stretch safer.

Delhi Police Deploys Bodycams During INDIA Bloc Protest Amid Allegations

■ Cameras aimed at documenting interactions as heavy security is deployed around Election Commission headquarters

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Police personnel deployed during Tuesday's Opposition protest against the Election Commission were equipped with body cameras, adding a layer of video documentation to security arrangements in central Delhi.

The move comes days after three women journalists alleged that they were sexually harassed by police personnel during an



earlier demonstration at Jantar Mantar. One journalist alleged that Assistant Commissioner of Police Vivek Bhagat assaulted her during a protest demanding

the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. New Delhi district Deputy Commissioner of Police Sachin Sharma was also seen wearing a body

camera while overseeing security arrangements.

The cameras are expected to record interactions between police personnel and protesters, providing a video record of events and potentially helping establish what occurred if allegations are subsequently made against officers. Central Delhi has witnessed a series of demonstrations in recent weeks linked to the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls.



India-UAE Army Exercise Begins In Uttarakhand With Focus On Mountain Warfare

■ Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 brings 92 troops together for tactical drills, drone operations and high-altitude combat training

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NEW DELHI: India and the United Arab Emirates have begun a joint military exercise in Uttarakhand aimed at strengthening battlefield coordination and cooperation between the two armies, with a major focus on mountain warfare. The exercise, named Mountain Guardian 2026, commenced at the Foreign Training Node in Chaubatia and will continue from October 5 to 18. A total of 92 personnel are taking part, with the Indian and UAE armies contributing an equal number of troops. The Indian contingent comprises personnel from a Bhairav Battalion, while the UAE contingent includes

troops from a Mountain Infantry Battalion. Women officers and combat personnel from both sides are also participating in specialist roles during the exercise. The training programme has been designed to improve interoperability and allow soldiers from both countries to exchange operational experience and tactical knowledge suited to challenging mountainous terrain. Troops will participate in joint planning exercises, tactical drills, live firing practices, surveillance operations and drone based missions. The exercise will also include physical endurance activities, rock climbing and obstacle training designed to test combat readiness in difficult terrain.



600 Bangladeshi Nationals Identified In J&K, 150 Shifted For Deportation

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SRINAGAR: Around 600 Bangladeshi nationals have been identified as allegedly staying illegally across Jammu and Kashmir, with authorities beginning the process of deporting them from the Union Territory.

A first batch of 150 people was moved from Srinagar to Bagdogra in West Bengal on Monday aboard a special Indian Air Force aircraft. After landing, they were handed over to Border Security Force personnel as part of the process to return them to Bangladesh. The identification followed a survey carried out across the Kashmir Valley by the administration in coordination with Jammu and Kashmir Police. The individuals identified during the exercise were subsequently kept at a facility managed by Srinagar Police while arrangements were made for their transportation and deportation. Authorities are scheduled to move another batch of 150 Bangladeshi nationals on October 7.

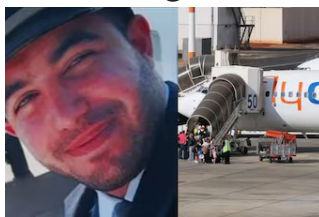
Flydubai Co-Pilot Allegedly Planned Ben Gurion Attack, Had Jordan Base As 'Plan B': Report

■ Investigation indicates Omani co-pilot was allegedly motivated by Gaza conflict and prepared the plot before the September 30 flight

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TEL AVIV: An Omani co-pilot accused of attacking the captain of a Flydubai flight allegedly planned to crash the aircraft at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport and viewed the attack as revenge for Israel's military actions in Gaza, according to findings cited by Israeli media.

Investigators believe the suspect, identified as Omani national al Hammami, had prepared



the alleged plot well before boarding the Dubai to Tel Aviv flight on September 30. His primary plan was reportedly to bring down the aircraft near Ben Gurion Airport. If that plan could not be carried out, investigators believe he

had considered targeting a US military facility in Jordan as an alternative.

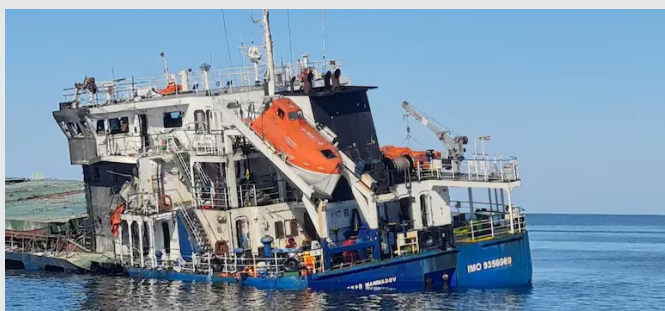
Authorities believe the suspect had initially planned to carry out an attack in July but abandoned the attempt because of a personal connection with a member of the crew. He had reportedly travelled to Israel in June and was allegedly preparing himself for what investigators described as a martyrdom operation.

"Completely Unacceptable": India Condemns Russian Attack On Civilian Ship In Black Sea

■ Indian sailor injured in drone strike as India calls for diplomacy to end the Russia Ukraine conflict

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NEW DELHI: India has strongly condemned a Russian drone attack on a civilian cargo vessel in the Black Sea after the strike killed two crew members and injured several others, including an Indian national. The Turkish owned cargo vessel MV Royad Mammadov came under attack outside Romania's territorial waters, triggering a fire



on board. Three Indian nationals were among the crew. One Indian sailor was initially reported injured and was taken to a hospital in Romania for treatment.

