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Goa Police Arrests 24 in Major Inter-State Cybercrime Operation Across 16 States

Cyber 'Vigil 2.0' targets cyber fraud networks; 37 cases detected involving fraud of approximately ₹8.22 crore

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PANAJI: Goa Police has arrested 24 accused persons in a major inter-state crackdown on cybercrime under Operation Cyber 'Vigil 2.0', conducted across 16 states. The coordinated operation involved 43 police teams from the North District Police, South District Police and Cyber Crime Police Station.

The operation was aimed at identifying, tracing and taking action against individuals involved in cyber fraud and other cyber-related offences. Apart from the 24 arrests, police issued or served 20 notices and detected 37 cybercrime cases involving a total fraud amount of ₹8,21,67,999.73 (approximately ₹8.22 crore).

The operation was conducted under the supervision of SP North Rahul Gupta, SP South Akshat Ayush and SP Cyber Jivba Dalvi, with close supervision by DIG Crime and Range Ved Prakash Surya, IPS, and overall guidance from IGP Keshav Ram Chaurasiya, IPS, and DGP Alok Kumar, IPS.

Highlighting its broader efforts against cybercrime, Goa Police Cyber Crime has secured approximately ₹15.94

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Goa Census 2027

Online Self-Enumeration To Begin On November 16

Door-To-Door Population Count From December 1; Residents Can Submit Family Details Online Before Field Survey

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PANAJI: Goa's preparations for the second phase of Census 2027 have gathered momentum, with the Directorate of Census Operations announcing that residents can submit their household details online from November 16 to November 30, ahead of the door-to-door population enumeration beginning on December 1.

The schedule was outlined during a media briefing organised by the Directorate of Census Operations, Goa, in collaboration with the Department of Planning, Statistics and Evaluation (DPSE), the State Nodal Department and PIB/ DIP at the Secretariat in Porvorim on November 13.

The online self-enumeration facility will remain available for 15 days through the official portal, **http://se.census.

Goa To Host 57th IFFI From November 20; ₹30 Crore Budgeted For Festival

Over 7,000 Delegates From 87 Countries Expected; 154 International Films, Shigmo And Carnival Parades Among Major Attractions



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PANAJI: Goa is gearing up to host the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) from November 20 to 28, with the state government allocating approximately ₹30 crore for the event. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said preparations are in place for the festival, which will be held under the theme 'Stories Without Borders'.

The inauguration ceremony will take place at Shyama Prasad Stadium, while Shigmo and Carnival parades will form part of the festival's attractions. Film screenings and related activities will be organised across Panaji, Porvorim, Margao and Ponda.

According to Sawant, the festival will showcase 154 international films from 86 countries. Spain has been designated as the country of focus, while Russia will be the partner country. The programme will also feature 25 feature films and 20 non-feature films under the Indian Panorama section.

The festival is expected to draw significant international participation, with more than 7,000 delegates from 87 countries registering for the event. NFDC Managing Director Dhiraj Singh said film submissions have been received from 137 countries, reflecting the growing global reach of IFFI.

This year's edition will also highlight the work of 52 women filmmakers and 62 debut filmmakers, while presenting 41

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"They See Muslims as Votes, Not Citizens": Asaduddin Owaisi Launches Scathing Attack on Secular Parties

AIMIM chief says Muslims are being treated as vote banks and calls for a stronger political alternative in Uttar Pradesh

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NEW DELHI: AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi has launched a sharp attack on so-called secular political parties, accusing them of treating Muslims merely as vote banks rather than citizens entitled to equal rights and political representation.

Speaking about his decision to establish a third political front in Uttar Pradesh through an alliance with Chandrashekhar Azad's Azad Samaj Party, Owaisi said the primary objective was to prevent the BJP from returning to power in the state.

He argued that the alliance was not limited to Dalit-Muslim unity but aimed at mounting a strong political challenge against the BJP government, which he accused of allowing lawlessness to prevail in Uttar Pradesh.

Highlighting the condition of Muslims in the state, Owaisi alleged that the community continued to face administrative action, including bulldozer demolitions, while remaining underrepresented in education, employment and politics.

He accused established Opposition parties of using Muslim voters during elections without addressing their concerns or encouraging independent political leadership. According to him, other caste groups have developed their own political representation, while Muslims have been denied similar opportunities.

Goa's Casinos Cannot Be Above the Law

Goa has spent years debating the social, economic and environmental costs of its expanding casino industry. Yet, despite repeated public concerns, the state continues to struggle with a fundamental question: Is the casino business being regulated in accordance with the law, or has it become too influential for the government to enforce its own rules?

A complaint filed by civic movement Enough Is Enough Goa before the Anti-Corruption Bureau on November 12 has brought this uncomfortable question back into focus. The complaint alleges widespread violations of the Goa Public Gambling Act, 1976, involving offshore casinos and gaming activities in five-star hotels. It also questions the functioning of the Gaming Commissioner and the alleged failure of senior government officials to enforce statutory provisions.

These are serious allegations. They must not be treated as established facts without an independent investigation. But neither should they be dismissed as another routine complaint from civil society. When citizens question whether an entire regulatory framework is functioning, the government owes them clear answers.

The most disturbing aspect of the complaint is the alleged failure to implement provisions of a law that has been in force for years. Sections 13B to 13L of the Goa Public Gambling Act, which came into effect in February 2020, introduced provisions relating to the Gaming Commissioner, regulation of gaming activities and tourist permits.

If the provisions require tourists to obtain prescribed permits before entering designated gaming areas, the obvious question is whether the system is actually functioning. The movement has cited an RTI response from the Office of the Commissioner of State Tax, dated September 30, 2026, which reportedly stated that relevant rules had not been framed and that information on tourist permits was not maintained.

