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WHO IS SADIQ DODAMANI? HOW DID A HUBBALLI BUSINESSMAN GET HIS NAME ON 1.15 LAKH SQ M OF COMUNIDADE LAND?

A Karnataka-based businessman becomes the centre of a massive land controversy in St Andre; villagers question how tenancy rights were granted while local families have reportedly waited decades for their claims to be settled

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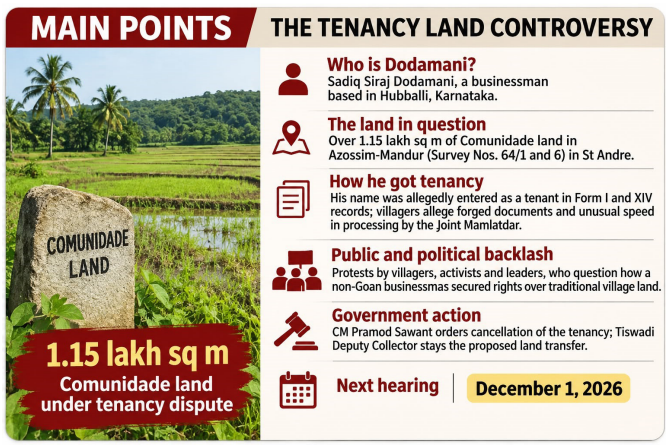
PANAJI: Who is Sadiq Siraj Dodamani? What brought a businessman from Hubballi in Karnataka to Azossim-Mandur? And how did his name allegedly find its way into the tenancy records of over 1.15 lakh square metres of Comunidade land in St Andre constituency?

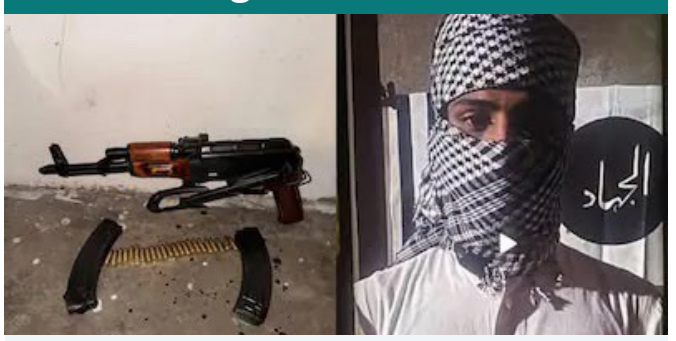
These are the questions that have triggered a major political and public controversy in Goa, with villagers demanding answers from the government and the Revenue Department.



Dodamani, whose surname is also spelt Doddamani, Dodamandi and Dodmani, is a businessman based in Hubballi, Karnataka. He has come under the spotlight after his name allegedly appeared as a tenant in the Form I and XIV records covering a vast stretch of Comunidade land at Azossim-Mandur.

Jaish Terror Plot Foiled in Gujarat, Assam Man Arrested for Planned Air Force Station Attack

22-Year-Old JeM Operative Allegedly Conducted Reconnaissance of Vadodara Air Force Station Before Planning a Lone-Wolf Strike



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AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) has foiled an alleged terror plot linked to Pakistan-based terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) with the arrest of a 22-year-old operative in Vadodara.

The accused, Mohammad Saharul Islam, a resident of Assam, was allegedly planning a lone-wolf attack on an Air Force station in Vadodara. Investigators found that he had conducted reconnaissance of the military installation and taken photographs of the premises using his mobile phone.

Preliminary investigations revealed that Islam was in contact with a Pakistan-based handler who was allegedly directing his activities.

He was reportedly planning to escape to Pakistan after carrying out the attack.

During the operation, the ATS recovered an AK-47 rifle, 23 live cartridges and cash from his possession. Investigators suspect that the rifle may have been smuggled into India from Pakistan, although its origin is still being examined.



