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Nana Patekar dies at 75 after being found unconscious at Goa home

■ Veteran actor rushed to Manipal Hospital in the early hours; doctors' efforts to revive him unsuccessful

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PANAJI: Veteran actor Nana Patekar died at the age of 75 after he was found unconscious at his residence in Goa in the early hours of Thursday.

Patekar was rushed to Manipal Hospital after his condition deteriorated. Doctors attempted to revive him for several minutes, but he could not be saved. He was declared dead at around 5:30 am. According to Dr Shekhar Salkar of Manipal Hospital, Patekar had complained of feeling unwell during the night. A friend subsequently reached his residence after being alerted and found

the actor in a serious condition.

The hospital's emergency team was called to the residence and began resuscitation efforts before shifting Patekar to the hospital. Despite continued attempts to revive him, he was brought dead, the doctor said. Since the death was treated as a medico-legal case, police formalities were initiated. Patekar's mortal remains were subsequently shifted to Goa Medical College for a post-mortem examination. At the time of the incident, Patekar's friends and caretaker were present, while his family members were not at the residence.

Government assures all support to Nana Patekar's family: CM



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PANAJI: The government will extend all necessary support to the family of veteran actor Nana Patekar, the Chief Minister said following the reported demise of the celebrated actor. Patekar's mortal

remains are currently at the GMC Mortuary, where the post-mortem examination is underway.

Expressing deep shock and sadness, the Chief Minister said Patekar's remarkable contribution to theatre, Hindi and Marathi cinema had left an

indelible mark on Indian cinema.

The Chief Minister conveyed heartfelt condolences to Patekar's family, friends, admirers and the entire film fraternity, and prayed for the departed soul to attain Sadgati.

Nana Patekar brought dead to Hospital, efforts to revive him fail: Dr Shekhar Salkar

■ Actor was declared dead by 5:30 am; cardiac massage continued for nearly an hour before body was shifted to GMC for post-mortem

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PANAJI: Veteran actor Nana Patekar was brought dead to Manipal Hospital in Goa in the early hours, with doctors making sustained efforts to revive him, Dr Shekhar Salkar, Chief of the Oncology Department at the hospital, said.

According to Dr Salkar, Patekar had messaged a friend at around 2:30 am saying that he was not feeling well. The message was not seen immediately, following which the friend called him and later reached his residence at around 4 am. By then, Patekar was reportedly sweating and gradually becoming unconscious. His caretaker was sent to the hospital, following which the hospital's



emergency team rushed to the residence in an ambulance.

Dr Salkar said the team found Patekar completely unresponsive and immediately began cardiac massage. He was subsequently shifted to Manipal Hospital at around 4:20-4:30 am.

"Cardiac massage was given for almost 45 minutes to an hour, but he just could not be saved," Dr Salkar said, adding that Patekar was declared dead by around 5:30 am.

BJP has won five elections, but cannot win democracy by manipulating voter lists: Manikrao Thakare

Goa Youth Congress protests against BJP and CEC Gyanesh Kumar over SIR



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PANAJI: AICC Goa in-charge Manikrao Thakare on Thursday launched a sharp attack on the BJP-led government and the Election Commission over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging that the exercise was being used to undermine the democratic rights of citizens. "The BJP has won the last five elections, but it cannot assume that it has won the right to decide who should vote and who should not. The Election Commission is a constitutional institution, not an extension of the BJP government. If the voter is removed, democracy is removed. If the Election Commission becomes silent before the ruling party, the Constitution

itself is put at risk," Thakare said.

He alleged that the BJP was afraid of facing voters and was attempting to create confusion around electoral rolls.

"The BJP should fight elections with votes, not with deletions. The CEC must answer the people of India, not the ruling party. We will not allow the voter's right to be taken away through bureaucratic manipulation. Congress will fight this battle from the streets to the courts to protect every eligible voter," Thakare said.

The Goa Pradesh Youth Congress staged a protest at Azad Maidan against the BJP-led government and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, demanding his resignation over the ongoing SIR exercise.

"From Four Wapitis to Advanced Air Power": Indian Air Force Marks 94 Years of Service

■ Indian Air Force Day 2026 celebrates the force's journey from its 1932 origins to a modern, technology driven defence service

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NEW DELHI: October 8 marks the 94th Raising Day of the Indian Air Force (IAF), celebrating more than nine decades of courage, discipline, operational service and technological transformation. The occasion honours serving air warriors,



veterans, civilian personnel and the families who have supported the force through its long

journey.

The Indian Air Force was established on October 8, 1932. Its first operational flight took place on April 1, 1933, with six RAF trained officers, 19 airmen and four Westland Wapiti IIA aircraft forming the nucleus of the force at Drigh Road.

The IAF expanded

rapidly during the Second World War. Its aircraft fleet grew from the Wapiti to platforms including the Lysander, Hurricane and Spitfire, while training infrastructure was strengthened to meet the growing demand for aircrew. By 1946, the force had around 28,500 personnel.

Nana Patekar: The Voice That Made Cinema Speak for Society

Nana Patekar was never merely an actor. He was a voice, a conscience and, at times, an uncomfortable mirror held up to society. His death at 75 in Goa on Thursday, October 8, 2026, marks the end of an extraordinary chapter in Indian cinema. But the characters he created, the questions he raised and the emotions he brought to the screen will remain long after the applause has stopped.

What made Nana different was his ability to make every character feel real. He did not simply deliver dialogues. He lived them. His eyes, his pauses, his anger, his silences and that unmistakable voice could turn an ordinary scene into something unforgettable. He had an intensity that few actors could match, yet he never appeared to be performing for the sake of performance. There was always a sense that he was telling us something.