This raises a fundamental governance concern. What is the purpose of enacting legislation if the machinery required to implement it remains incomplete? A law cannot be reduced to a collection of provisions on paper while the regulated industry continues with business as usual. The role of the Gaming Commissioner also needs closer scrutiny. The government cannot establish a regulatory authority merely to satisfy a statutory requirement. It must ensure that the authority has the necessary rules, infrastructure, powers and administrative support to perform its responsibilities. If the system is not operational, the government must explain why.

Equally troubling are allegations concerning casino promotions. Newspaper advertisements, roadside billboards, airport displays, road dividers and social media campaigns have made casino promotion increasingly visible in Goa. The complainants have questioned whether such publicity violates Section 12 of the Goa Public Gambling Act.

This is not an insignificant issue. Goa is a major tourist destination, but tourism promotion cannot become a licence to advertise every activity without regard to the law. If statutory restrictions exist, they must apply equally to everyone. There cannot be one set of rules for ordinary citizens and another for powerful commercial establishments. The allegations concerning gaming activities in five-star hotels also demand clarity. The complainants contend that Section 13A permits only electronic amusement and slot machines in such establishments. If gaming beyond the legally permitted scope is taking place, the authorities must investigate and act. If the interpretation is incorrect, the government should place its legal position in the public domain.

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The bigger question, however, is why repeated representations to the Chief Minister, Home Department, police authorities and the Gaming Commissioner have allegedly failed to produce meaningful action.

Goa cannot afford a regulatory environment in which complaints accumulate while officials remain silent. The reference to possible public servant misconduct under the Prevention of Corruption Act makes an independent examination even more necessary. However, failure to act must be established through evidence, and responsibility cannot be assigned merely because allegations have been made.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau must now do more than acknowledge the complaint. It should examine the relevant permissions, licences, tourist permit records, advertisements, official correspondence and the statutory responsibilities of every department concerned. If violations or deliberate dereliction of duty are established, those responsible must face the consequences. If the allegations are unfounded, that too must be established transparently.

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Goa does not need another committee, another assurance or another exchange of letters between departments. It needs enforcement.

The question is no longer whether Goa should have casinos. The question is whether Goa has the institutional courage to regulate them. The law must not bend because the business is lucrative. Enough of excuses. Enough of silence. Enough is enough.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Child Safety Must Become a Priority, Not Just a Political Issue

The Goa Pradesh Youth Congress protest outside the Goa Police Headquarters over the recent cases of alleged sexual assault involving minor girls highlights growing public concern about child safety in the state.

The repeated reports of such disturbing incidents have understandably created anxiety among parents and citizens. Every child has the right to grow up in a safe environment, and protecting minors must be a priority for the government, police and society.

While protests and public demonstrations bring attention to these issues, what people ultimately expect is concrete action. The police must ensure speedy and thorough investigations, identify those responsible and take appropriate legal action. Equally important is strengthening preventive policing, particularly in residential and vulnerable areas.

The government must also examine whether existing child protection mechanisms are adequate and whether more awareness programmes, neighbourhood vigilance and effective monitoring systems are required.

Political parties may raise these issues through protests, but child safety should not become merely a subject of political confrontation. It requires a collective commitment beyond party affiliations.

The authorities must regularly communicate the steps being taken to prevent such crimes and ensure that victims and their families receive necessary support while their privacy is protected.

The safety of children cannot depend on public outrage after every incident. It requires consistent vigilance, accountability and preventive action.

- Mohan Naik, Porvorim, Goa

Casino Regulations Must Be Enforced Equally and Transparently

The complaint filed by Enough Is Enough Goa before the Anti-Corruption Bureau over alleged illegal casino operations raises serious questions about regulatory enforcement and accountability in the state.

Casinos have long been part of Goa's tourism landscape, but their operations must remain within the framework of the law. No business, irrespective of its financial influence or commercial importance, should be allowed to operate without complying with statutory requirements.

The movement has raised several issues, including alleged violations of the Goa Public Gambling Act, 1976, casino advertisements, tourist permits and the functioning of the Gaming Commissioner. These allegations deserve an impartial examination by the competent authorities.

More importantly, the questions raised about the alleged inaction of senior government officials cannot simply be ignored. If statutory provisions have not been implemented or complaints have remained unanswered, the authorities must explain the reasons.

The government must make its position clear on the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Act, the status of tourist permits and the rules governing casino operations. Transparency will help restore public confidence in the regulatory system.

At the same time, allegations against public officials must be established through a fair and independent investigation rather than treated as proven facts.

Goa cannot afford a situation where laws exist only on paper. If violations are established, appropriate action must follow, irrespective of who is involved.

Tourism and business interests are important, but they cannot take precedence over the rule of law. The authorities must ensure that the same legal standards apply to everyone.

- Rohan Dessai, Margao, Goa

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145 Shops And Hawkers To Be Shifted To Revenue Land After Vasco Market Fire

All Markets To Undergo Fire Safety Inspection On Monday; Notices Planned For Dilapidated Buildings

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VASCO: In the aftermath of the Sunday Market fire, authorities have decided to shift 145 shops and hawkers to identified revenue land in Vasco to ensure their safety and enable them to resume their business activities.

The decision was taken during a joint meeting held at the Mormugao Municipal Council, chaired by Vasco MLA Krishna Daji Salkar. MMC Chief Officer Madhu Narvekar,



Deputy Collector Pratap Gaonkar, the Mamlatdar, fire department officials and market vendors were also present. During the meeting, it was decided to relocate the affected shopkeepers and hawkers to the identified revenue land as part of the measures to address the situation following the fire incident. The authorities have also decided to conduct a comprehensive fire safety inspection of all markets in Vasco on Monday. The inspection will focus on existing fire safety arrangements, installation of fire hydrants and other necessary precautionary measures. In another significant decision, notices will be issued to all dilapidated buildings in Vasco, followed by necessary action to address concerns over their safety.