'Women Will Get 33% Reservation, Rahul Gandhi Cannot Stop It': Amit Shah

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NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah declared that women will receive 33 per cent reservation in Parliament and State Assemblies, asserting that the Opposition cannot prevent its implementation. Speaking at the BJP's Samvidhan Gaurav Diwas programme on Constitution Day, Shah also criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and outlined the party's position on constitutional reforms. Shah accused the Congress of restricting individual rights during its rule, referring to the Emergency imposed in 1975. He contrasted it with the BJP's constitutional amendments, highlighting measures related to taxation, backward communities and economic reservations. He cited the 101st Constitutional Amendment, which introduced the Goods and Services Tax, the 102nd Amendment granting constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes.

Canacona delegation urges CM to scrap proposed turtle nesting site notifications

Tawadkar-led team warns of threat to coastal tourism, employment and livelihoods; Sawant reportedly assures proposal will not be implemented

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CANACONA: Opposing the proposed inclusion of more beaches in Canacona under turtle nesting reserve sites, a delegation led by Sports Minister and Canacona MLA Ramesh Tawadkar met Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant and Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte, urging the government to immediately put an end to the proposed notifications. The delegation submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister, expressing strong reservations over the Forest Department's proposal to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to bring several South Goa beaches, particularly eight beaches in Canacona taluka, under the ambit of turtle nesting reserve sites in accordance with Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) provisions. The delegation comprised Pankaj Naik Gaunkar, Secretary of the All Goa Private Property Shacks and Huts Owners Association; former Canacona Municipal Council chairpersons Simon Rebello and Ramakant Naik Gaunkar; and social activists Suraj Naik Gaunkar.

Who Will Hold the Revenue Officials Accountable?

How did a businessman from Hubballi allegedly secure tenancy rights over 1.15 lakh square metres of Comunidade land in four months, while Goan families wait decades for justice?

There is something deeply disturbing about the unfolding land controversy in Azossim-Mandur. Not merely because a businessman from Hubballi, Karnataka, has found himself at the centre of a dispute involving over 1.15 lakh square metres of Comunidade land, but because of the questions it raises about the functioning of Goa's Revenue Department.

Who is Sadiq Siraj Dodamani? What is his connection with the land in St Andre? More importantly, how did his name allegedly enter the tenancy records covering such a vast stretch of traditional community property?

These questions cannot be brushed aside as political allegations or dismissed as another local land dispute. They demand answers from the very officials entrusted with protecting land records and administering tenancy laws.

The most disturbing aspect of this controversy is the reported contrast in the time taken to process claims. Local families have allegedly been pursuing their tenancy rights for nearly three decades. Yet Dodamani's claim reportedly moved through the administrative machinery in approximately four months.

If these timelines are accurate, somebody in the Revenue Department must explain why.

Does the department operate with different standards for different applicants? Does a person with no established local connection receive faster attention than families who have lived in the village for generations? Or were the procedures followed in this particular case so fundamentally different that they warrant an independent investigation?

The government owes Goa an explanation.

The tenancy order dated May 27, 2026, and the subsequent purchase order dated October 9, 2026, are not ordinary pieces of paperwork. They concern an enormous area of land associated with a traditional village institution. Before recognising such rights, the authorities must establish the claimant's connection with the property, the nature of possession, the cultivation history and the authenticity of every supporting document.

Who conducted the verification? Which officials examined the records? Were the original documents checked? Were the Comunidade authorities consulted? Were objections from local residents considered? Was a physical inspection carried out?

And perhaps the most important question: Who recommended and approved the claim?

If forged or fabricated documents were allegedly used, the investigation must establish who submitted them, who verified them and whether any official knowingly or negligently facilitated their acceptance. These allegations must be investigated fairly, without presuming guilt, but with no protection for anyone found responsible.