In *Prahaar*, which he also directed, Nana brought the life and struggles of soldiers to the screen. The film was not just about combat. It explored discipline, sacrifice, patriotism and the psychological burden carried by those who serve the nation. It showed that behind the uniform was a human being with emotions, fears and responsibilities. Nana's portrayal brought dignity and seriousness to a subject that could easily have been reduced to conventional patriotic cinema.

Then came *Krantiveer*, perhaps one of the defining performances of his career. As Pratap Narayan Tilak, Nana represented the anger of a man who had lost faith in a system that had failed ordinary people. His explosive courtroom and public speeches were not merely cinematic moments. They spoke about communal hatred, corruption, inequality and the responsibility of citizens. The character became a symbol of rebellion against injustice and earned Nana the National Award for Best Actor.

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In *Parinda*, he showed the darkness of the underworld through a character that was frightening but never one dimensional. In *Angaar*, *Yashwant*, *Ab Tak Chhappan* and *Apaharan*, he continued to portray men caught in violence, power, corruption and moral conflict. His characters often forced audiences to confront uncomfortable realities rather than simply providing entertainment.

Yet Nana was equally brilliant when he made people laugh.

As Uday Shetty in *Welcome*, he transformed a gangster into one of Hindi cinema's most memorable comic characters. His anger, mannerisms, timing and chemistry with the other characters made Uday Shetty a cult figure. The character demonstrated another side of Nana's extraordinary range. The same actor who could terrify audiences in a serious crime drama could make an entire theatre erupt in laughter.

And then there was *Natsamrat*, where he returned to the world of theatre and delivered a deeply emotional performance as a celebrated stage actor confronting loneliness, ageing and the loss of everything he once held dear. It was a role that showed the vulnerability beneath the power of the performer. The film connected with anyone who has experienced the pain of being forgotten after spending a lifetime entertaining others.

Nana's contribution went beyond cinema. He was deeply concerned about farmers and rural distress and, along with Makarand Anaspure, was associated with Naam Foundation, working towards helping farmers and rural communities. His concern for ordinary people was not limited to the characters he played. It became part of his life.

That is perhaps the greatest legacy of Nana Patekar.

He made films that entertained, but he also made audiences think. He played heroes, villains, policemen, soldiers, gangsters, rebels and broken men. But behind every character was an actor who understood society and its contradictions. Indian cinema has lost a powerful performer. Goa has lost a familiar presence. Audiences have lost a voice that could make them angry, laugh, question and sometimes look at themselves. Nana Patekar did not need to be a conventional superstar. He did not depend on glamour, elaborate costumes or the machinery of stardom. His greatest strength was his ability to make audiences believe.

He became something far more enduring: an actor people believed.

EDITOR SPEAKS

Goy Rakhan Yatra Brings Congress Closer to People

The Goy Rakhan Yatra undertaken by the Congress across Goa appears to be receiving a positive response from people, and this should be seen as an important development in the state's political landscape. At a time when there is widespread frustration over issues such as unemployment, land conversion, environmental degradation, infrastructure, and the changing character of Goa, any political party that takes its message directly to the people deserves attention.

The strength of the yatra is that it is taking Congress leaders and workers beyond party offices and into villages and constituencies. Meeting people face to face gives politicians an opportunity to understand concerns that may not always reach them through official meetings or social media.

The response also indicates that there is still space for Congress in Goa if the party is willing to reconnect with ordinary Goans. However, a yatra alone cannot rebuild public confidence. People will judge Congress by whether it can remain united, raise genuine issues consistently and offer credible solutions.

The party must also avoid turning the yatra into another exercise in political rhetoric. Goans have heard enough promises. What they want is a clear vision for protecting Goa's identity, creating employment, improving public services and ensuring sustainable development.

If the positive response continues, the Goy Rakhan Yatra could become more than an election exercise. It could help Congress rebuild its grassroots connect and remind people that politics is ultimately about listening to them.

- Francisco Fernandes, Margao

Porvorim Flyover: Asset or Liability?

The Porvorim elevated corridor was presented as a major solution to Goa's growing traffic problems. But today, an important question needs to be asked: has this expensive infrastructure become an asset for Goa or a liability for taxpayers?

The project was intended to ease congestion on the busy NH66 stretch and provide smoother movement between Panaji and Mapusa. However, if traffic continues to remain heavy on the roads below while the elevated corridor remains underused, the government must honestly examine whether the project is delivering the benefits promised.

Infrastructure cannot be judged only by its size or cost. It must be judged by how effectively it serves people. If access restrictions, poor connectivity, traffic diversions or inadequate planning are discouraging motorists from using the elevated corridor, these issues need to be addressed immediately.

The government should make public the traffic studies, projected vehicle usage and the actual number of vehicles using the corridor. People also deserve to know whether the project is meeting its original objectives.

Goa certainly needs better infrastructure, but development cannot mean constructing expensive projects and then struggling to justify their usefulness. Every rupee spent is taxpayers' money. The Porvorim flyover can still become a useful asset if proper traffic management, access planning and connectivity are ensured. But ignoring its shortcomings will only increase the burden on the public. The government must therefore answer a simple question: is the Porvorim flyover solving Goa's traffic problem, or has it created another problem to manage?

- Miguel D'Souza, Porvorim

95% Of Goa's Assessed Springs Face No Resource Threat: Census

■ First Spring Census Maps 1,196 Springs, Highlights Need To Protect Vulnerable Water Sources

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PANAJI: Goa's springs are largely in a safe position, with 94.8 per cent of assessed springs showing no identified resource threat, according to the first-ever Spring Census carried out under the Union Jal Shakti Ministry.