Tension at Mangor Over Navy Gates Near Ayyappa Temple; MLA Krishna Salkar Steps In

MLA holds meeting with Naval officials and temple committee; Navy agrees in principle to keep gates open for devotees

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VASCO: Tension prevailed at Mangor after panic spread among devotees over the reported closure of Navy access gates near the Ayyappa Temple, raising concerns about uninterrupted access to the shrine.

Vasco MLA Krishna Salkar intervened in the matter and held discussions with Naval officials, temple committee members and senior district authorities, including the Deputy Collector, Mamlatdar and SP Gurudas Kadam.

Following the meeting, the situation was brought under control. The Navy reportedly agreed in principle to keep the gates open to ensure devotees can access the Ayyappa Temple without interruption.

MLA Krishna Salkar said a meeting with senior Naval officials would be convened to discuss a permanent solution to the issue.

The discussions are also expected to explore the possibility of a land exchange arrangement to resolve the matter amicably.

The intervention has brought temporary relief to devotees, while efforts are underway to find a lasting solution and ensure smooth access to the temple.



RGP REVOLUTIONARY GOANS PARTY
State Recognised Political Party

To,
The Under Secretary
Election Commission of India
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110001

Date: 30.09.2026

Sub: Contribution Report of Revolutionary Goans Party for the financial Year 2025-2026

Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure to submit herewith Contribution Report for the Financial Year 2025-2026. The report includes;

1. Contribution Report Form 24A

Encl as above:

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ECI recognises Ajay Kholkar as RGP treasurer; contribution report uploaded on ECI website

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PANAJI: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has officially accepted and uploaded the Contribution Report of the Revolutionary Goans Party (RGP) for the financial year 2025–26, signed by Ajay Kholkar as Party Treasurer, further establishing his official position in the party. The report, dated 30 September 2026, was inwarded by the ECI on 11 October 2026 and subsequently uploaded on the Commission's official website on 21 October 2026.

Reacting to the development, RGP Treasurer Ajay Kholkar challenged Viresh Borkar to produce documentary evidence of his appointment as National President at three stages: before the registration of RGP, after the party's registration, and following the completion of the four-year term.

14 North Goa Sites Marked For Watersports Under New Tourism Rules

Baga, Chapora And Mayem Lake Among Designated Locations; Strict Instructor Supervision Prescribed For River Rafting

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PANAJI: In a move to regulate adventure tourism on inland waterways, the Goa Government has earmarked 14 spots in North Goa where activities such as kayaking, paddle boarding, boating and river rafting can be conducted. The Tourism Department has issued a notification specifying the stretches of rivers, lakes and other water bodies that can be used for these activities. The exercise is intended



to bring watersports operations under a defined system of regulation and monitoring. Among the locations identified are Baga Beach and Baga Creek, Querim along the Terekhol River, Mayem Lake, a stretch near Moira, four sites along the Chapora River, the area near Chapora Jetty, Orda on the Nerul River and two locations on the Mhadei River.

The notification sets out location-specific conditions, including operational boundaries and supervision requirements. Kayaking activities must be conducted with oversight from trained professionals. At the Mhadei River near Ustem Dam, rafting operators will be permitted to cover a maximum distance of one kilometre from the boarding point.

Goa Pre-Primary Helpers Protest Over Pending Demands

Salary Revision, Restoration Of 30 Days Of Service, Retirement Benefits And PF Coverage Among Six Key Demands

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PANAJI: Pre-primary helpers working under the Government of Goa have announced a one-day protest to press for better service conditions, fair remuneration and retirement benefits.

Through a protest appeal, the helpers have put forward six key demands, calling for the government to address what they describe as long-pending concerns



affecting their employment and financial security.

Their demands include a fair and timely revision of salaries, restoration of the 30-day service period and an increase in the retirement age to 65 years. The helpers have also sought retirement benefits of ₹7 lakh for all members, along with Provident Fund and gratuity benefits. A 3% annual salary increment for all staff is another key demand.

Under the campaign slogan 'Stand Together for Fairness and Respect', the employees have called for unity and dignity for educators, highlighting the need for improved recognition and benefits for pre-primary helpers.

Goa Tightens Fire Safety Rules, Makes Extinguishers Compulsory For Shops And Beach Shacks

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PANAJI: The Goa Government has expanded the scope of its fire-safety regulations, requiring a wider range of commercial establishments, including shops, guest houses, homestays, bed-and-breakfast units, temporary structures and beach shacks, to keep fire extinguishers on their premises.

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Drug network under scanner as North Goa Police intensifies crackdown; 94 arrested this year

■ Four accused held in November operations, including absconding supplier traced to Rajasthan; 74 NDPS cases registered and drugs worth Rs. 1.92 crore seized in North Goa

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PANAJI: North Goa Police has intensified its crackdown on drug trafficking, with investigations increasingly focusing on dismantling supply networks rather than limiting action to street-level peddlers. Three fresh NDPS cases registered during November have resulted in multiple arrests, while a major breakthrough in an earlier case saw an absconding accused traced and arrested in Rajasthan.

The latest operations have brought the alleged movement of narcotic substances across different locations under scrutiny, with police now pursuing financial trails, suppliers and intended recipients to establish the wider network behind the illegal trade.

