



Sawant Open To Delhi Role, Says BJP's 2027 Goa Poll Victory Is His Priority

■ Chief Minister Says He Will Accept Any Responsibility Assigned By Party Leadership, Focuses On Retaining Power In Goa

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PANAJI: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has expressed his willingness to take up a national-level assignment if the BJP leadership asks him to move to Delhi, saying he is prepared to serve wherever the party considers him necessary. Sawant said he would accept the party's decision without reluctance and was ready to take on any responsibility entrusted to him by the BJP leadership.



However, the Chief Minister made it clear that his immediate focus remains the 2027 Goa Assembly elections. He said the party would decide who would lead it into the polls, while

his own responsibility was to work towards ensuring the BJP's victory. Sawant also claimed that people were leaving the Congress and joining the BJP because they believed the Congress offered them limited political prospects. He attributed the shift to ideological differences and the BJP's development agenda, while expressing confidence in the party's continued electoral prospects in Goa. Addressing the removal of former Art and Culture Minister Govind Gaude from the cabinet, Sawant said the decision was not prompted by Gaude's allegations of corruption against the government. He explained that he had committed to giving cabinet representation to an MLA belonging to the Scheduled Tribe community. On tourism, Sawant said the state government was examining negative social media campaigns concerning Goa.

Mapusa Fish Market Hall Proposed as New Home for Administrative Offices

Joshua D'Souza and Michael Lobo inspect premises as GSIDC assesses feasibility of shifting offices



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MAPUSA: The hall on the top floor of the Mapusa Fish Market is being considered for housing administrative offices, following an inspection by Mapusa MLA Joshua D'Souza, GSIDC Chairman and Calangute MLA Michael Lobo, and GSIDC officials. The inspection was conducted to assess the suitability of the existing premises for shifting administrative offices. The proposal follows the recent visit of Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant to Mapusa, during which the possibility of utilising the available space for administrative purposes was put forward and

received a positive response. D'Souza said the focus was now on taking the proposal forward at the earliest to improve public convenience and access to administrative services. During the inspection, GSIDC officials assessed the existing structure and the work required to create the necessary facilities for the proposed offices. The initiative aims to make administrative services more accessible to residents while making effective use of the existing infrastructure. GSIDC Chairman Michael Lobo said efforts were being made to take the proposal forward at the earliest.

Goa HC Seeks Medical Certificates Of CJP Protesters, Adjourns Detention Case To October 19

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PANAJI: The Goa High Court has adjourned the matter concerning the detention of CJP protesters to October 19, directing the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of Goa Medical College (GMC) to submit the medical certificates of the protesters before the next hearing. The development follows the detention of protesters during a demonstration at Azad Maidan. Deputy Solicitor General of India Adv. Pravin Phaldesai said six protesters detained during the protest were placed under preventive detention to prevent a recurrence of earlier incidents. He stated that they were subsequently released in compliance with the High Court's directions and sent for medical examination. In its earlier order, the High Court directed the immediate release of seven detained protesters, observing that their detention appeared to be unauthorised in the absence of prohibitory orders issued under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

Fire Breaks Out At Dulex Paint Company Warehouse In Verna

■ Welding Sparks Suspected To Have Ignited Wooden And Plastic Materials At Under-Construction Facility; Firefighters From Vasco, Ponda And Margao Called In As Reinforcements

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VERNA: A fire broke out at the warehouse of Dulex Paint Company at Parmal Logistics in the Verna Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) area on Monday at around 11.43 am, prompting a major firefighting response. According to preliminary information,



the fire reportedly started after sparks from welding work ignited wooden and plastic materials at the under-construction facility.

Suspected safety lapses are also being raised in connection with the incident. The Verna Fire Station was the first to respond to the emergency, while reinforcements were called from Vasco, Ponda and Margao to assist in controlling the blaze.

"Supreme Court Doors Are Open": CJI Surya Kant Rejects Meeting Request from INDIA Bloc Leaders

■ Chief Justice asks Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge to pursue alleged electoral irregularities through legal proceedings as Opposition plans march to the Supreme Court.

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NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has declined a meeting request from INDIA bloc leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge over allegations of electoral irregularities, stressing that such grievances should be addressed through the judicial process. The Opposition leaders had sought an appointment between 4 pm and 5 pm



to submit a memorandum raising concerns over alleged "vote chori". Their demands include the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, a halt to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and a return to paper ballots.

"The Fight Has Just Begun": CJP Vows Nationwide Protests After Delhi Crackdown

■ Cockroach Janta Party leaders promise to continue their agitation demanding CEC Gyanesh Kumar's resignation, alleging restrictions on peaceful protests and democratic rights.

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NEW DELHI: The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) has vowed to expand its protests across India after its leaders were released from custody following a police crackdown in Delhi. The group has reiterated its demand for the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged electoral irregularities linked to



the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter lists. "The fight has just begun," CJP co convenor Ashutosh Ranka declared at a press conference on Sunday, asserting that the agitation would continue until Kumar resigned. Another leader, Saurav

Das, said the protests would spread beyond the national capital to different parts of the country. CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke, Ranka and Das were detained inside an aircraft after it landed in Delhi from Mumbai on Saturday.

If Goa Is the Drug Hub, Why Are Telangana's Youth Coming Here?

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has accused the BJP of turning Goa into a drug hub, claiming that Telangana too has suffered the consequences. But before pointing fingers at Goa, Reddy must answer a simple question: if Goa is the problem, why are young people from Telangana coming here to consume drugs? A destination can offer access, but demand is what keeps an illegal market alive. If people are travelling from Telangana to Goa to consume narcotics, the issue cannot be examined by blaming Goa alone.