The assessment covered 1,171 springs for threat analysis, excluding dried and hot springs. Of these, 1,110 were found to have no identified threat,



while 61 were categorised as threatened.

Of the threatened springs, 25 were placed in the low-threat category,

22 faced moderate threats and 14 were classified as highly threatened. The census documented 1,196 springs across Goa, with

the overwhelming majority located in rural areas. South Goa accounted for 861 springs, while North Goa had 335. The springs are predominantly found in the state's hilly and forested belts, including areas associated with the Western Ghats.

According to the census, Goa's high rainfall, laterite terrain, fractured and weathered aquifers and rugged landscape contribute to the presence of numerous springs across the state.



FDA issues guidelines for local food vendors, warns of legal action

■ Vendors selling bakery items, snacks through tables, car boots and social media must obtain mandatory permissions and follow food safety norms

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PANAJI: The Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) has issued mandatory guidelines for individuals preparing and selling bakery items, snacks and other food products through local vending points and social media platforms. The FDA said it has recently observed that several individuals are preparing bakery products and snacks and vending them in various local areas by setting up tables or using the boots of cars. Many such vendors are also promoting their food businesses

through social media. While encouraging new businesses to establish themselves, the Directorate stressed that all Food Business Operators (FBOs) must comply with the required legal procedures and maintain basic food safety and hygiene standards. As per the guidelines, every local vendor operating in a local area must obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the concerned local body, including the panchayat, municipal council or Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP), before commencing vending activities.



Rahul Gandhi Set To Join Goa Rath Yatra On October 12

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PANAJI: The Congress-led Goa Rath Yatra, which has entered its 15th day, is set to receive a major boost with Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi expected to join the campaign on October 12.

Congress leaders said Rahul Gandhi's participation will be part of the party's wider effort to highlight issues it says are affecting people across Goa, including unemployment, law and order, land-related legislation and alleged corruption.

Congress leader Manikrao Thakre said the yatra has already seen the participation of senior leaders, including K.C. Venugopal, Sachin Pilot, Alka Lamba and Pawan Khera. He said Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar is scheduled to join the yatra on October 8, while Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is expected to participate on October 17.

Congress MLA Yuri Alemao urged Goans to participate when Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi join the yatra and listen to the message of the party leadership.

FDA Surveillance Drive In Calangute Targets Food Safety Violations

■ Five Restaurants Directed To Suspend Operations Over Hygiene Violations; Food Items Seized And Destroyed

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CALANGUTE: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) team conducted a surveillance drive in Calangute, inspecting a total of nine food businesses, including restaurants, for compliance with food safety and hygiene norms.

During the inspection, five establishments were directed to suspend operations after they were found to be flouting basic hygiene requirements. Two of



the restaurants were reportedly well-known national-level quick-service restaurant (QSR) chains. The FDA team also confiscated around 25 kg of filter coffee found at the interstate bus stand. In addition, approximately 50 kg of cooked chicken items

containing excessive food colour were destroyed during the drive. The premises directed to suspend operations will remain shut until the identified deficiencies are rectified. Fines will also be imposed in cases of non-compliance, officials said. The FDA stated that the surveillance drive will continue across different areas. Food business operators have been urged to strictly comply with the stipulated food safety and hygiene norms.

Cylinder leakage fire in New Vaddem, Vasco; mother-daughter injured

■ Mother and daughter were asleep when gas leakage reportedly triggered a fire and blast, causing the roof structure to collapse

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VASCO: Two persons, a mother and her daughter, were injured after a cooking gas cylinder reportedly exploded following a gas leakage at a rented premises in New Vaddem, Vasco, in the early hours of Thursday. The incident occurred at around 4 am when the mother and daughter were reportedly sleeping inside the house. According to



preliminary information, gas had leaked from the cylinder, resulting in a fire

and subsequent blast. The impact of the blast caused the rooftop/roof structure

to collapse, leaving both the mother and daughter injured. Both injured persons were immediately shifted to a hospital for medical treatment. Further details regarding their condition and the exact cause of the gas leakage are awaited.

Goa Faces 80 MW Power Gap As GEDA Pushes Rooftop Solar

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PANAJI: Goa is facing an 80 MW gap between electricity demand and supply, prompting the Goa Energy Development Agency (GEDA) to step up efforts to encourage residential societies to adopt rooftop solar power. GEDA officials have urged housing societies to take advantage of the available central and state subsidies for rooftop solar installations. Under the group housing scheme, societies are eligible for a combined subsidy of ₹40,500 per kWp.

Two Workers Rescued After Bee Attack While Cleaning Water Tank

■ Fire brigade evacuates trapped workers from tank in Chodan; injured duo sent to hospital

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BICHOLIM: Two non-Goan workers were trapped inside a private drinking water tank after being attacked by bees while cleaning the tank at Belbhat in Chodan.

The Bicholim Fire and Emergency Services received information about the incident at around 2.30 p.m.



Following the alert, fire brigade personnel rushed

to the spot and launched a rescue operation.

The firefighters safely rescued both workers who had been trapped inside the tank following the bee attack.

The two workers, who sustained injuries due to bee stings, were subsequently shifted to a hospital in a 108 ambulance for further treatment.



Family Allegedly Locked Out Of Ancestral Home In Korgao; Seven Booked

■ Pernem Police register case over alleged wrongful restraint, property damage and threats

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PERNEM: Pernem Police have registered a case following a complaint by Kiran Ramchandra Korgaonkar, alleging that seven persons wrongfully restrained him and his family from entering their ancestral house at Korgao, Pernem.