In Anjuna Police Station Crime No. 129/2026, police seized 14 paper blots weighing 0.15 grams, suspected to be LSD and valued at approximately Rs. 1.40 lakh, from Aakarsh Kamboj, a resident of Dhuler, Mapusa. The seizure was made on November 3 near Cross, Sonarkhed, Assagao. During investigation, Kamboj allegedly disclosed that he had received the consignment from Nisar Ali, 26, a resident of Karaswada, Bardez. Nisar was arrested on November 11.



Rajasthan tourist drowns at Arambol beach, body recovered a day later

■ 27-year-old swept away by strong waves while filming in the sea; body washed ashore on November 12 after search operation failed to trace him

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ARAMBOL: A 27-year-old tourist from Rajasthan, who had gone missing after being swept away by waves while filming in the sea at Arambol beach, was found dead on Thursday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Kamal Singh Vaghela, son of Gajraj Singh Waghela, a resident of Baswada, Baroda, Rajasthan.

According to police, a call was received from the Police Control Room, Panaji, at around 9.36 am on November 12, informing that the body of a male person had been washed ashore at Arambol beach.

PSI Kunal Naik, along with police personnel, rushed to the spot and verified the identity of the deceased.

Preliminary enquiry revealed that Kamal had come to Goa along with five friends for a holiday. On November 11, at around 3.30 pm, the group visited Arambol beach. During their visit, Kamal reportedly ventured approximately 60 metres into the sea and was filming with his camera when he was swept away by the waves.

Lifeguards had launched a search operation on November 11 following the incident. However, the search team could not locate him that day.



Porvorim youth allegedly assaulted, suffers grievous eye injury

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PORVORIM: A 19-year-old youth allegedly sustained grievous injuries to his right eye after being assaulted by a man near Science Park at Pundalik Nagar, Porvorim, in the early hours of November 8.

According to the complaint lodged by Niraj Budeli, a private-sector employee and resident of New Pundalik Nagar, the incident occurred at around 12.15 am near Ashta Hotel, close to Science Park.

The complainant alleged that Rohan Gawander, a resident of P&T Colony, Porvorim, attacked him and delivered forceful punches to his right eye, resulting in grievous injuries.

Porvorim Police registered an offence on November 11 at 9.04 pm based on the complaint. PSI Sachin Shirodkar is investigating the case.

Senior citizen allegedly assaulted and attacked by Pitbull over dog-barking dispute in Aldona

■ 70-year-old man suffers serious injuries after neighbour allegedly beats him with metal mop handle and sets his Pitbull on him

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ALDONA: A 70-year-old senior citizen was allegedly assaulted with a metal mop handle and attacked by a Pitbull following a dispute over a dog's barking at Khoirut, Aldona, in the late hours of November 11. According to the complaint lodged by Sushant Atchut Shirodkar, 52, a self-employed resident of Golna, Pomburpa,



the incident occurred at around 11 pm on November 11 at Khoirut, Aldona. The accused, identified as Rahul Kerkar, a resident of Khoirut, allegedly picked a quarrel with the complainant's brother, Pradeep Atchut Shirodkar, 70, who is also his neighbour, over an issue concerning the barking of a dog. During the altercation, the accused allegedly abused the senior citizen using filthy language and assaulted him with a metal mop handle (pipe).

Calangute police crack down on touts, 813 preventive actions recorded this year

■ Thirty touts booked in 12 days as police intensify drive across Calangute-Baga coastal belt; 682 apprehended under Tourist Trade Act

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CALANGUTE: In a continued crackdown on touting activities along the Calangute-Baga coastal belt, Calangute Police have initiated preventive action against 30 touts between November 1 and November 12, taking the total number of actions against touts in the jurisdiction to 813 for 2026.



According to North Goa Police, of the 813 actions initiated this year, 682 touts have been apprehended under the Tourist Trade Act, while 131 have been proceeded against under Sections 126/170 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

The latest action forms part of an intensified enforcement drive aimed at curbing touting activities that often create inconvenience and potential risks for tourists visiting the popular coastal belt.

The Calangute-Baga stretch, one of Goa's busiest tourist destinations, continues to remain under police focus as authorities seek to prevent tourists from being harassed, misled or subjected to unfair practices by touts. Goa Police has reiterated its commitment to eliminating touting and ensuring a safe and hassle-free experience for visitors. The police have maintained that sustained enforcement will continue to protect tourists and safeguard Goa's reputation as a preferred tourism destination.

Enough Is Enough Goa Files Vigilance Complaint Over Alleged Illegal Casino Operations

Movement alleges violations of Goa Public Gambling Act, questions inaction by senior officials and seeks investigation under the Prevention of Corruption Act

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PANAJI: The civic movement Enough Is Enough Goa has filed a formal complaint before the Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB)/Vigilance, alleging widespread violations of the Goa Public Gambling Act, 1976, in the operation of casinos on offshore vessels and in five-star hotels.

In its complaint dated November 12, 2026, the movement has alleged that gaming activities are being conducted in casinos without the mandatory permissions and tourist permits prescribed under the Act. It has also raised concerns over alleged illegal promotion of casino gaming through newspaper advertisements, roadside billboards, airport displays, road dividers and social media. The complaint questions the alleged failure of senior government officials to enforce the provisions of the law despite several representations made to the authorities over the past few months. According to the movement, Sections 13B to 13L of the Goa Public Gambling Act came into force on February 1, 2020, introducing provisions relating to the Gaming Commissioner, regulation of gaming activities and issuance of tourist permits.



Five Pedestrians Killed Near Dabolim Airport; Foot Overbridge, Guardrails Proposed

District Road Safety Committee inspects accident-prone stretch; multi-departmental team recommends measures to improve pedestrian safety

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DABOLIM: Five pedestrians have lost their lives in road accidents along the busy highway stretch outside Dabolim Airport between 2025 and 2026, prompting the District Road Safety Committee to examine safety gaps and propose measures to prevent further fatalities.