Goa has a serious drug problem, and nobody should deny it. Drug trafficking, substance abuse and the dangers faced by young people demand sustained action from the state government and law enforcement agencies. But turning Goa into a convenient political punching bag does little to explain why the trade continues to thrive or why people from across the country seek out places where they believe drugs are available.

Reddy's allegations deserve scrutiny, but so does his own government's record. Telangana, particularly Hyderabad, has faced concerns over drug trafficking and substance abuse. Drug-related cases and enforcement operations have repeatedly highlighted the challenge of preventing narcotics from reaching consumers. Concerns about drug use among young people, including students, make it clear that this is not a problem confined to Goa's beaches, nightlife or party destinations.

The question, therefore, is unavoidable. Why are some young people from Telangana travelling to Goa to consume drugs? What attracts them to these activities? Are they coming because of Goa's nightlife, the perception of easy access to narcotics, or the belief that they can indulge in activities here without being caught? These questions deserve investigation, not assumptions. There is no justification for stereotyping Telangana's youth, just as there is no justification for portraying every visitor to Goa as a drug consumer.

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that may be supplying them. What preventive measures are being taken in Telangana? How effectively are local drug distribution networks being investigated? What support is available to young people battling addiction? These are questions a chief minister should be prepared to answer.

A drug market cannot survive on supply alone. Traffickers may transport narcotics, but consumers sustain the business through demand. If people travel to Goa specifically to purchase or consume illegal substances, the

responsibility does not rest solely with the place they visit. The origin of the supply, the movement of the drugs, the role of intermediaries and the behaviour of consumers must all be investigated.

Goa's government, meanwhile, cannot hide behind this argument. It must intensify action against traffickers, investigate the larger networks behind individual arrests and ensure that enforcement reaches influential people as well as small-time offenders. Citizens deserve evidence that raids and seizures are producing lasting results. The government must also invest in prevention, counselling and rehabilitation rather than treating arrests as the only measure of success.

What Goa does not need is a political blame game in which one chief minister accuses another state while ignoring the wider dimensions of the problem. Interstate drug trafficking requires cooperation between police forces and governments. Goa and Telangana should share intelligence, trace supply chains and take coordinated action against those involved in the trade.

Reddy's decision to bring religious imagery into the political attack is equally unnecessary. Comparing political opponents to Ravana and presenting one's own side as Rama does nothing to stop drug trafficking. Religion should not be reduced to a campaign weapon when the issue concerns public safety and the future of young people. If the Congress believes the BJP has failed Goa, it should present evidence and demand accountability. If the BJP disputes the allegations, it should respond with facts and demonstrate what it has achieved. Neither side should use political rhetoric to distract from the urgent need for action.

Goa must answer for the drugs sold within its borders, but Telangana must answer for the demand originating within its own society. If young people from Telangana are travelling to Goa to consume drugs, Reddy must look beyond political accusations and ask why they are doing so. The real fight is against the drug trade, not against Goa. Young people deserve protection, families deserve answers, and governments must stop passing the blame while the problem persists.

EDITOR SPEAKS

Worshipping Goddess Durga Means Nothing If We Fail to Respect Women

By Sunil Kawthankar

The alleged manhandling of student Amreen Shaikh by Goa Police, reportedly leaving her clothes torn, raises serious questions about the treatment of women by those entrusted with protecting citizens. If the allegations are established, the incident demands accountability, appropriate action and a clear assurance that no woman will be subjected to indignity at the hands of the authorities.

What makes the episode particularly disturbing is its reported timing on the first day of Navratri, a festival during which millions of Indians worship Goddess Durga as the embodiment of feminine strength, courage and justice. The contradiction is difficult to ignore. We celebrate the power of women in our temples and homes, but do we demonstrate the same respect towards women who stand before us in everyday life?

Respect for women cannot be a seasonal sentiment, expressed through prayers, rituals and elaborate celebrations. It must be reflected in our conduct, our institutions and our response when a woman's dignity is allegedly violated.

The police occupy a position of considerable authority. Citizens approach them for protection, justice and security. That authority carries an equally significant responsibility to exercise restraint, follow the law and treat every individual with dignity. Uniformed personnel cannot be permitted to mistake authority for immunity from scrutiny.

At the same time, allegations of misconduct must be investigated fairly and impartially. The facts surrounding the incident must be established through a transparent inquiry, with the account of the student heard carefully and the conduct of the personnel concerned examined objectively. If wrongdoing is proved, disciplinary and legal action must follow without delay. Accountability should neither be influenced by political considerations nor weakened by institutional solidarity.

The government, particularly the department responsible for policing, cannot afford to remain silent when such serious allegations emerge. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant must ensure that the matter receives a credible investigation and that the public is informed of the action taken. Protecting the reputation of the police cannot mean shielding anyone who may have acted improperly. On the contrary, accountability strengthens public confidence in the institution.

The larger concern goes beyond one incident. Women must be able to participate in public life, express disagreement and assert their rights without fear of humiliation or intimidation. Students, in particular, should not have to wonder whether seeking justice or exercising their rights could expose them to indignity.

Navratri offers an opportunity to reflect on the values associated with Goddess Durga. Her symbolism represents the triumph of justice over oppression and courage over fear. These values should inspire our institutions to protect the vulnerable and hold the powerful accountable.

Political leaders often speak about women's empowerment, safety and dignity. Such commitments acquire meaning only when governments respond firmly to allegations of abuse, ensure impartial investigations and establish safeguards against the misuse of authority.

The question before Goa is therefore not merely whether an alleged incident occurred. It is whether the state will demonstrate that every citizen's dignity matters, regardless of age, gender, social position or circumstances.

A society cannot claim to honour the divine feminine while overlooking the humiliation of living women. The real test of our reverence for Goddess Durga lies not in the number of prayers we offer during Navratri, but in the courage we show when a woman needs justice.