According to the complaint, the incident took place on October 1 near Kamleshwar Temple. The accused allegedly placed a padlock on the main entrance gate of the ancestral property, preventing the complainant and his family from entering the house.

The complainant

further alleged that CCTV equipment, including the DVR, along with other property and belongings, was damaged. He also alleged that the accused threatened him with dire consequences. The case was registered at 12:11 am on October 7. The seven accused named in the complaint are Prabhat Shashikant Korgaonkar, Narendra Korgaonkar, Shweta Korgaonkar, Sujata Naik, Deepika Deelip Kamulkar, Deelip Kamulkar and Sadanand Korgao, all residents of Korgao, Pernem. The matter is currently under investigation by PSI Aditya Gad of Pernem Police Station.



Arsekar urges BJP to assess his work and contribution in Sanvordem

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SANVORDEM: Sanket Arsekar has urged the BJP to assess his work and contribution in the Sanvordem constituency, saying that as a newcomer, he has no anti-incumbency and does not carry any negative image.

"Sanvordem is considered a BJP stronghold, yet the party may have to face defeat in the constituency. If the BJP fields a new candidate, the chances of winning could improve," Arsekar said.

He pointed out that the BJP has experimented with giving opportunities to new candidates in states such as Gujarat and Delhi and has seen success with the approach. According to Arsekar, sitting candidates generally face greater anti-incumbency, while newcomers do not carry the same political baggage.

Arsekar said he would not need to contest the election as an independent if the BJP conducts a survey to identify a candidate capable of winning the constituency and considers him for the party ticket.

Road Accident In Vaddem Leaves Two Injured

■ Pulsar rider injured after collision with Aviator scooter near Vaddem, Vasco

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VASCO: Vasco Police have registered a case following a complaint by HC 5938 Rajesh Bhandodkar regarding a road accident at Vaddem, Vasco, on October 4. According to the complaint, Ashish Divkar of New Vaddem was allegedly riding an Aviator scooter in a rash and negligent manner. At around 11.08 pm, while at Vaddem, he allegedly attempted to cross to the opposite side of the road without taking proper care and caution. At the time, a Pulsar NS motorcycle travelling



from Chicalim towards Vasco collided with the Aviator scooter. The impact caused the Pulsar rider, Saiad Mohamaad Kaif of Desterro, Vasco, to fall on the road and

sustain injuries. The Aviator rider also fell and suffered injuries. Further investigation is being carried out by HC 5938 Rajesh Bhandodkar of Vasco Police Station.

Rash Riding Allegedly Leads To Collision In Rivona; Two Injured

■ Motorcycle rider and pillion rider allegedly fled the scene without assisting injured scooter occupants

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RIVONA: Quepem Police have registered a case following a complaint by HC 4224 Sanjiv Patil regarding a road accident at Addem, Rivona, on October 4.

According to the complaint, Abhay Gaonkar of Kajur, Quepem, was allegedly riding a Yamaha motorcycle rashly and negligently while travelling from Tilamole



towards Rivona Bazar. At Addem, the motorcycle allegedly moved onto the

wrong side of the road and collided with an oncoming Jupiter scooter.

The scooter rider, Shridhar Redkar, and pillion rider, Sapna Redkar, both from Zambavlim, Rivona, fell onto the road and sustained injuries.

The motorcycle rider and his pillion rider, Tejas Gaonkar, also fell following the collision. Police allege that both subsequently left the accident spot without providing medical assistance to the injured or informing the police.

RGP Raises Objections To 39A Land-Use Change In Canacona

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CANACONA: RGP leader Prashant Pagi, along with residents of

Canacona, has submitted objections to the proposed 39A land-use change for Survey No. 148/6 at Nagarcem-Palolem, under the party's #39A_Revolt campaign. The objections concern a proposal by R Bose Hospitality Management Private Limited and question the company's reported links with prominent BJP leaders from West Bengal.

"Goa Will Show The Way To Defeat BJP": Alka Lamba At Goy Rakhonn Yatra

■ Congress leaders target BJP Government over democracy, jobs, land conversions, drugs and law and order during Nuvem–Fatorda

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FATORDA: The Goy Rakhonn Yatra received a strong response as the Congress march moved from Nuvem towards Fatorda on Wednesday, with senior party leaders launching a sharp attack on the BJP Government over issues including democracy, unemployment, land conversions, drugs, law and order and the protection of Goa's identity. Addressing the



gathering, All India Mahila Congress President Alka Lamba said Congress leaders had taken to the streets because the future of Goa and the constitutional rights of its

people were at stake. "Congress leaders are on the streets for the future of Goa. Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi are fighting for democracy. We are

fighting for every right guaranteed to us by the Constitution," Lamba said.

Lamba accused the BJP of what Congress has termed "Vote Chori" and raised concerns over electoral rolls and democratic institutions. She also used the political phrases "vote chor", "paper chor", "Ram Mandir donation chor" and "land chori" while attacking the ruling party over alleged corruption, electoral irregularities and land-related issues.



Seva Jyoti Yatra Bike Rally Draws Massive Turnout from Mormugao to Chicalim

■ Leaders praise PM Modi's 25 years in public life and CM Pramod Sawant's governance in Goa

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MORMUGAO: The 'Seva Jyoti Yatra' bike rally witnessed a massive turnout of BJP workers and supporters as hundreds of participants rode from Mormugao to Vasco before gathering for a grand programme at Joggers Park, Chicalim.