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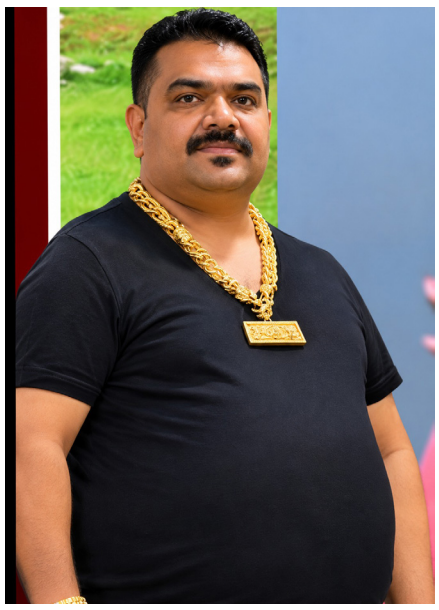
Cancellation is not accountability.

The government cannot simply withdraw an order and declare the matter closed. If the process was defective, the entire chain of responsibility must be examined. If officials failed to conduct mandatory checks, disciplinary action must follow. If there was deliberate collusion, criminal proceedings must be initiated wherever evidence warrants them.

The Revenue Department must also explain how such a large area could be covered by tenancy proceedings without the controversy being detected at an earlier stage.

Comunidade land is not an ordinary private asset. It represents generations of village ownership, agricultural traditions and community interests. Its protection



cannot be left to the discretion of officials who process applications without adequate scrutiny.

There is also a larger question of public confidence. Across Goa, ordinary citizens spend years visiting government offices, submitting documents and attending hearings to settle land disputes. Many are unable to secure even basic corrections in their property records. Yet when a claim involving over one lakh square metres reportedly progresses within months, it is natural for people to question the system.

The Revenue Department must not mistake public anger for political opposition. People are demanding fairness, transparency and equal treatment under the law.

The December 1 hearing will be important, but the government should not wait for another hearing to initiate an administrative inquiry. The complete file relating to Dodamani's tenancy claim must be secured and independently examined. The role of every official involved, from the initial application to the final purchase order, must be established. The findings should be made public, subject to the law.

The government must also examine whether other similar cases involving Comunidade properties have been processed without proper verification.

This controversy is bigger than Sadiq Dodamani. It is about whether Goa's land administration can be trusted. It is about whether the Revenue Department protects the interests of ordinary Goans or merely processes files without asking difficult questions.

If local families have waited nearly 30 years while an outside businessman allegedly secured rights in four months, the government must explain the difference.

Who opened the doors? Who cleared the file? Who verified the documents? And who will be held accountable?

Goa does not need another assurance that irregularities will not be tolerated. It needs names, answers, an independent investigation and action.

Because if officials responsible for protecting public and community land are not held accountable, no Comunidade property in Goa can ever be considered safe.

EDITOR SPEAKS

ILLEGAL LATERITE EXTRACTION IN SATTARI: STRICT ENFORCEMENT MUST CONTINUE

The action taken by the Geology Department against alleged illegal laterite stone extraction at Malpan in Sattari is a welcome step towards protecting Goa's natural resources. The seizure of a stone-cutting machine, JCB, power trailer and generator during the inspection sends a message that violations of mining and extraction regulations cannot be ignored.

Laterite stone is an important natural resource in Goa, widely used in construction. However, its extraction must take place strictly within the framework of the law. Unauthorised quarrying and stone cutting can cause damage to the landscape, disturb the natural environment and create long-term concerns for local communities.

The department's action should not remain an isolated enforcement exercise. Authorities must conduct regular inspections across Sattari and other parts of Goa where illegal extraction is suspected. Those found violating the rules must face appropriate legal action after due investigation. It is equally important to identify who is operating such activities, whether the land has the necessary permissions and whether extraction is being carried out within approved limits. Seizing machinery is one step, but preventing the activity from restarting requires consistent monitoring and accountability.

Local residents should also be encouraged to report suspicious extraction activities without fear. Goa cannot afford to lose its natural resources through unauthorised exploitation.

The government must ensure that development and construction do not become excuses for environmental damage. Protecting Goa's land and resources requires firm enforcement, regular vigilance and sustained public cooperation.