If we worship feminine power but fail to defend a woman's dignity, what exactly are we celebrating?

GSPCB Seeks Review of CPCB Norms, Says 80% of Goa's Hotels Could Shift to White Category

Board flags revenue concerns and monitoring challenges, urges Centre to retain stricter pollution-control norms suited to Goa's tourism-driven landscape

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PANAJI: The Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) has raised objections to the revised pollution classification norms issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), warning that the changes could move nearly 80 per cent of hotels and restaurants previously covered under the Green category into



the White category.

The Board has called for a review of the guidelines issued on July 20, arguing that the proposed reclassification

could weaken regulatory oversight of commercial establishments and reduce its income from consent-related fees, which form

a major source of funding for its operations.

The matter was taken up at the GSPCB meeting on September 23. During the discussion,

the Chairman explained that the revised CPCB norms use factors such as kitchen fuel, restaurant seating capacity and banquet hall area to determine the category of an establishment.

The Chairman also informed members that the Board had approached the CPCB Chairman on September 3, seeking a reconsideration of the changes.



Fisherfolk hail NGT stay on Mormugao port deepening project

Nine fishing organisations say interim order offers a lifeline to Goa's marine ecology and traditional livelihoods; Tribunal keeps clearances in abeyance till November 2

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MORMUGAO: In a significant boost to Goa's traditional fishing communities, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has restrained the operationalisation of environmental and coastal zone clearances for the proposed Mormugao Port channel-deepening project, prompting fisherfolk organisations to renew their demand for the project's complete scrapping.

In an interim direction issued on September 26, 2026, the Tribunal ordered that the Environmental Clearance and Coastal Regulation Zone Clearance granted on July 21, 2025,

for deepening the approach channel to accommodate Capesize vessels shall remain in abeyance until the next hearing on November 2.

Welcoming the order, representatives of nine fisherfolk organisations described it as a crucial step towards protecting Goa's marine ecosystem, traditional fishing grounds and the livelihoods of coastal communities threatened by large-scale dredging and port expansion.

The campaign is being led by Olencio Simoes, General Secretary of the National Fishworkers Forum, and Custodio D'Souza, President of the Old Cross Fishing Canoe Owners Cooperative Society Limited.



Poinguinim Gramsabha adjourned amid protest over Sarpanch's absence

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CANACONA: The Poinguinim Gramsabha was adjourned on Sunday without transacting any business after members objected to the absence of Village Sarpanch Savita Ramesh Tawadkar and insisted that she be present for the meeting. Trouble broke out at the commencement of the sparsely attended Gramsabha when members demanded the Sarpanch's presence, stating that several important questions were scheduled to be raised and answered during the meeting. Members refused to accept the explanation that the Sarpanch was unable to attend due to an emergency in her neighbourhood and that Deputy Sarpanch Sunil Paingamkar would chair the meeting in her absence. They alleged that the Sarpanch had deliberately skipped the Gramsabha to avoid answering their questions. With members refusing to allow the proceedings to continue, the meeting was adjourned without taking up any of the scheduled agenda items.

Goa showcases its growing tech ecosystem at India Mobile Congress 2026

Five Goan startups present AI and deep-tech solutions at the national technology event, reinforcing the state's emergence as a hub for innovation

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DELHI: Demonstrating Goa's commitment to building a robust technology and innovation ecosystem, a high-level delegation from the Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications (DITE&C), Government of Goa, participated in the 10th edition of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026, held at Yashobhoomi, New



Delhi, from October 7 to 10. Organised jointly by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), the four-day technology congress was themed 'Scale Without Boundaries' and was

inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The delegation was led by Information Technology, Electronics & Communications Minister Rohan Khaunte, accompanied by Santosh Sukhadeve, IAS, Secretary (IT); Kabir Shirgaonkar, Director, DITE&C; Neville Noronha, OSD to the Minister for IT; Gaurabh Sawal, Deputy Director (IT); and Sharda Katare, Head, State e-Governance Mission

Goa Govt Opens 7-Day Window for Adoption of Beach Stray Dogs

Tourism Department invites residents and animal welfare groups to adopt dogs before sterilisation, vaccination and relocation to authorised shelters

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PANAJI: The Goa government has invited residents, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and animal welfare organisations to adopt stray dogs found along the state's beaches, giving interested applicants seven days to submit their applications. The initiative, announced by the Department of Tourism,



comes amid the Supreme Court's scrutiny of the stray dog issue in public places and aims to bring beach stray dogs under a formal management plan in line with applicable laws and court directions.

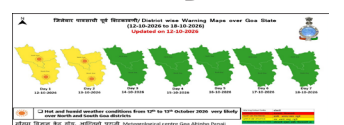
Under the proposed plan, stray dogs found along Goa's beach stretches will undergo sterilisation and vaccination before being relocated to designated and authorised animal shelters, wherever permissible under the applicable legal framework.

The department has also provided an opportunity for

individuals and animal welfare groups to take responsibility for the dogs through adoption before further action is undertaken by the authorities.

Applicants are required to submit their names and addresses, proof of address, the number of dogs they intend to adopt and an undertaking to ensure proper care, feeding, shelter and overall welfare of the animals.

IMD Forecasts Hot and Humid Weather in Goa for Two Days



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PANAJI: The Meteorological Centre Goa has forecast hot and humid weather conditions across both North Goa and South Goa on October 12 and 13, according to its district-wise weather warning map updated on October 12, 2026. The forecast indicates that hot and humid conditions are likely to prevail in both districts during the first two days of the forecast period.

Two Arrested for Alleged Impersonation and Electronic Cheating in IIT Goa Recruitment Exam

■ Accused allegedly used Bluetooth earpieces and other electronic devices during Administrative Assistant examination at Farmagudi; probe underway

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PONDA: Ponda Police have arrested two persons for their alleged involvement in impersonation and examination malpractice during the recruitment examination for the post of Administrative Assistant held at IIT Goa, Farmagudi, on October 10, 2026.