The rally was organised to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi completing 25 years in public life as Chief Minister and Prime Minister. Participants also highlighted the governance and development initiatives of Goa Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant. BJP National Secretary and Spokesperson and Goa Co-Observer Anil Antony, son of former Defence Minister A.K. Antony, attended the programme along with

Cabinet Minister Mauvin Godinho, Mormugao MLA Sankalp Amonkar and Vasco MLA Krishna Salkar. Flagging off the rally and addressing the gathering at Chicalim, Mormugao MLA Sankalp Amonkar praised the leadership of Prime Minister Modi and Chief Minister Sawant. "Completing 25 long years as Chief Minister and Prime Minister is no small achievement. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completely changed how the world looks at India while working directly for the common man. Here in Goa, Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant is pushing development rapidly into every corner with good, honest work," Amonkar said. Vasco MLA Krishna Salkar highlighted the strong participation of youngsters in the rally.



Margao Nehru Stadium Repairs Yet To Begin Ahead Of ISL

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FATORDA: Repair work at Margao's Nehru Stadium has reportedly not started despite earlier assurances that immediate action would be taken to address loose sheets and exposed iron structures at the venue.

The issue had been raised nearly two months ago, following concerns that damaged portions could become hazardous, especially during strong winds or heavy rain.

With ISL matches set to begin at the stadium from October 10, and two Goa teams in action this season, concerns over spectator safety have once again come into focus.

Stadium Executive Engineer Deepak Lotlikar said the section where the loose sheets pose a risk will be cordoned off and kept out of bounds for spectators as a precaution.

Khola Gram Sabha Resolves To Construct Tourist Rooms, Balbhavan In Panchayat

■ Gram Sabha passes slew of resolutions on tourism, roads, water supply, waste management and civic infrastructure

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CANACONA: The Khola Gram Sabha has resolved to construct rooms in the panchayat building and rent them out to visitors and tourists, with the aim of generating additional revenue for the panchayat by tapping the growing tourist inflow into the village. The resolution was among several adopted at the Gram Sabha meeting held on Sunday under



the chairmanship of Sarpanch Tejal Pagui. All panch members attended the meeting. The Gram Sabha also resolved to start a Balbhavan at the panchayat and called for career guidance programmes for SSC

students studying in the two high schools in the village. Members

also urged the panchayat to expedite the ongoing court matter concerning a room in the panchayat building which, they said, is being occupied by the Goa State Large Size Multipurpose Co-operative Society.

Substandard Ghee And Unsafe Cumin Powder Recalled In Goa

■ FDA directs traders and consumers to stop sale, purchase and consumption of listed products

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PANAJI: The Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), Goa, has issued an advisory directing food business operators and the general public to immediately stop the sale, purchase and consumption of certain recalled substandard ghee products and unsafe cumin powder.

The recalled ghee products manufactured by M/s SDP Industries



Pvt. Ltd., Survey No. 54/2, 54/2A and 54/2B, Village Dabhel, Daman, include Shree Saras Ghee (loose), Gokul Cow Ghee, Shree Saras Cow Ghee,

Shraddha Cow Ghee and Shraddha Ghee, covering all batches.

The advisory also covers Everest Cumin Powder, pre-packed,

Batch No. E080668761, manufactured by M/s Everest Food Products Pvt. Ltd.

The action follows orders issued by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on September 21 and October 1, 2026, concerning products found to be substandard and unsafe. The FDA has directed wholesalers, distributors, retailers, departmental stores and online delivery platforms operating in Goa to

immediately halt the sale of the listed products.

Existing stocks have been ordered to be removed from shelves, isolated and reported to the respective local Food Safety Officer.

The Directorate has also advised consumers not to purchase or consume the recalled products. Those who have recently purchased any of the listed products have been advised to discontinue their use immediately.

Nana Patekar's Funeral To Be Held With State Honours

■ Maharashtra government recognises veteran actor's contribution to theatre and cinema

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NEW DELHI: Veteran actor and filmmaker Nana Patekar's funeral will be conducted with state honours, recognising his contribution to Marathi theatre and Marathi and Hindi cinema.

Patekar died early Thursday at the age of 75 after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was at his residence in

Goa when he was found unconscious and rushed to hospital. Doctors attempted to revive him, but he could not be saved.

Born on January 1, 1951, in Maharashtra, Patekar built a celebrated career through powerful performances, intense dialogue delivery and his ability to portray complex characters.

He appeared in several notable films, including Parinda, Natsamrat,

Wajood, Yeshwant, Ab Tak Chhappan, Taxi No. 9211, Welcome and Housefull 5. He won three National Film Awards and received the Padma Shri in 2013 for his contribution to cinema and the arts.

His performance in Natsamrat earned him the Filmfare Award for Best Actor in 2016.

Patekar was also known for his social work. He co-founded the NAAM Foundation

with actor Makarand Anaspure to support farmers and drought-affected communities in Maharashtra, including through water conservation and educational initiatives.

His death marks a major loss for Marathi theatre and Indian cinema.

"There Was Only One Nana": Bollywood Mourns Nana Patekar's

■ Veteran actor and filmmaker Nana Patekar dies after cardiac arrest at his Goa home, leaving Indian cinema and generations of artists in mourning

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NEW DELHI: Veteran actor and filmmaker Nana Patekar has died at the age of 75 after suffering a cardiac arrest at his home in Goa. He was declared dead at 5:20 am after efforts to revive him at a hospital were unsuccessful.

The sudden loss of one of Indian cinema's most distinctive performers has triggered an outpouring of grief from actors, filmmakers and colleagues across the industry. Many remembered Patekar for his powerful screen presence, intense performances, unmistakable voice and deeply individual style.