-Rohan Kamat, Bicholim, Goa

ST RESERVATION MATTER: SUPREME COURT EXTENDS INTERIM PROTECTION UNTIL DECEMBER 24

The Supreme Court's decision to continue the interim stay on the proposed notification concerning Goa's estimated Scheduled Tribe population until December 24 has kept an important issue before the judiciary.

The order allows the interim protection granted by the High Court to remain in force, while indicating that the High Court is expected to hear the matter and deliver its judgment by the same date.

The issue has significant implications for the process concerning political reservation for Scheduled Tribes in Goa. Therefore, it is essential that every legal and procedural aspect is examined carefully before any further steps are taken.

The concerns raised in the matter must be addressed through a transparent judicial process. The affected communities deserve clarity on the proposed notification, the basis on which the estimated population has been determined and the legal framework governing the reservation process. At the same time, the proceedings should be allowed to take their course without unnecessary speculation or attempts to prejudge the outcome. Any decision must be guided by constitutional provisions, relevant records and established legal procedures.

Political representation is an important democratic right, and the process leading to it must inspire confidence among all stakeholders. The December 24 timeline will therefore be significant, as the High Court is expected to pronounce its judgment by then.

Goa's ST communities deserve a fair, transparent and legally sound resolution of this matter.

- Milind Kamat, Sanquelim, Goa

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FRI, 27 NOV 2026

Open Air Screening

Miramar Beach
Mukkam Post Bombilwadi @ 7 Pm

Vagator Beach
The Wild Robot @ 7 Pm

Ravindra Bhavan (Margao)
Mog Asum @ 7 pm

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Cinemela 2026 at Kala Academy

PICTURE TIME

Children Special Screening
08:30 AM - Achappa's Album
10:15 AM - Pappu Ki Pugandi

Contemporary at Kala Academy
03:00 PM - Hanuman Ansh

Nostalgia
06:00 PM - Jab Tak Hai Jaan

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IFFI Village

Live Performance by Meconcio Fernandes at IFFI Village,

6:30 PM onwards.
Venue: Azad Maidan, Panjim



- **Indian Panorama**
  The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (Feature)
  Birds On Ice (Feature)
  Sev Micchar(Feature)
  Kantara A Legend Chapter 1(Feature)
  Scroll(Feature)
  Paro - The Untold Story Of Bride Slavery (Feature)
  Kabir Sir Ka Akhri Lesson(Feature)
  Shat-Shat Atal(Nonfeature)
  Chandoba (Nonfeature)
  Demography Is Destiny (Nonfeature)
  Attappadi(Nonfeature)
- **Panel Discussion**
  The Legendary 25's
  By Ashutosh Gowariker, Farhan Akhtar and Madhur Bhandarkar,
- **Gala Premier**
  Panchayat (S5 Ep1)
  Echoes Of Valour






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Porvorim Police Arrest Man in Rs. 9.68 Lakh Student Visa Cheating Case

■ Accused allegedly duped a woman on the pretext of arranging a Canadian student visa for her daughter; arrested in Mangaluru after an extensive search operation

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PORVORIM: Porvorim Police have arrested a 37-year-old man from Mangaluru, Karnataka, in connection with a cheating case involving Rs. 9,68,470, allegedly collected from a woman on the false promise of arranging a student visa for her daughter to pursue higher studies in Canada.

The accused, identified as B.P. Manikanta, was arrested on November 26, 2026, in connection with Porvorim Police Station Crime No. 12/2025, registered on February 10, 2025, under Sections 316(2) and 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

According to the complaint, the woman, a resident of Alto-Porvorim, was allegedly induced to transfer Rs. 9,68,470 through multiple UPI and NEFT transactions into several bank accounts provided by the accused. The accounts reportedly belonged to his family members and acquaintances.

However, the accused allegedly failed to arrange the promised Canadian student visa and did not return the money, thereby causing financial loss to the complainant.

Following the registration of the offence, the accused reportedly went absconding and remained untraceable despite several attempts by police teams, which were deputed to Bengaluru and Mangaluru in Karnataka to locate him.