The accused have



been identified as Rakesh Daholiya, 29, a native of New Delhi, and Ankit Singh, 23, a native of Haryana.

According to the

complaint lodged by K. Kamaraj, Inspector/ Executive and In-charge of the CISF Unit at Goa Airport, the alleged incident occurred between 10 am and 12 noon at the Indian Institute of Technology, GEC Campus, Farmagudi, Ponda.

The complaint states

that the accused allegedly used electronic devices and associated equipment as unfair means while appearing for the recruitment examination.

During passenger screening at Dabolim Airport, the two accused were allegedly found in possession of electronic devices, Bluetooth earpieces, SIM cards and other associated equipment.



Man Booked for Allegedly Harassing Neighbour's Wife, Linked to Suicide

■ Pernem resident accused of creating matrimonial discord through calls and messages; police investigate case

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PERNEM: A 32-year-old man, identified as Vivek Salgaonkar, a resident of Khajne, Pernem, has been accused of allegedly harassing his neighbour's wife by sending messages and making phone calls, allegedly spreading false information about her husband's relationships with other women. According to the complaint lodged by a 43-year-old resident of Khajne, the alleged incidents took place between April 2026, when the complainant was at TNK, and August 18, 2026, at Khajne, Pernem. The accused, who is reportedly the complainant's neighbour,

allegedly made repeated calls and sent messages to the complainant's 42-year-old wife, leading her to believe that her husband was involved in multiple affairs. The complainant alleged that the accused instigated his wife against him by providing false information, resulting in repeated mental harassment and matrimonial differences between the couple. The complaint further stated that the alleged harassment and marital discord escalated to such an extent that the woman died by suicide by jumping into the Chapora River at Colvale. The complaint was registered on October 10, 2026, at 9.45 pm.



Worker Dies After Being Hit by Concrete Mixer at IDC Nessai

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NESSAI: A worker from Bihar, identified as Anup Kumar Prasad, died after allegedly being struck by the ladder or steps of a concrete mixer truck while carrying out canal repair work near the canal at IDC Nessai.

According to the complaint lodged by Mohan Kumar Kharwar, a resident of Bihar, the incident occurred on October 10, 2025, at around 6.35 pm.

The complaint states that the accused driver, identified as Kiran Lamani, a resident of Sao Jose de Areal, Salcete, and a native of Karnataka, was allegedly moving the concrete mixer in a rash and negligent manner without taking proper care and precautions.

While the vehicle was being moved from the spot, its ladder or steps allegedly struck Anup Kumar Prasad, who was engaged in cutting and binding wires as part of the ongoing canal repair work. The impact reportedly caused grievous injuries to the worker, who subsequently succumbed to his injuries.

Burglary at Navelim shop sparks calls for increased police patrolling

■ Thief dismantles CCTV camera, breaks into shop near the National Highway and steals expensive merchandise; residents and business owners express concern over rising break-ins

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NAVELIM: A late-night burglary at a shop in Navelim on Saturday, September 26, at around 11 pm has raised fresh concerns over the safety and security of local businesses in the area.

According to reports, the thief dismantled the outdoor CCTV camera before breaking through the shop's main door and making away with expensive merchandise,



including cashew nuts. The shop is located along a busy road near the newly constructed National Highway. CCTV footage and photographs of the suspected thief have been handed over

to the Margao Town Police for investigation. The incident has heightened concerns among local business owners and residents, who say that a recent spate of break-ins has become a cause for worry. They fear that businesses and properties in the area could remain vulnerable without adequate security measures.

Sankalp Manthan heads south to empower youth across Salcete, Quepem, Canacona and Sanguem

■ Initiative focuses on innovation, entrepreneurship and AI readiness among college students

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MARGAO: As part of the ongoing Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, the Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications (DITE&C) and the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) organised the Salcete, Quepem, Canacona



and Sanguem cluster interaction of Sankalp Manthan at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao. The initiative marks the second phase of a statewide

youth empowerment drive aimed at nurturing problem-solving skills, entrepreneurship and artificial intelligence (AI) readiness among college

students across Goa. The event was graced by Shri Govind Gaude, Hon'ble MLA for Priol; Shri Ulhas Tuenkar, Hon'ble MLA for Navelim; Shri Bhushan Savaikar, Director, DHE; Dr. Milind Sakhardande, Joint Director, DITE&C; Dr. Niyan Marchon, Programme Director, DHE; and Shri DS Prashant, CEO, SITPC.

Car-Scooter Collision Near Campal Municipal Garden Leaves 22-Year-Old Seriously Injured

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PANAJI: Panaji police have registered a case against a 32-year-old car driver for allegedly driving rashly and negligently and colliding with an oncoming scooter near Municipal Garden, Campal, Panaji, leaving a 22-year-old scooter rider grievously injured.

According to the complaint filed by Head Constable Anil G. Kurtikar of Panaji Police Station, the accident occurred on October 7, 2026, at around 1.42 pm.

'Goa is witnessing winds of change': Revanth Reddy leads Gõy Rakhonn Yatra in Quepem and Cuncolim

■ Telangana Chief Minister calls for political change in 2027 as thousands join Congress padyatra highlighting land, identity, unemployment and corruption concerns

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FATORPA/CUNCOLIM: Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy on Sunday expressed confidence in a political change in Goa, declaring that the state was witnessing the "winds of change" as thousands of people joined the Gõy Rakhonn Yatra through Quepem and Cuncolim constituencies. Drawing parallels with Telangana



ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections, Reddy called upon Congress leaders and workers to strengthen preparations for the 2027 Goa Assembly elections, asserting that the party could bring about a similar political

transformation in the state. The padyatra began at Fatorpa in Quepem constituency and concluded at the Cuncolim Bus Stand, with Congress leaders and supporters participating in large numbers. The march highlighted concerns over Goa's land, identity, culture, environment, unemployment, corruption, alleged recruitment irregularities and the drug

menace. Addressing the gathering, Reddy urged Goans to protect their land and future, alleging that the BJP government had failed to safeguard the interests of ordinary citizens. He criticised the government over unemployment among local youth and the alleged spread of the drug trade, referring to the anti-drug Eagle team established by his government in Telangana.