Alia Bhatt remembered him as an actor who could make audiences laugh, cry and experience a wide range of emotions. Superstar Rajinikanth expressed disbelief over the loss of his close friend and offered condolences to Patekar's family.

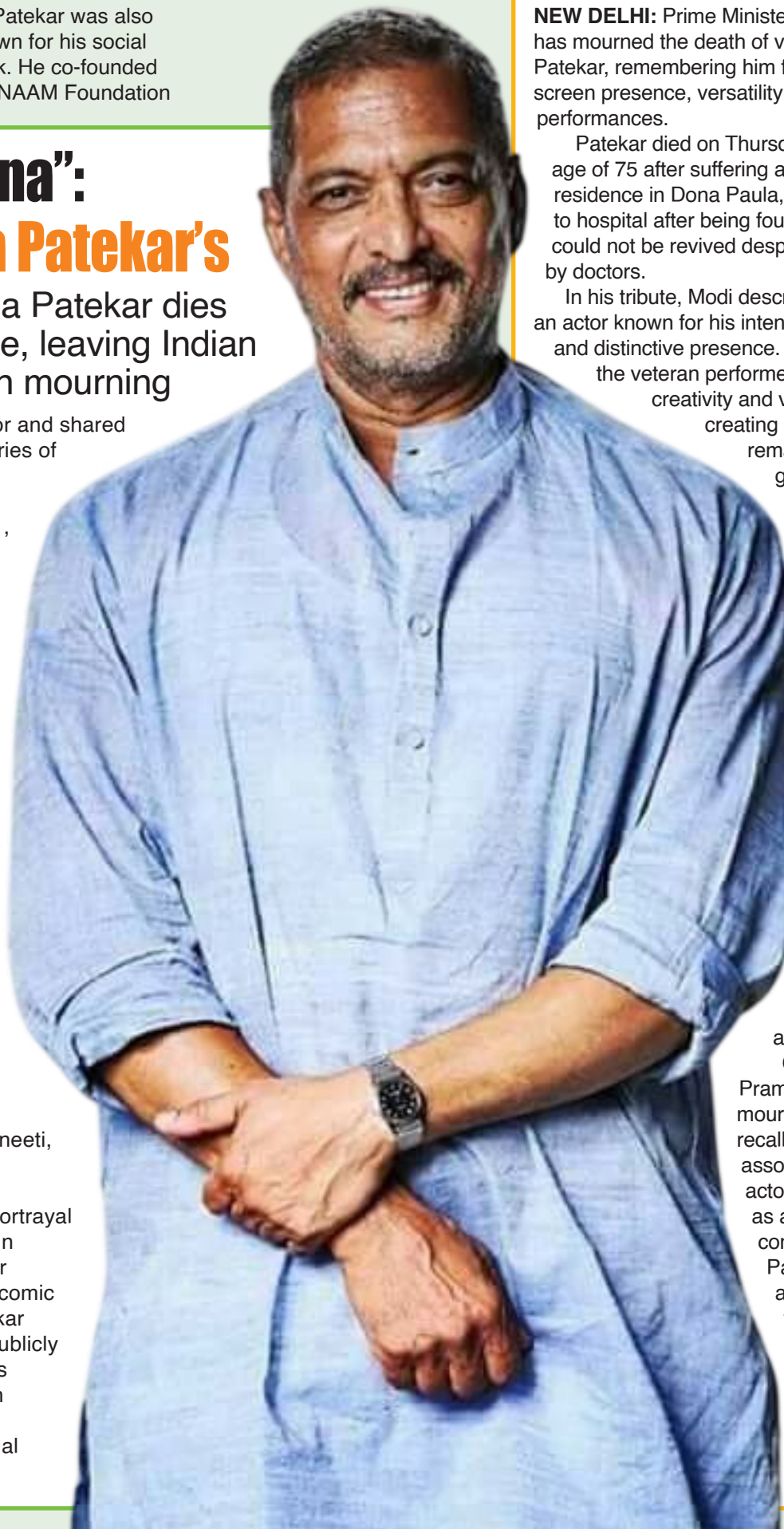
Akshay Kumar recalled working with Patekar in Welcome and Housefull 5, describing him as an actor who never needed exaggerated performances to command attention. Riteish Deshmukh praised his versatility, while Manoj Bajpayee credited Patekar's journey with inspiring countless actors who arrived in Mumbai dreaming of a career in films.

Paresh Rawal, Suniel Shetty, Raveena Tandon, Prakash Raj, Kangana Ranaut, Urmila Matondkar, Jr NTR, Sunny Deol, Ravi Kishan, Prabhu Deva and Smriti Irani were among those who also remembered

the veteran actor and shared personal memories of him.

Born on January 1, 1951, in Maharashtra, Patekar built a celebrated career spanning Marathi and Hindi cinema. He won three National Film Awards and received the Padma Shri in 2013 for his contribution to cinema and the arts.

His notable films included Parinda, Wajood, Ab Tak Chhappan, Apaharan, Raajneeti, Taxi No. 9211, Natsamrat and Welcome. His portrayal of Uday Shetty in Welcome further established his comic versatility. Patekar was last seen publicly in Goa four days before his death at the Samraat Club International installation



"He Had Unmistakable Presence": PM Modi Mourns Nana Patekar

■ Prime Minister recalls the veteran actor's versatility, creativity and lasting contribution to Hindi and Marathi cinema

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has mourned the death of veteran actor Nana Patekar, remembering him for his powerful screen presence, versatility and memorable performances.

Patekar died on Thursday morning at the age of 75 after suffering a cardiac arrest at his residence in Dona Paula, Goa. He was rushed to hospital after being found unconscious, but could not be revived despite prolonged efforts by doctors.