Renewed efforts were recently initiated under the close supervision and guidance of North Goa Superintendent of Police Rahul Gupta.



Seven Members of a Family Booked for Assault and Trespassing in Shiroda Property Dispute

■ Couple allegedly assaulted over boundary measurement dispute; pepper spray used and property worth Rs. 80,000 damaged

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SHIRODA: Seven persons from Shiroda, Ponda, have been booked by police following an alleged assault, trespassing and property damage incident arising out of a boundary measurement dispute at Kalpnanwada, near Betal Temple, Shiroda.

According to the complaint lodged by Nitin Chodankar, a resident of Rawanfond, Aquem Baixo, Navelim, the incidents took place on November 23, 2026, at around 3.45 pm, and again on November 25, 2026, at approximately 9.24 am.

The accused have been identified as Dayanand Naik, Siddhant Naik, Sanket Naik, Prabhakar Naik, Anand Naik, Rushabh Naik and Jyoti Naik, all residents of Shiroda, Ponda.

As per the complaint, the dispute arose over the measurement of the boundary of the complainant's property. During the altercation, the accused allegedly trespassed into the property, following which Dayanand Naik assaulted the complainant and his wife.

The complaint further alleges that Dayanand Naik caught hold of the complainant's wife's neck and hair, punched the complainant on his nose and dragged him by holding his shirt collar.



Mandrem Police Arrest Bus Driver for Assaulting Police Constable

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MANDREM: Mandrem Police have arrested a 34-year-old bus driver for allegedly assaulting an on-duty police constable following a dispute over traffic congestion near Mandrem Garden. The accused has been identified as Suryakant Narse (34), a resident of Bhatwadi, Corgao, Pernem, who was driving a bus bearing registration number GA-11-T-5708. According to police, Mandrem Police Station registered Crime No. 102/2026 on November 23, 2026, under Sections 132 and 121(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, based on a complaint lodged by Police Constable Ganaraj Shetkar (PC 7757), attached to Mandrem Police Station. The complainant stated that on November 22, at around 6.45 pm, he was proceeding along with another police constable (PC 8261) to attend a PCR call at Arambol parking lot. When they reached near Mandrem Garden, the complainant allegedly asked the driver of the tourist bus to move his vehicle, as it was causing a traffic jam.

Zuarinagar Man Arrested for Possessing and Sharing Child Sexual Abuse Material

■ 25-year-old accused allegedly used Instagram to view and transmit illegal content; remanded to three days of police custody by Vasco court

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VERNA: Verna Police have arrested a 25-year-old man from Zuarinagar, Sancoale, for allegedly possessing and transmitting child sexual abuse material (CSAM) through an Instagram account. The accused has been remanded to three days of police custody by the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Court, Vasco, for further investigation.



The accused has been identified as Umesh Ramappa Jadhav. His arrest followed an investigation initiated after the Cyber Crime Police Station received a Cyber Tipline complaint flagging the suspected viewing and sharing of child sexual abuse material through an Instagram account.

According to police, Cyber Tipline Complaint No. 242294975 was received regarding the suspected online activity. Acting on the information communicated by the Cyber Crime Police Station, Verna Police registered an offence under Section 67-B of the Information Technology Act, 2000, based on a complaint lodged by PSI Mandar Dessai.

South Goa Holds 25th District-Level NCORD Meeting to Strengthen Anti-Drug Measures

■ Six NDPS cases registered, nine persons arrested and 19 awareness programmes conducted during the review period; officials stress stronger coordination and enforcement

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MARGAO: The 25th District-Level Narcotics Coordination (NCORD) Meeting of South Goa District was held under the chairpersonship of Deputy Collector (DRO) South Goa, Ms. Ana Rita Paes, and co-chaired by DySP Gurudas Kadam, responsible for Salcete and Mormugao talukas. The meeting was attended by officials from various government departments and agencies, including Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Deputy Superintendents of Police, Customs, Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), Social Welfare, Education, Health and other concerned departments. During the meeting, Goa Police reported that six cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act were registered, nine persons were arrested and 19 awareness programmes were conducted during the review period. The Health Department presented updates on the de-addiction services being provided, while the Goa State AIDS Control Society highlighted its awareness programme, which covered 125 staff members. The FDA informed the meeting that it had conducted 40 inspections of medical stores during October 2026 and issued eight show-cause notices as part of its enforcement activities. The Forest and Agriculture Departments also reported conducting two awareness programmes for farmers to sensitise them about the illegal cultivation of opium and the need to prevent such activities.