Surla Villagers Protest Against Salgaocar Mining Company Over Ore Dump Handling

■ Villagers welcome Chief Minister Pramod Sawant's assurance, warn companies against taking the people of Surla for granted

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SURLA: Villagers of Surla have taken to the streets to protest against the proposed handling of an ore dump belonging to the Salgaocar Mining Company, alleging that attempts are being made to remove the dump illegally. The villagers warned that disturbing the dump could pose a threat to the entire village and endanger the biodiversity that has developed in the area over the years. They have demanded that no work related to the dump be undertaken under any circumstances. On Sunday, residents of the village united to stage a peaceful protest against the company. According

to the villagers, the Salgaocar company began storing ore at the site, located in the heart of Surla, in 1983. Over time, concerns grew about the potential risks associated with the dump, prompting residents to raise their voices against its handling.

The villagers recalled that former Chief Minister late Manohar Parrikar had personally intervened in the matter and ordered a halt to work related to the dump following their concerns. However, reports that the company is once again preparing to remove the ore dump have renewed tensions, prompting villagers to launch their protest.



Chicalim Gram Sabha Heats Up Over Sewerage Crisis and Protocol Lapse

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CHICALIM: Tensions ran high at the Chicalim Gram Sabha meeting on Sunday as residents voiced strong objections over the village's long-pending sewerage crisis, demanding an immediate halt to new development until the infrastructure issues are resolved.

Expressing frustration over the lack of progress, villagers urged the panchayat not to issue any further construction licences until the sewerage problems affecting the locality are fully addressed. Deputy Sarpanch Aishwarya Korgaonkar, however, maintained that sewerage lines had already been laid in her ward and that no issues had been reported there. She suggested that the absence of sewerage lines in other areas could be due to a lack of follow-up by the respective panch members. Korgaonkar attributed the prolonged delay in resolving the crisis partly to public opposition to proposed sites for the infrastructure.

Babu Aijaonkar Vows to Contest 2027 Goa Assembly Elections as Independent if Denied BJP Ticket

■ Former Deputy Chief Minister prioritises employment for every household in Pernem, urges farmers to avail free paddy harvesting assistance

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PERNEM: Former Goa Deputy Chief Minister Babu Aijaonkar has pledged to contest the 2027 Goa Assembly elections as an independent candidate, irrespective of whether he receives the BJP ticket. He said his primary objective is to provide employment opportunities to every household in Pernem taluka and address



the growing concern of unemployment. Aijaonkar made the statement while interacting with farmers at Mahakal in Dhargal, where he also appealed to them to take advantage of the free paddy harvesting assistance being provided

to support agricultural activities. Emphasising his commitment to the development of the Pernem constituency, Aijaonkar said development works would continue, but tackling unemployment would remain his main priority.

Mapusa Market Set for Flower and Pottery Market Revamp

■ MLA Joshua D'Souza and Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte Inspect Market; First Phase to Focus on Flower Market, Followed by Pottery Market

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MAPUSA: Mapusa MLA Joshua D'Souza, along with Tourism Minister and Porvorim MLA Rohan Khaunte, conducted an inspection of the Mapusa Market to review plans for the refurbishment of the flower market and pottery market. The Mapusa Friday Market is a major attraction for residents of Mapusa and Bardez, as well as



visitors from across Goa and beyond. The proposed improvements aim to preserve the market's traditional charm while making it more convenient,

attractive and welcoming for vendors and visitors. The refurbishment will be carried out in two phases. The first phase will focus on the flower market, with plans to install a new roof, construct additional structures, improve seating arrangements for flower sellers and upgrade lighting facilities

in coordination with the Tourism Department. The second phase will focus on the pottery market, where a new structure and improved facilities are planned to provide better amenities for pottery sellers. With online shopping becoming increasingly popular, the proposed upgrades are expected to enhance the appeal of the traditional market as a shopping destination and tourist attraction.

Foundation Stone Laid for Beautification and Illumination of Shree Bodgeshwar Temple



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MAPUSA: Mapusa MLA Joshua D'Souza laid the foundation stone for the beautification and illumination of Shree Bodgeshwar Temple in Mapusa, one of the town's most cherished spiritual landmarks. The temple holds a special place in the hearts of Mhaphshekars, reflecting the deep-rooted faith, traditions and cultural identity of the local community.

TIMEX PRESENTS INDIA BEACH FASHION WEEK SEASON 12 OPENS IN GOA WITH A JOURNEY INTO THE SANCTUARY

■ Day One brings together leading designers, contemporary fashion, street culture, music and distinctive brand showcases at The Westin Goa.

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GOA: Timex Presents India Beach Fashion Week (IBFW) Season 12 opened at The Westin Goa, Anjuna, inviting fashion enthusiasts, industry leaders, designers, creators and travellers to Enter the Sanctuary, a world shaped by fashion, art, culture and connection.

Themed "The Sanctuary", this season brings together resort wear, streetwear, cruise fashion and destination bridal couture, creating a meeting point for Indian design talent, contemporary style and Goa's distinctive festival culture.