The Indian Embassy in Romania said it was in contact with local authorities and was monitoring the safety and welfare of the Indian crew members. The Indian

ambassador also spoke with the Indian nationals receiving medical care at Constanta County Hospital. Hospital authorities confirmed that they were in good health and receiving necessary treatment. India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar condemned the attack on civilian shipping, calling such incidents completely unacceptable. He reiterated India's position that dialogue

and diplomacy remain the way forward for resolving the Russia Ukraine conflict.

The attack has added to growing concerns over the safety of commercial shipping in the Black Sea, a major route for international trade and food supplies. The region has faced repeated disruptions since the start of the Russia Ukraine war, with attacks affecting ships and port infrastructure.

"We Don't Have Time to Sit With the Result": India Face Uruguay Test After Brazil Loss

■ Blue Tigers return to action in Kolkata just three days after a heavy defeat, while Uruguay begin a new chapter under Diego Forlan

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NEW DELHI: India will face two time FIFA World Cup winners Uruguay in a high profile international friendly in Kolkata on Tuesday, just three days after suffering a 0-4 defeat against Brazil. The short turnaround has left India with limited time to recover and prepare for another demanding opponent. The Blue Tigers struggled to match Brazil's pace and intensity, and now face a Uruguay side known



for aggressive pressing and quick ball recovery. Uruguay recorded 147 high turnovers during FIFA World Cup qualifying, highlighting their ability to win possession in

advanced areas. India head coach Khalid Jamil acknowledged the limited recovery period but stressed the quality of the South American side. India defender Akash

Mishra also admitted that preparation time has been short. However, he insisted that the players must quickly move on from the Brazil result and focus on the next challenge rather than dwelling on the defeat. Uruguay are themselves undergoing a period of transition. The team no longer has the experienced attacking partnership of Luis Suarez and Edinson Cavani, with both veterans having ended their international careers.



"Captaincy Ends, The Journey Continues": Harmanpreet Kaur Steps Down as India Captain

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NEW DELHI: Harmanpreet Kaur has stepped down as captain of the Indian women's cricket team across all three formats, bringing an end to one of the most significant leadership eras in Indian women's cricket.

Harmanpreet first took charge of the national side on a regular basis in 2016 after previously serving as captain on an interim basis. During her tenure, India achieved several landmark successes, including the ODI World Cup triumph and the gold medal at the Asian Games.

The decision comes after a review of the team's recent performances and discussions about its future direction. Long time vice captain Smriti Mandhana is now expected to play a key role in the next phase of India's leadership.

In an emotional statement, Harmanpreet described stepping down as a difficult decision after years of memories, sacrifices and responsibility.

"Gautam Gambhir Will Rotate": Morne Morkel Hints at Changes for India's 1st T20I vs West Indies

■ India could shuffle its playing XI in Lucknow as the team manages workload ahead of the next T20 World Cup campaign

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LUCKNOW: India are expected to make changes to their playing XI for the opening T20I against the West Indies in Lucknow on Wednesday, with bowling coach Morne Morkel hinting that head coach Gautam Gambhir could rotate players. India enter the five match series after successfully defending their Asian Games men's cricket



gold medal. Shreyas Iyer and his team defeated Pakistan by 19 runs in the final to claim the title. With India's T20I side having been in regular action since June, workload management is now expected to play an important role in team

selection. Morkel indicated that Gambhir could use the series to test different combinations while giving some players a break. "I'm pretty sure Gautam will look to rotate," Morkel said, while stressing that the final decision on the playing XI rests with the selectors, coach and captain. The focus, he added, remains on identifying the strongest combinations for India's next World Cup campaign.



Goa U-19 Teams Win Silver and Bronze at National T10 Championship

■ Boys finish runners-up while girls claim bronze at the U-19 Junior National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship in Jammu and Kashmir

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PANAJI: Goa's U-19 teams delivered an impressive performance at the T10 U-19 Junior National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship 2026, held at Katra, Jammu and Kashmir, returning home with a silver medal and a bronze medal.

The Goa U-19 boys finished runners-up after a hard fought final against West Bengal. Goa went down by 42 runs but produced a strong campaign to secure the silver medal.

Captain Sarthak Pal was among the standout performers of the tournament. His consistent bowling earned him the Best Bowler of the Tournament award, while his overall contribution saw him named Man of the

Series.

The Goa U-19 girls also impressed with a strong finish, securing the bronze medal after defeating Maharashtra in the bronze medal match.

Goa made the chase look effortless, reaching the target of 18 runs in just 1.5 overs to seal a convincing victory

and finish third in the national championship.

Prachi Chari was recognised for her outstanding work in the field and was named Best Fielder of the Championship.

The performances by both Goa teams highlighted the growing strength of tennis ball cricket in the state, with the players showing consistency, teamwork and determination against some of the best junior teams from across the country.

Rosary College Crush Don Bosco 6-1 to Retain Goa University Women's Football Title

■ Fatima Braganza scores twice as defending champions produce a dominant second half to lift the 2026-27 championship trophy

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PANAJI: Rosary College of Commerce & Arts, Navelim, successfully defended their Goa University Inter-Collegiate Football Women Championship title with a commanding 6-1 victory over Don Bosco College, Panjim, in the final at Rosary Church Ground, Navelim, on Monday.

The defending champions started



strongly and took the lead in the eighth minute. Ria Pinto rose to meet Vinoshka Fernandes' corner and powered a header into the net to put Rosary 1-0 ahead.

Don Bosco responded with determined defending and tried to create opportunities of their own, but Rosary's backline remained organised and denied them a way



through. The first half ended with Rosary holding a narrow 1-0 advantage.

The second half saw the champions take complete control. Fatima Braganza doubled the

lead in the 53rd minute with a well executed chip after the ball deflected off a Don Bosco defender.

Don Bosco pulled one goal back three minutes later when Simran Narvekar converted a penalty in the 56th minute after a foul inside the box, reducing the deficit to 2-1.