Following the deaths, a multi-departmental team conducted a site inspection to assess pedestrian movement and identify shortcomings in the existing road infrastructure. The inspection was attended by representatives of GOACAN, the Regional Transport Office (RTO), the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the Public Works Department (PWD) and Vasco traffic police.

Vasco Traffic Police Inspector Alvito Rodrigues said the number of fatal accidents had made it necessary to review pedestrian safety and the existing facilities along the stretch.

He said the traffic police had repeatedly raised the demand for a foot overbridge with the NHAI, having written nearly 10 letters to the authority seeking a dedicated crossing facility between the airport and the opposite side of the highway.



Navy, State Agencies Gear Up for Coastal Drill 'Sea Vigil 2026' Along Goa Coast

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DABOLIM: Goa's coastline is set for heightened maritime security activity as the Indian Navy, in coordination with key state and central agencies, conducts the biennial nationwide coastal defence exercise 'Sea Vigil 2026'. Briefing media persons at the INS Gomantak Conference Hall on Thursday, Captain James John of the Goa Naval Area Headquarters said the exercise was being conducted simultaneously across all coastal states, with the Indian Navy serving as the lead agency. Conceptualised in 2018 to validate coastal security measures introduced after the 26/11 terror attacks, Sea Vigil serves as an important build-up to the Navy's major Theatre Level Readiness Operational Exercise (TROPEX). The exercise brings together several stakeholders, including the Indian Coast Guard, Coastal Security Police, Customs, Mormugao Port Authority, Fisheries Department, Intelligence Bureau and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

Madhu Narvekar Takes Charge as Mormugao Municipal Council Chief Officer

Margao Chief Officer assumes additional responsibility amid post-fire rehabilitation of Vasco Sunday Market traders; expected to visit MMC three days a week

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MORMUGAO: Margao Municipal Council Chief Officer Madhu Narvekar has taken charge as the Chief Officer of the Mormugao Municipal Council (MMC), at a crucial time when the civic body is dealing with the aftermath of the devastating Vasco Sunday Market fire and the rehabilitation of affected traders. According to information available, Narvekar assumed charge of the MMC on November 6. In view of the additional administrative responsibilities arising from the fire incident and the subsequent rehabilitation process, he has reportedly been visiting the MMC office daily since taking over. Sources said Narvekar has already started attending to various administrative and civic matters falling under the jurisdiction of the Mormugao Municipal Council. "The Chief Officer has been coming to the MMC on a daily basis and has started handling issues pertaining to the municipal council's jurisdiction. However, from next week onwards, considering that he is also the Chief Officer of Margao Municipal Council, another Class A municipality.

Traders Thank Salkar for Shifting Diwali Market to Safer Venue

Vendors express satisfaction over arrangements at Dev Damodar Trust premises; relocation eases traffic congestion around Vasco Municipal Market

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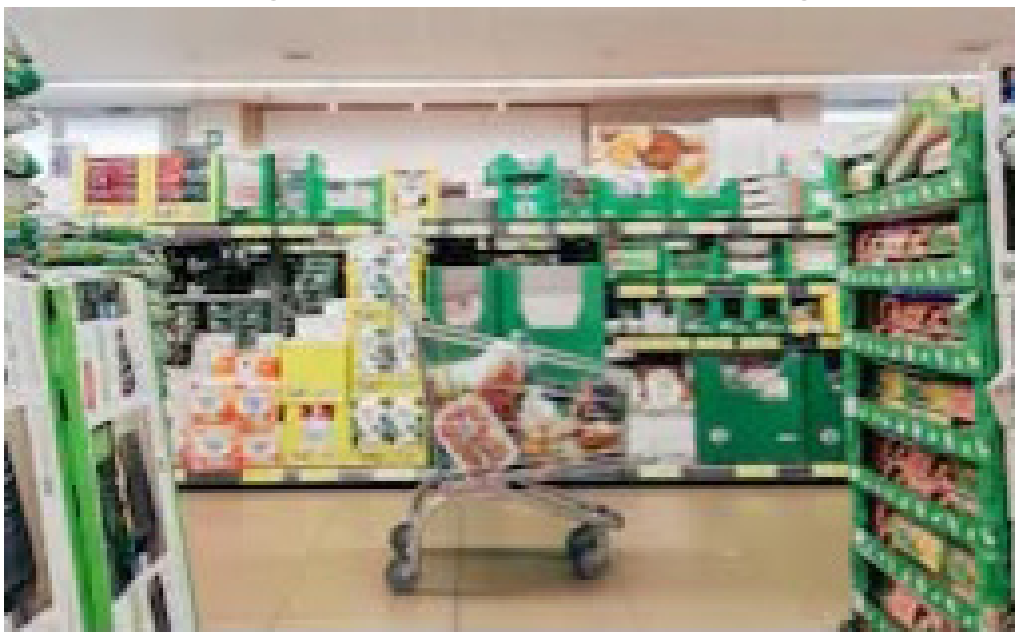
VASCO: Traders from the Vasco Municipal Market have thanked Vasco MLA Krishna Salkar for arranging the relocation of the traditional Diwali market to the Dev Damodar Trust premises, saying the new venue provided a safer, more spacious and organised environment for business. A delegation of traders met Salkar and expressed satisfaction over the arrangements made for the temporary Diwali market, which was shifted following the devastating fire at the Sunday Market. The decision to move the festive market away from the congested roads surrounding the Vasco Municipal Market was taken to provide vendors with a safer and more convenient space to conduct business during the festive season.

The traders said they were happy with the facilities and arrangements at the new venue and had managed to conduct good business without facing any major difficulties. Salkar expressed satisfaction that the initiative had benefited local vendors while also making festive shopping more convenient for the public. The relocation had also helped ease traffic congestion in the busy market area during the Diwali rush.