"India Beach Fashion Week has always been about creating a space where fashion meets culture, travel and new ideas. With Season 12, we wanted to create something that goes beyond the runway, an experience where designers, brands, creators and audiences come together in a shared world. The Sanctuary reflects that vision, and seeing it come alive in Goa is a proud moment for our entire team," said Pallav Ojha, Founder, India Beach Fashion Week.

Day One featured a diverse showcase of designers and labels across the indoor Rooted Realm and outdoor Floated Realm stages. The opening day's fashion programme featured SEFT India, followed by Mrigdi by Arpita Rathore and Menakace by Meenakshi Menon. The programme also featured Ashfaq Ahmed x Nilaura and Lucilia.

The evening continued with celebrated designer Rajdeep Ranawat, followed by Mr. Ajay Kumar x Campus, bringing fashion and footwear together in a dedicated brand showcase.

The Rooted Realm programme continued with One Minute Saree,



Ashé and Forever Naveen Kumar, followed by Sakshi Bindra and Riddhi & Siddhi – Mapxencars, and a showcase by Bhawna Rao. The day concluded with Priya Kataria Puri x Chivas, combining designer fashion with the spirit of contemporary celebration.

Mention the showstopper of Day 1 :

Adding to the festival atmosphere, music performances by Madboy Mink and OG Shez brought an additional cultural dimension to the outdoor programme.

Brands that bring the Sanctuary to life

Season 12 is presented by Timex, whose association with India Beach Fashion Week brings together the worlds of time, fashion and contemporary culture.

Timex Quote with Name & Designation: Mr Deepak MD Timex group. Our association with India Beach Fashion Week has grown into a meaningful platform for Timex to engage with fashion in a way that feels relevant, contemporary, and experiential. Over four consecutive years, we have seen the partnership evolve from a fashion week integration into a larger expression of how Timex sees watches as an integral part of personal style.

This season, the response was particularly encouraging, with strong consumer engagement, creator participation, and visibility across the fashion



ecosystem. It reinforced that there is a growing appetite for watches that combine functionality with individuality and fashion relevance.

Sweaty Betty Quote with Name & Designation: Rajesh dudi director Gaurik fashions ltd Sweaty Betty's association with India Beach Fashion Week Season 12 has been a strong opportunity to bring together fashion, movement and wellness in a way that feels relevant to today's consumer. The response has been very encouraging, particularly in seeing how naturally the brand's philosophy of living an active, confident and expressive life resonates with the Indian audience. IBFW gave us an engaging platform to introduce Sweaty Betty's world to a fashion-forward and increasingly wellness-conscious consumer.

Gatsby Quote with Name & Designation: Pankaj bhawnani CMO Gardenia Cosmotrade LLP & Gatsby India Returning to India Beach Fashion Week for the third consecutive year as Official Grooming Partner has been a deeply rewarding experience for Gatsby.

As a brand owned by Mandom Japan, we bring world-class Japanese grooming quality to every platform we are part of, and IBFW's vibrant, beachside energy is the perfect stage to showcase it. Season 12 was our most

engaging edition yet. The response from designers, models, creators and the audience showed that great grooming is now an integral part of the fashion conversation. We are grateful to the IBFW team for their continued trust."

Campus Quote with Name & Designation: Fashion today is as much about individuality as it is about trends. IBFW brings together fashion, culture and self-expression in a way that resonates strongly with Campus. As a brand that has and believes in 'Moving Your Way' as a mantra, the partnership felt like a natural opportunity to celebrate self-expression, movement and individuality.

L'Atelier 1664 Quote with Name & Designation: For L'Atelier 1664, India Beach Fashion Week Season 12 was a natural expression of our belief that Good Taste extends beyond the expected to how you experience and express yourself.

The platform brought together fashion, culture, creativity and a premium audience, creating the right environment for L'Atelier 1664 to engage with consumers in an authentic and contemporary way. The response was encouraging, with strong interest from guests and creators and a clear appreciation for the brand's distinctive French identity and premium experience.

Manipal Hospital Goa Introduces Its First EBUS Facility for Advanced Diagnosis of Lung and Chest Diseases

■ Manipal Hospital Goa introduces a minimally invasive diagnostic technology to support lung cancer staging and the diagnosis of other lung and mediastinal conditions.

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: Manipal Hospital Goa has introduced an Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS) facility, marking an important development in the diagnosis of lung and chest diseases in Goa. The launch event began with a welcome address by *Dr. Stacie Fernandes, the event host*, who welcomed the dignitaries and attendees. This was followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting by the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, Dr John Muchahary, Dr Ashwini Colaco, Dr Uday Kakodkar, Dr Durga Lawande and Dr Pravin Bhat, marking the formal inauguration of the facility. Addressing the gathering, the *Chief Guest*, said, "EBUS is an important tool and a modern diagnostic modality for diagnosing difficult cases of suspected lung cancer, tuberculosis, sarcoidosis and lymphoma that require pathological confirmation. Since it is now available in Goa, patients will not have to travel outside the state, which involves the cost of travelling not only for the patient but also for the family, along with food, accommodation and other expenses. This will greatly help patients who require specialized investigations like

EBUS." EBUS combines bronchoscopy, in which a thin, flexible tube is passed through the airways, with ultrasound imaging to locate lymph nodes and collect tissue samples from within the chest. The technique is particularly useful in diagnosing and staging lung cancer, as well as evaluating conditions such as tuberculosis, sarcoidosis, lymphoma and other disorders affecting the chest lymph nodes. In selected cases, it can reduce the need for more invasive surgical procedures. *Dr. Ashwini Collaco, Consultant Pulmonologist, Manipal Hospital Goa*, said, "Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS) represents a significant advancement in modern respiratory medicine, enabling us to evaluate mediastinal lymph nodes and obtain tissue samples through a minimally invasive procedure. It plays a crucial role in the diagnosis and staging of lung cancer, as well as in identifying a range of infectious and inflammatory conditions. The introduction of this advanced technology in Goa marks an important step forward in strengthening specialised pulmonary care, allowing patients to access sophisticated diagnostic facilities closer to home, without the need to travel outside the state."