In his tribute, Modi described Patekar as an actor known for his intensity, individuality and distinctive presence. He also highlighted the veteran performer's ability to bring creativity and versatility to his roles, creating characters that would remain memorable for generations.

The Prime Minister also acknowledged Patekar's outspoken personality and his willingness to express his views openly.

Modi said Patekar's contribution to both Hindi and Marathi cinema was immense and that his passing had created a deep void. He extended condolences to the actor's family, friends and countless admirers. Goa Chief Minister

Pramod Sawant also mourned Patekar's death, recalling his personal association with the actor and describing him as a close friend and committed social worker. Patekar had developed a strong connection with Goa and frequently visited the state. His death has prompted tributes from across the film industry and public life.

INDIA Bloc Protest Intensifies Over SIR, Rahul Gandhi Says

■ Opposition MPs plan fresh demonstrations as row over electoral revision and alleged police action escalates

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NEW DELHI: The political confrontation over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is set to intensify, with INDIA bloc leaders preparing another major protest at Delhi's Jantar Mantar. Opposition MPs are demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and have raised allegations of irregularities in the electoral process. The Election Commission



has maintained that the electoral revision exercise is aimed at ensuring the accuracy and integrity of voter lists. The latest developments follow the detention of Congress

leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra during a protest march towards Jantar Mantar on Wednesday. Both leaders were later released. The Congress has announced that its state units will observe a "black day" on Thursday

and organise protests across the country. The party is objecting to what it describes as the manhandling of Opposition leaders by Delhi Police during the previous demonstration. Rahul Gandhi has indicated that the Opposition's campaign will continue despite the action taken during the march. The INDIA bloc has continued to demand greater scrutiny of the electoral revision process and has raised concerns over its implementation.



"The Frankenstein's Monster Has Returned": India Takes Aim at Pakistan's Terror Record at UN

■ India accuses Pakistan of harbouring terrorism while highlighting attacks, political statements and concerns over terror financing

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NEW DELHI: India has criticised Pakistan's record on terrorism at the United Nations, arguing that militant groups once supported or tolerated by the Pakistani state have increasingly created security challenges within Pakistan itself. Speaking during a right of reply at the UN General Assembly's Sixth Committee, Indian diplomat Raghoo Puri rejected Pakistan's allegations against India and accused Islamabad of attempting to portray itself as both a victim and a frontline force against terrorism. Puri referred to recent remarks by Pakistan's Punjab Chief

Minister Maryam Nawaz, who highlighted the growing security threat posed by violence within neighbouring Pakistani provinces. He also recalled comments made by former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in 2018 concerning militant organisations and the 2008 Mumbai attacks. India also challenged Pakistan's claims about the outcome of Operation Sindoor, launched following the Pahalgam terror attack. Puri dismissed Islamabad's portrayal of the military episode as a victory, arguing that damage to Pakistani military infrastructure contradicted those claims.



Three Commercial Vessels Attacked In Black Sea, 31 Indian Crew Members Safe, One Injured

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NEW DELHI: India has strongly condemned attacks on three commercial vessels in the Black Sea, calling for an immediate end to incidents targeting civilian shipping and seafarers.

The vessels involved were the Palau-flagged Able, Liberia-flagged Aframax Rio and Togo-flagged Alfa Watan. India has confirmed that 31 Indian crew members aboard two of the affected vessels have been rescued, while one Indian national sustained injuries.

The Able was carrying 18 crew members, including seven Indian nationals, when it came under attack. One of the Indian crew members was injured in the incident. The entire crew was evacuated with assistance from Bulgarian authorities and taken to Varna, where the injured Indian national is receiving medical treatment. India expressed its appreciation for the assistance provided by Bulgarian authorities in evacuating and supporting the crew members following the attack.

"Security Has Been Further Strengthened": Gyanesh Kumar Gets Enhanced Cover Amid SIR Protests

■ Extra personnel deployed at the CEC's residence and Election Commission office as Opposition protests intensify

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NEW DELHI: Security arrangements for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar have been strengthened amid intensifying protests by the Congress and INDIA bloc over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. Kumar already has Z+ security, and additional personnel have now been deployed



around his residence, the Election Commission headquarters and for his personal protection. The enhanced security follows demonstrations

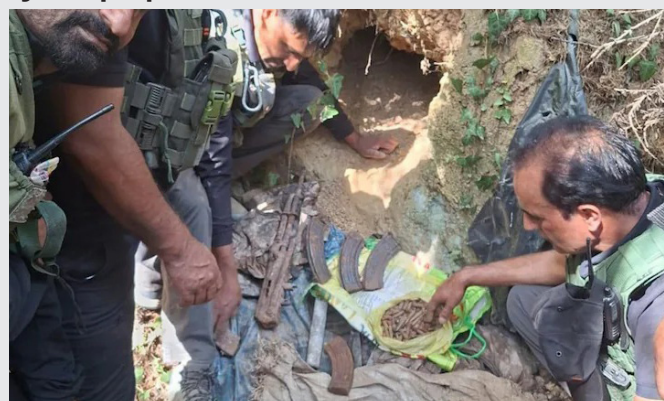
near Kumar's Delhi residence and a protest outside his family home in Agra. Authorities have reassessed the security situation as Opposition parties continue to demand his resignation over their allegations concerning the voter roll revision exercise.