Inflation Crosses 6%: Everyday Expenses Set to Rise as RBI Faces Tough Choice

Food prices drive retail inflation beyond the RBI's tolerance limit, raising concerns over borrowing costs and household budgets

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NEW DELHI: India's retail inflation climbed to 6.09 per cent in October, crossing the Reserve Bank of India's upper tolerance limit of 6 per cent for the first time in two years. The increase is raising concerns that households could face higher expenses across groceries, transport, clothing, restaurants and everyday services.

Inflation had stood at 5.54 per cent in September, while food inflation accelerated from 7.74 per cent to 8.94 per cent in October. However, the pressure is no longer restricted to food items. As many as 19 of the 43 Consumer Price Index sub-groups recorded inflation of at least 4 per cent, compared with 14 in the previous month.

Onions cost more than twice as much as they did a year earlier, while garlic inflation crossed 60 per cent. Ginger and lemon also remained expensive. Rural inflation reached 6.63 per cent, compared with 5.41 per cent in urban areas, highlighting the greater pressure on households with limited spending flexibility.

Rising prices are also affecting services and other consumer categories. Eating out, personal care, transport and buying clothes could become more expensive. However, inflation remains uneven, with housing inflation at 2.90 per cent and healthcare inflation at 2.05 per cent.

The breach presents a challenge for the RBI, which targets inflation at 4 per cent within a tolerance range of 2 to 6 per cent. The central bank faces a difficult decision ahead of its December policy review, with another interest rate increase becoming a possibility.

Higher interest rates could make home loans, personal loans and business borrowing more expensive. While tighter monetary policy can help control demand and inflation expectations, it cannot directly address supply shortages or rising agricultural prices.

If inflation remains above 6 per cent for several months, household budgets could face sustained pressure. Weather disruptions, food supply constraints and higher input costs remain key risks. The RBI's immediate challenge will be to bring inflation back within its target range without slowing economic growth.

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Goa Police Arrests 24 in Major Inter-State Cybercrime Operation Across 16 States

crore through lien marking in suspected fraudulent bank accounts during 2026.

The department has also blocked 1,717 SIM cards, 722 social media handles and 814 fake websites to prevent their misuse in cyber fraud. Additionally, 306 Zero E-FIRs were converted into regular FIRs, while 644 Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM) requests were resolved.

Through the MRM Portal, ₹1,94,33,682 (approximately ₹1.94 crore) has also been refunded to victims of cyber fraud.

As part of its preventive initiatives, Goa Police conducted 80 cyber awareness programmes between August and November 2026, reaching approximately 8,100 participants across Goa and beyond.

The programmes covered schools, colleges, universities, government departments, banks, hotels, industrial establishments and community organisations. Awareness sessions focused on phishing, OTP and UPI frauds, fake investment schemes, digital arrest scams, online shopping frauds, identity theft, cyberstalking and social media impersonation.

A major awareness programme held in Mapusa on October 28 witnessed the participation of approximately 900 students from 13 schools and higher secondary institutions. Students were encouraged to become Cyber Awareness Ambassadors and spread cyber safety awareness among their families and communities.

Goa Police also extended its outreach beyond the state by conducting two awareness programmes at Naval Base Karwar, including sessions for personnel aboard INS Vikramaditya, reaching approximately 800 participants.

Reiterating its zero-tolerance policy towards cybercrime, Goa Police stated that strict legal action would be taken against those involved in cyber fraud. The department also urged citizens never to share OTPs, PINs or banking credentials and to remain cautious while conducting online transactions.

Goa To Host 57th IFFI From November 20; ₹30 Crore Budgeted For Festival

premieres across different categories. Two new sections, Animation and Films About Films, have also been introduced to broaden the festival's cinematic offerings.

Beyond film screenings, IFFI will host 14 knowledge sessions and the 20th edition of the Waves Film Bazaar. The marketplace will offer opportunities through co-production platforms, screenwriting labs and technology showcases, connecting filmmakers and industry professionals.

Sawant said IFFI has become an important platform for strengthening Goa's cultural identity and boosting tourism and local businesses.

Delhi Becomes World's Most Polluted City as AQI Crosses 400

Dense smog blankets the national capital as air quality reaches severe levels, raising health concerns

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NEW DELHI: Delhi overtook Pakistan's Lahore to become the world's most polluted major city on Friday as a thick layer of smog covered the national capital, reducing visibility and pushing air pollution levels into the hazardous category.

With a population of nearly 20 million, Delhi witnessed deteriorating air quality as pollution levels climbed sharply. The global air quality index placed the city's AQI at 334, categorising conditions as hazardous and ranking it above other major cities worldwide.

However, India's Central Pollution Control Board recorded an even higher AQI of 403, placing Delhi in the severe category. The difference between the two readings is due to variations in the measurement scales and methods used by international and Indian monitoring systems.

An AQI reading between zero and 50 is generally considered good, indicating minimal or no health risk. Levels above this range indicate increasing pollution and potential health impacts, particularly for children, older people and those with respiratory conditions.

Dense smog affected several parts of the city, with cars and motorcycles moving through reduced visibility. Streetlights along major roads also appeared faint behind the thick layer of polluted air.

Air pollution is a recurring seasonal challenge across northern India and neighbouring Pakistan, particularly during the winter months. Falling temperatures and heavy, stagnant air prevent pollutants from dispersing, allowing harmful particles to remain trapped close to the ground.

Vehicle emissions, construction dust and smoke from agricultural residue burning are among the major contributors to the worsening pollution.