INS Mangrol Commissioned Into Indian Navy, Boosting Indigenous Anti Submarine Warfare Capabilities

■ Built with over 80% indigenous content, the third ASW shallow water craft will strengthen coastal security and help counter underwater threats

Team Goemkarponn

MUMBAI: The Indian Navy has commissioned INS Mangrol, its third Anti Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), strengthening India's ability to detect and counter submarine threats in coastal and shallow waters. Built by Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi, the warship is designed to protect ports, harbours



and coastal approaches while supporting the Navy's wider maritime operations. Its induction comes amid growing underwater security

challenges and the need to enhance surveillance along India's coastline. The commissioning ceremony was presided over by Vice Admiral Sanjay

Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief of the Western Naval Command. INS Mangrol can operate alongside maritime patrol aircraft, helicopters and other naval vessels to identify and respond to potential submarine threats. Its specialised design allows it to operate effectively in shallow waters, where larger warships may face operational limitations.



INDIA Bloc to March to Supreme Court, Demands Resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar

■ Opposition leaders intensify protests over alleged voter roll irregularities as CJI Surya Kant directs them to pursue the matter through legal proceedings

Team Goemkarponn

NEW DELHI: The INDIA bloc is set to march to the Supreme Court on Monday as part of its escalating campaign demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The protest, dubbed "Chalo Dilli" by the Congress, is expected to bring together several prominent Opposition leaders, including Trinamool Congress chief Mamata

Banerjee, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav and Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav. The march forms part of a broader series of demonstrations organised by Opposition parties and the youth group Cockroach Janta Party. The protesters have raised concerns over the voter list revision exercise and alleged irregularities in the electoral process. The Opposition has accused the Election Commission of failing to ensure transparency and fairness during the revision of electoral rolls.



Riyadh Airport Missile Attack: Indian Man Dies, Death Toll Rises to 13 as Over 300 Are Injured

Team Goemkarponn

RIYADH: An Indian national from Hyderabad has died after being injured in a missile attack at King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, raising the reported death toll to 13. More than 300 people were injured in the October 10 attack, which has intensified concerns over civilian safety amid escalating tensions in the Middle East.

The deceased, Mohammad Yousuf Ali, was travelling to Medina to perform Umrah when the incident occurred. Several members of his family were also affected, with his wife, children and aunt among those caught in the attack.

The Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia confirmed Ali's death on Sunday and expressed condolences to his family. The embassy said it was in contact with his relatives and would provide assistance to ensure the early repatriation of his remains to India.

"You Have Solutions the World Needs": PM Modi Urges Gen Z to Dream Big and Think Fearlessly

■ In Chennai, Prime Minister Narendra Modi calls on young Indians to embrace innovation and shape the future of a developed India amid growing youth protests

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CHENNAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged India's Gen Z to think boldly, pursue innovative ideas and contribute to solving global challenges, describing the present as a crucial period of opportunity for the country's young population.

Addressing the golden jubilee celebrations



of Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School at the Chennai Trade Centre in Nandambakkam, Modi said the ideas and solutions developed by

young Indians would play a significant role in shaping the future of both India and the world.

"The world is looking for solutions, and you have the potential to provide these solutions," the Prime Minister said, encouraging young people to envision their future on a broader scale and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

"India Won't Bow to Nuclear Blackmail": Anmol Sher Singh Bedi Delivers Strong Rebuttal to Pakistan at UN

■ India defends its response to the Pahalgam terror attack, raises concerns over nuclear proliferation and calls for accountability for cross border terrorism

Team Goemkarponn

NEW YORK: India has firmly rejected Pakistan's arguments on regional security, terrorism and nuclear deterrence at the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly's First Committee, declaring that it would not allow the threat of nuclear escalation to prevent it from defending itself against terrorism. Delivering India's right



of reply, First Secretary Anmol Sher Singh Bedi challenged Pakistan's position on cross border terrorism, the Indus

Waters Treaty and nuclear proliferation. He stressed that diplomatic restraint must be accompanied by accountability for actions that threaten regional peace. Bedi reiterated India's position that its military response

following the Pahalgam terror attack, which killed 26 civilians, was an act of self defence. He described India's military

action in May 2025 as measured and targeted, with the objective of countering the terrorist threat while avoiding a wider conflict. He rejected the suggestion that the possibility of nuclear escalation should restrict India's ability to respond to terrorist attacks. According to the diplomat, nuclear weapons must not become instruments that allow states to avoid the consequences of actions carried out

through non state actors. Indus Waters Treaty and Nuclear Proliferation Bedi also addressed the dispute surrounding the Indus Waters Treaty, signed by India and Pakistan in 1960 with the World Bank's involvement. He argued that agreements based on mutual trust and goodwill could not be separated from the responsibilities undertaken by the parties involved.

“Every Bowler Was Up for the Challenge”: Shreyas Iyer Hails India’s Bowlers After 14 Run Win

India take a 2-1 lead against West Indies as Abhishek Sharma’s explosive 69 and a disciplined bowling effort secure victory in the third T20I

Team Goemkarponn

NEW DELHI: India captain Shreyas Iyer praised his bowlers for their confidence, clarity and execution after India defeated the West Indies by 14 runs in the third T20 International in Indore on Sunday. The victory gave India a 2-1 lead in the five match series.