IFFI 2026 Hosts 'Decoding the Oscars' Masterclass for Aspiring Filmmakers

■ Academy Awards official Natalie Wade explains Oscar submission procedures, eligibility criteria and global opportunities for emerging filmmakers at Kala Academy

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PANAJI: Filmmakers, students and cinema enthusiasts gained valuable insights into the Academy Awards submission process during a special masterclass titled 'Decoding Academy Awards', organised on November 26 at Kala Academy, Panaji, on the sidelines of the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

The masterclass was conducted by Natalie Wade, Vice President of Member Relations and Awards Administration at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. IFFI Festival Director Ashutosh Gowariker felicitated her during the programme. The session aimed to familiarise Indian filmmakers with the procedures, rules and requirements involved in submitting films for Oscar consideration, from the initial application to the final stages of the awards process. Wade observed that many filmmakers remain unaware of the extensive procedures involved in Oscar submissions. She said the masterclass was designed to demystify the process and help filmmakers better understand the opportunities available through the Academy. Referring to the growing international recognition of Indian cinema, including the success of *The Elephant Whisperers*, she highlighted how cinema transcends geographical boundaries and brings together filmmakers and professionals from across the world.



Mukesh Chhabra Shares Casting Secrets at IFFI 2026 Masterclass

■ Renowned casting director encourages aspiring actors to remain patient, honest and committed to their craft; says talent has no age barrier

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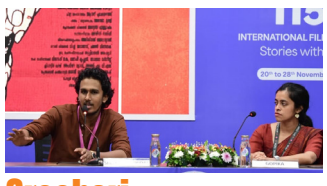
PANAJI: Renowned casting director Mukesh Chhabra shared valuable insights into the art of casting, audition techniques and the challenges of the film industry during an interactive masterclass titled *The Casting Magic: Auditions Unplugged* at the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa on November 26.

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from aspiring actors, mid-career professionals, writers, emerging filmmakers and media representatives from across the country, including a strong presence from Goa.

IFFI Festival Director Ashutosh Gowariker praised Chhabra's ability to identify actors who perfectly fit a character, highlighting his dedication to discovering talent.

With more than 300 films and web series to his credit, Chhabra explained that casting goes far beyond selecting familiar faces or referring to databases. He emphasised the importance of travelling to different regions, understanding local cultures and exploring communities to discover fresh talent.

"There is so much talent in our country," he said, stressing the need to reach grassroots communities and identify performers who may not have had access to mainstream opportunities.



Sreehari Haridas Explores Mockumentary Storytelling Through Debut Film at IFFI 2026

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PANAJI: Malayalam filmmaker Sreehari Haridas presented his debut feature film, Ajayante Maranam: Oru Case Study, in the Indian Panorama – New Horizons section of the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa on November 26. Speaking at a press conference organised by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), Haridas expressed happiness over the encouraging audience response to his film, admitting that he had not expected such a positive turnout at the festival. Describing the film as a character-driven story centred on a person named Ajayan, the director said the film adopts a mockumentary format, a relatively unexplored genre in Malayalam cinema. He acknowledged that experimenting with this storytelling approach also brought several challenges during filming and production. Explaining the narrative, Haridas said the story unfolds through Aaryan, an aspiring filmmaker who investigates the circumstances surrounding Ajayan's life and death.