With air quality reaching severe levels, Delhi continues to face growing concerns over public health and the impact of prolonged exposure to polluted air.



Microsoft Outage Disrupts Airline Operations in Delhi, 3 SpiceJet Flights Cancelled and 2 Delayed

■ Air India says operations remain unaffected, while IndiGo, Akasa Air and Delhi Airport issue passenger advisories

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NEW DELHI: A global Microsoft outage has begun affecting airline operations in India, resulting in flight cancellations and delays in Delhi. SpiceJet reported disruptions on Friday morning, cancelling three flights and delaying two others due to technical issues linked to the outage.

The three cancelled SpiceJet flights were operating on the Delhi to Pune, Delhi to Leh and Delhi to Mumbai routes. Two other services, connecting Delhi with Darbhanga and Mumbai, were delayed. Meanwhile, Air India has confirmed that its flight operations remain unaffected despite the widespread disruption. The airline is closely monitoring the situation and has stated that its communication channels continue to function normally. To prevent interruptions in passenger communication, Air India has temporarily rerouted its email traffic. The airline has also maintained its standard response timeline of 24 hours for customer emails.



"This Is Nothing Short of House Arrest": Sonam Wangchuk Alleges Heavy Security Outside Ladakh Home

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LEH: Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk has alleged that he has been placed under house arrest, claiming that around 20 to 25 police and paramilitary personnel have been deployed outside his residence in Ladakh following his removal from a protest site.

The allegation came a day after police escorted Wangchuk from the protest location to his residence. In a video message shared on social media on Thursday night, he claimed that security personnel, vehicles and tents had been stationed outside his house since Wednesday evening, effectively restricting his movement.

Wangchuk questioned the authorities' explanation that he had only been advised to remain indoors, arguing that the heavy security deployment amounted to house arrest. He said he would challenge the restrictions before the appropriate legal authorities, including the Magistrate, High Court and Supreme Court.

Woman Shot Dead, Two Injured in Broad Daylight Firing in Manipur's Kangpokpi

■ Gunmen open fire on villagers harvesting paddy in Taphou; fresh gunfire reported in Sinakeithei amid rising tensions

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GUWAHATI: A 40-year-old woman was killed and two men were injured in a broad daylight shooting at Taphou Kuki village in Manipur's Kangpokpi district on Thursday, triggering panic among villagers and raising fresh concerns over the security situation in the region. The victim was identified as Kimneineng Chongloi. The two injured men were identified as Sehngam Chongloi, alias David, 34, and Lamkhochon Chongloi, both residents of Taphou village. Sehngam was taken to the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Imphal for further treatment. The incident reportedly occurred around 11 am when villagers were harvesting paddy in their fields. Gunshots sent farmers running for safety, forcing them to abandon their agricultural work. Villagers also alerted travellers to avoid the affected stretch of National Highway 2. Fresh gunfire was separately reported from the Sinakeithei area, although details surrounding both incidents and the identity of those responsible remained unclear.



"Indian Intelligence in Every Warship": India Pushes for Indigenous Naval Electronics

■ Hindustan Shipyard and Cyient DLM join hands to manufacture advanced naval systems, reducing dependence on foreign defence technology

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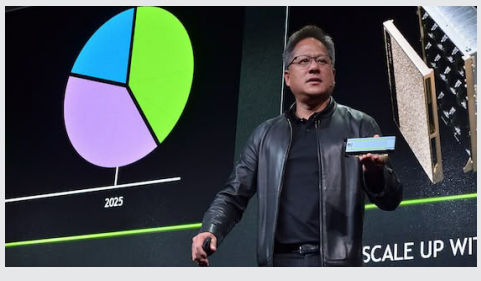
NEW DELHI: India is taking another major step towards self-reliance in defence manufacturing, with Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) partnering with Cyient DLM to establish a joint venture for designing and manufacturing advanced electronics for Indian Navy warships. The agreement aims to reduce India's dependence on imported technology by developing indigenous systems that support navigation, communication, surveillance and fleet operations. Although Indian shipyards have significantly increased domestic warship production in recent years, several critical electronic systems installed onboard continue to come from foreign suppliers. Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the two companies will collaborate on a range of naval technologies, including navigation systems, solid-state radars, Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS), autopilots, Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS), Fleet Broadband and Voyage Data Recorders.

The proposed collaboration will also cover weather reporting systems and helicopter landing aids, strengthening India's domestic capabilities in advanced maritime technology. The partnership is expected to increase indigenous content in ships manufactured by HSL while reducing dependence on overseas vendors.

Jensen Huang Resigns as Nvidia CEO Amid Spy Scandal, Colette Kress Takes Charge

■ Chipmaker appoints its CFO as interim chief executive as allegations trigger leadership crisis and a sharp fall in shares

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NEW DELHI: Nvidia co-founder Jensen Huang has resigned as the company's president and chief executive amid a growing controversy involving allegations of links to a suspected Chinese spy and reports of an additional extramarital affair with a company subordinate.

Chief Financial Officer Colette Kress has been appointed interim CEO. She will continue in her finance role while Nvidia's board searches for a permanent successor. Huang has also stepped down from the company's board with immediate effect.

The board is considering both internal and external candidates for the leadership position. The decision follows mounting pressure on Huang, 63, after reports of a second alleged relationship with an employee who reportedly reported directly to him. The board had reportedly met to discuss his future.

The controversy intensified following allegations that Alice Huang, a woman suspected of having links to Chinese intelligence, had maintained a close relationship with the Nvidia chief and passed information to Beijing. Nvidia has launched an internal investigation to examine the available evidence, while the FBI is also looking into the matter.