Iyer highlighted the bowlers’ ability to



execute their plans under pressure, noting that their determination and decisiveness played a crucial role in securing the result. He said the

team’s approach was particularly important on a ground where high scoring matches are common. India also benefited from an explosive start with the bat, led by opener Abhishek Sharma, who top scored with 69 off just 30 deliveries. Ishan Kishan provided further momentum with a rapid 37 off 18 balls, while Prince Yadav contributed valuable runs towards the

end of the innings. Iyer described the opening partnership between Abhishek and Kishan as outstanding, praising their aggressive approach during the powerplay and the momentum they created for the team. He also stressed the importance of remaining focused against a West Indies side known for its ability to produce powerful batting performances.

Baroda Reach 204/3 After Goa Strike Twice in Second Session

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: Baroda finished the opening day of their Ranji Trophy Elite Group A clash against Goa at 204 for three in 85 overs at the Panjim Gymkhana ground on Sunday. After electing to bat, the visitors negotiated Goa’s disciplined bowling attack before strengthening their position with a valuable unbeaten partnership in the final session. Goa had to wait until the second session for their first breakthrough, with off spinner Mohit Redkar trapping Dhruv Patel leg before wicket for 30.

Left arm spinner Darshan Misal then bowled Priyanshu Moliya for 21, reducing Baroda to 117 for two at tea. The opening partnership between Patel and Shivalik Sharma produced 62 runs in 32 overs. Both batters adopted a cautious approach, focusing on building a solid foundation against Goa’s bowling attack. The hosts maintained control over the scoring rate during the first two sessions, making the visitors work hard for their runs. Sharma provided stability at the top of the order with a composed innings of 60. His knock ended when he was caught by Lalit Yadav off Ruthvik Naik, giving Goa their third wicket and an opportunity to put further pressure on Baroda.

Afridsab Rajkannawar’s 82 in Vain as Goa Suffer 69 Run Defeat Against Jammu & Kashmir

Aradhya Goyal scores a half century, but Goa fall short of the 295 run target in the Vinoo Mankad Trophy Elite Under-19 tournament

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: Goa suffered a 69 run defeat against Jammu & Kashmir in the Vinoo Mankad Trophy Elite Under-19 cricket tournament at the Tau Devi Lal Ground in Chandigarh on Saturday, despite a fighting unbeaten half century from Afridsab Rajkannawar and a valuable contribution from captain Aradhya Goyal. Chasing a target



of 295, Goa were bowled out for 225 in 45.2 overs. Rajkannawar led the resistance with an unbeaten 82 off 73 deliveries, striking three fours and three sixes. Goyal contributed 50 off 67 balls, including



seven boundaries, but their efforts were not enough to take Goa across the finish line. Vinit Kamat added 25 runs, while Chigurupati Venkata scored 23 as Goa attempted to keep pace with the required run rate. However, Jammu & Kashmir maintained pressure through regular wickets, with Ketan Singh delivering the decisive performance by claiming four wickets for 41 runs.



Churchill Brothers Make Historic ISL Debut with 2-1 Victory Over Mumbai City FC

Gaurav Bora and Sebastian Gutierrez score as Churchill Brothers secure a memorable opening win in Margao

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: Churchill Brothers SC began their Indian Super League (ISL) 2026-27 campaign in impressive fashion, defeating Mumbai City FC 2-1 in their opening match in Margao on Sunday. Goals from Gaurav Bora and Sebastian Gutierrez secured a historic victory for the Goan club, while Sergio Llamas scored a late consolation for Mumbai City. The hosts broke the deadlock in the 57th minute when Bora rose to meet a cross from Anil Gaonkar following a short corner. His header found the back of the net, giving Churchill Brothers their first ever goal in the ISL and

putting them in front.

Churchill continued to look dangerous as the match progressed, eventually doubling their advantage in the 86th minute. Stendley Fernandes, who had come on as a substitute just a minute earlier for Trijoy Dias, provided the assist for Gutierrez. The forward finished from inside the penalty area to give the home side a crucial two goal cushion. Mumbai City attempted to fight back in the closing stages and earned a penalty deep into stoppage time after Angu fouled Akash Mishra inside the box. Llamas stepped up and converted from the spot in the third minute of added time, reducing the deficit to 2-1.

Goa Push Tamil Nadu to the Final Ball in U-19 Women’s Elite Thriller

Usma Khan’s unbeaten half century and Nikhila Naik’s three wickets go in vain as Tamil Nadu clinch a two wicket victory

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: Goa Under-19 women delivered a spirited performance against Tamil Nadu in the Women’s Under-19 Elite Cricket Tournament at Alur Cricket Stadium 2 in Bengaluru on Saturday, but narrowly missed out on victory as Tamil Nadu chased down the target off the final ball to win by two wickets.

Batting first, Goa



posted a competitive 116 for three in their allotted 20 overs, with Usma Khan leading the innings through an unbeaten half century. She scored 50 not out off 45 deliveries, striking four boundaries and a six to anchor Goa’s



an unbroken 65 run partnership to guide Goa to a respectable total after building the innings with composure in the closing overs.

Tamil Nadu’s chase began poorly as Goa’s bowlers applied early

batting effort.

Khan received valuable support from Joya Meer, who remained unbeaten on 22. The pair stitched together

pressure, reducing the opposition to 20 for three. The early wickets put Goa in a promising position, raising hopes of defending their total.

However, Tamil Nadu recovered through a determined batting effort. Nandhana Sridharan top scored with 41, while Madhumitha Anbu contributed 23. Samyuktha Saranya added 14 and Poojashrini Ulaganathan scored 12 as the visitors gradually

rebuilt their innings despite losing wickets at regular intervals.

Goa’s bowling attack was led by Nikhila Naik, who claimed three wickets for 27 runs. Pooja Kalel also made an important contribution with two wickets for 11 runs, keeping Goa firmly in contention during the chase.

Nandini Chauhan, Usma Khan and Vidhi Bhandare picked up one wicket each.