Old Terror Hideout Unearthed In Handwara, Huge Arms Cache Recovered

■ Security forces recover an AK-47, grenades, over 1,000 rounds of ammunition and other military equipment from a concealed underground dump

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HANDWARA: Security forces uncovered an old underground terror hideout in the dense forests of Nagda Nar in Handwara, North Kashmir, and recovered a large cache of arms and ammunition during a joint operation. The operation was launched early in the morning after security agencies received specific intelligence about a



concealed hideout being used to store weapons. Handwara Police, along with personnel from

the 21 Rashtriya Rifles and 92 Battalion of the CRPF, conducted a coordinated cordon and

search operation in the forested area. During the search, the joint team detected a well-hidden underground structure. Security personnel thoroughly searched the hideout before destroying it to prevent it from being used again. The recovery included one AK-47 rifle, three grenades, 857 rounds of AK ammunition, 192 rounds of PIKA ammunition, eight AK magazines, one silencer and 83 pistol rounds.

Other material linked to militant activities was also recovered from the site. The hideout is believed to have been established some time ago and used as a weapons dump for terrorists operating in Handwara and nearby areas. The recovery of the cache is significant as the weapons could have been used in attempts to revive militant activity in the region.

"Who Are Your 2nd And 3rd Seamers?": Wasim Jaffer Questions India's Handling Of Shami, Siraj

■ Bhuvneshwar Kumar's return has reignited debate over India's pace options ahead of the 2027 ODI World Cup

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NEW DELHI: India's decision to recall veteran pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar for the upcoming T20I series against New Zealand has sparked fresh discussion over the team's fast bowling combination ahead of the 2027 ODI World Cup in Africa.

Former India opener Wasim Jaffer has backed Bhuvneshwar's selection,



pointing to the pacer's performances and fitness. He also questioned why experienced bowlers Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj have not

been given a consistent run in the side.

Jaffer argued that Bhuvneshwar's return should not be viewed simply through

the lens of age. He stressed that India need a balance between experienced campaigners and younger players, particularly with a major

global tournament approaching.

The former batter also raised questions about India's current pace options. Several bowlers, including Gurnoor Brar and Prasidh Krishna, have been tried, while Nitish Reddy has also been considered as a pace option. However, Jaffer suggested that the team has yet to establish a settled group of seamers.

"Still Disappointed And Hurt": Hasan Nawaz Opens Up On Pakistan's Asian Games Final Loss

■ Pakistan batter admits small mistakes proved costly as India secured men's cricket gold with a 19 run victory

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NEW DELHI: Pakistan batter Hasan Nawaz has admitted that the disappointment of losing the Asian Games men's cricket final against India is still fresh, saying his team paid the price for small mistakes during the run chase. India defeated Pakistan by 19 runs in the gold medal match in Japan to claim the top prize.

Nawaz was one of Pakistan's standout



performers, scoring 96 in the final, but his impressive innings could not take his side over the line. Nawaz said he was pleased with his individual contribution but remained

frustrated that Pakistan could not complete the chase. He believed the team had a strong chance of winning, particularly with India having limited bowling options towards

the end of the innings. According to Nawaz, Pakistan needed to handle the crucial moments better and avoid mistakes that eventually shifted the match in India's favour. He also acknowledged the challenge of facing India, describing them as the number one side. The innings was also personally significant for Nawaz as it marked an encouraging return after spending much of the previous year away from the international setup.



"Rising Together": India Unveils Vision For 2036 Olympics Bid

■ Ahmedabad remains India's preferred host city as the country prepares to present its Olympic proposal to the IOC

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NEW DELHI: India has unveiled "Rising Together" as the central theme of its bid to host the 2036 Olympic and Paralympic Games, presenting the proposal as part of a broader vision to expand sporting opportunities and encourage a healthier, more active population. Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Indian Olympic Association President PT Usha have backed the campaign as India prepares to present its project to the International Olympic Committee's Future Host Commission. The IOC has confirmed that India is among seven nations that have expressed interest

in hosting the 2036 Games. Germany, Qatar and Türkiye are also among the countries seeking to stage the global sporting event. The interested nations have been invited to present their respective projects as the selection process moves forward. India's bid places sport at the centre of the country's wider development ambitions. The proposal highlights the potential of hosting the Olympics to encourage young people to take up sport while creating opportunities linked to education, employment and social development. Ahmedabad has been identified as India's preferred host city for the 2036 Games.

40 Goan Athletes Receive Scholarships to Pursue Sporting Dreams

■ Financial assistance aims to help young sportspersons strengthen their training and compete at higher levels

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PANAJI: The Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of Goa, in association with the Champa Devinder Dhingra Sports Trust, organised a scholarship presentation ceremony at the Black Box, Kala Academy, Panaji, on Wednesday to support promising sportspersons from the state.

A total of 40 athletes from different sporting disciplines were selected



for the scholarship programme. Each athlete received financial assistance of Rs. 15,000, aimed at helping them meet expenses related

to training, competitions and other sporting requirements.

The initiative is designed to encourage young athletes to continue

their sporting journey and work towards achieving success at the state, national and international levels.

Secretary of Sports,

Government of Goa, Santosh Sukhadeve, IAS, attended the ceremony as the chief guest, while donor Amit Anand was present as the guest of honour. Rajesh Dhingra, Trustee of the Champa Devinder Dhingra Sports Trust, and Dr Ajay R. Gaude, Director of Sports & Youth Affairs, were also present.

During the ceremony, the importance of financial and institutional support for emerging athletes was highlighted. Such

assistance can allow sportspersons to focus more effectively on training and competition while pursuing long term development in their respective disciplines.

The collaboration between the Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs and the Champa Devinder Dhingra Sports Trust marks an effort to strengthen Goa's sporting ecosystem and create greater opportunities for deserving athletes.