"PAN Card, Voter ID Alone Cannot Prove Citizenship": Gauhati High Court Upholds Foreigner Tribunal Order

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GUWAHATI: The Gauhati High Court has ruled that PAN cards and voter identity cards cannot independently establish Indian citizenship or prove family relationships, while upholding a Foreigners Tribunal order declaring a woman from Assam's Darrang district a foreigner. The court dismissed a petition filed by Kulchan Begum, who challenged a 2018 decision of the Foreigners Tribunal in Mangaldai declaring her a foreigner.

Lakshya Sen Storms Into Kumamoto Masters Semifinals, Keeps India's Hopes Alive

Indian shuttler defeats Japan's Yushi Tanaka in straight games, while Kidambi Srikanth suffers a disappointing quarterfinal exit

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NEW DELHI: India's Lakshya Sen continued his impressive run at the Kumamoto Masters Japan Super 500 badminton tournament, securing a place in the semifinals with a convincing victory over Japan's Yushi Tanaka on Friday. However, veteran Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth failed to join him in the last four after suffering a defeat against Japan's Koki Watanabe.



World No. 13 Lakshya defeated Tanaka 21-16, 21-15 in a 40-minute quarterfinal encounter to maintain his strong form following his recent triumph at the Hylo Open. The eighth-seeded Indian displayed excellent control and attacking ability to overcome the home favourite in straight games.

Lakshya started strongly, establishing an 11-7 advantage in the opening game. Although Tanaka attempted to fight back with powerful cross-court smashes, the Indian maintained his composure to secure the first game.

The second game was closely contested, with both players level at 9-9. Lakshya gradually took control through aggressive smashes and accurate returns before closing out the contest.

IOC Expresses Disappointment Over IOA Election Process, Calls Situation 'Extremely Regrettable'

Abhinav Bindra raises concerns over electoral inconsistencies as controversy puts December 5 IOA elections under scrutiny

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NEW DELHI: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has expressed serious disappointment over the manner in which the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) conducted its recent elections for Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOM), describing the situation as "extremely regrettable". The development has intensified concerns over



transparency, fairness and governance within India's Olympic administration.

The controversy gained momentum after Olympic gold medallist Abhinav Bindra raised questions about inconsistencies between the IOA constitution and the electoral rules followed during the SOM elections. He also highlighted the lack of response from the association's leadership and stressed the need for greater accountability and integrity in India's sporting organisations.

The elections witnessed a setback for IOA President PT Usha, who lost in the women's category. Olympic medallist Saina Nehwal and former athletes Anju Bobby George, Rani Rampal and Dola Banerjee secured victories to become the female SOM representatives.

In the men's category, four candidates were elected unopposed after eight of the 12 contenders withdrew from the contest. Olympic medallists Gagan Narang, Yogeshwar Dutt and Vijender Singh, along with former table tennis player Kamlesh Mehta, secured the four positions.

The outcome assumes greater significance ahead of the December 5 elections for the IOA



"Cummins Threw Khawaja Under the Bus": Warner Backs Sandpapergate Claims, Australia Captain Hits Back

Warner calls Khawaja's revelations true, while Cummins rejects allegations of team-wide involvement in the 2018 ball-tampering scandal

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NEW DELHI: The controversy surrounding Australia's infamous 2018 ball-tampering scandal has resurfaced after former opener Usman Khawaja made fresh revelations in his autobiography, triggering a public disagreement between current captain Pat Cummins and former teammate David Warner. Warner has strongly defended Khawaja, insisting that his account of the incident is true, while accusing Cummins of throwing the former opener "under the bus". Cummins, however, has dismissed Khawaja's allegations as "complete and utter nonsense" and maintained that he had no knowledge of the plan to use sandpaper to alter the condition of the ball. The controversy centres around the 2018 Test series against South Africa, particularly the third Test in Cape Town. Khawaja alleged that the entire Australian team, including Cummins, knew about the ball-tampering plan. He also claimed that similar tactics had been used during the second Test in Port Elizabeth. Responding to the allegations, Cummins said he was completely unaware of sandpaper being taken onto the field. He also criticised Khawaja for making serious claims eight years after the incident, arguing that the manner in which they were presented could damage the reputations of several individuals.

India Bowled Out For 89 As New Zealand Hand Hosts Heaviest ODI Defeat In 26 Years

Matt Henry's six wicket haul destroys India's batting line-up as New Zealand register a stunning victory to keep the series alive at 2-1

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NEW DELHI: India suffered a humiliating defeat against New Zealand in the fourth ODI at Bay Oval on Friday, getting bowled out for just 89 while chasing a target of 334. The defeat marked India's heaviest loss in the 50 over format in 26 years, as New Zealand produced a dominant all-round performance to keep the series alive



at 2-1 with one match remaining.

India's chase collapsed almost immediately, with Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and stand-in captain Shreyas Iyer dismissed for ducks in a disastrous opening over. New Zealand fast bowler Matt Henry delivered a devastating spell, claiming six wickets and dismantling India's top and middle order.

Only three Indian batters managed to reach double figures, highlighting the scale of the batting collapse. The Indian side struggled to recover from the early setbacks, with New Zealand's bowlers maintaining relentless pressure throughout the innings.

Earlier, New Zealand had posted an imposing total of 333 in their allotted 50 overs after being asked to bat first. Opener Will Young led the charge with a career-best 125, making India pay for two missed opportunities early in his innings. Rohit Sharma and Ishan Kishan dropped catches off consecutive deliveries in the second over, allowing Young to capitalise.

Tim Seifert provided an aggressive start with 58 off 48 balls, while Finn Allen contributed 41 from 30 deliveries. Kishan pulled off an excellent diving catch to dismiss Seifert, while Rohit produced a fine catch to end Allen's innings.

For India, Axar Patel, Gurnoor Brar and Auqib Nabi claimed two wickets each.