Humane Storytelling and Gandhian Values Key to IFFI Gandhi Medal Selection

■ Jury member Manouj Kadaamh says films promoting non-violence, peace and social justice receive priority; ten feature films compete for prestigious ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal

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PANAJI: The humane character of a story and its alignment with Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of non-violence, tolerance and peace are the foremost considerations in selecting films for the prestigious ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), said jury member Manouj Kadaamh.

Speaking at a press conference organised by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on November 26, 2026, Kadaamh, along with IFFI Creative Director Pankaj Saxena, interacted with the media and highlighted the role of cinema in promoting meaningful ideas, social understanding and a culture of peace. Ten fiction feature films, including seven international and three Indian productions, are competing for this year's ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal.

Tamil Thriller 'Scroll' Raises Alarm Over Smartphone Addiction at IFFI 2026

■ Film explores digital enslavement, algorithmic manipulation and online dangers; director Kannan S says the psychological thriller aims to deliver a social message without preaching

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PANAJI: In an age where smartphones increasingly dictate everyday life, Tamil feature film *Scroll* is attempting to make audiences rethink their relationship with technology. The psychological thriller, which explores smartphone addiction, algorithmic manipulation and digital enslavement, was showcased at the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

Director-producer Kannan S, along with lead actors Aravind Sundar and Kavya Anil, discussed the film's unconventional storytelling, experimental filmmaking techniques and contemporary relevance during a press conference organised by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on November 26.

Selected for the Indian Panorama section, *Scroll* is the only Tamil film nominated for the prestigious ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at IFFI 2026.

The 128-minute psychological thriller adopts an innovative screen-life format, with the entire narrative unfolding through a mobile phone interface. The film follows a young man struggling with smartphone addiction who downloads an application in an attempt to regain control of his life. What initially appears to be a promising digital liberation programme, involving gamified tasks and rewards, gradually turns into a disturbing cycle of challenges and psychological coercion.

MLA Viresh Led RGP Declares Tukaram Bharat Parab's Appointment as Chief Spokesperson Null and Void

Party says Parab is not an RGP member and warns public against unauthorised announcements and misuse of its name

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PANAJI: The Revolutionary Goans Party (RGP) has declared the purported appointment of Shri Tukaram alias Manoj Parab as its Chief Official Spokesperson null and void, terming the announcement unauthorised and invalid. In a press note issued on November 26, 2026, the party clarified that Parab is not a member of the RGP and has never been authorised by its competent leadership to hold any organisational position or represent the party. The party further stated that the press release announcing the appointment was issued under the signature of Vishwesh Naik, who had already resigned from the post of General Secretary and, therefore, had no authority to make such an announcement on behalf of the party. According to the RGP, the State President, in consultation with the National President, has issued an official order declaring the purported appointment null and void. All party office-bearers, members and functionaries have been directed not to recognise or endorse the announcement.

RGP Warns Against Misuse of Party Name

The party has also cautioned the general public against individuals allegedly attempting to misuse its name.



32 Madganvkars' Trust in 2024 is Bearing Fruit: Prabhav Naik

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MARGAO: My heartfelt gratitude to the 32 Madganvkars who reposed their trust in me and signed our first Memorandum dated 27th August 2024, demanding advanced cardiac care facilities at South Goa District Hospital (SGDH). Today, our collective efforts are bearing fruit, with the ₹5.61 crore Cath Lab finally in sight. I sincerely thank Health Minister Vishwajit Rane for taking this important step towards strengthening healthcare facilities in South Goa," stated Madganvcho Awaaz & Youth Leader Prabhav Naik.

The initiative began following the unfortunate death of young citizen Shirish Pai Kane, whose loss highlighted the importance of strengthening advanced healthcare facilities and emergency medical services in South Goa. Sadly, one of the signatories to the memorandum, Kewal Suhas Kane, is also no longer with us. His absence makes this journey even more emotional for everyone associated with this cause. Prabhav Naik stated that the journey does not end with the establishment of the Cath Lab. He will continue pursuing the matter at various levels of the Government and with the concerned authorities until South Goa District Hospital is fully commissioned and upgraded to a tertiary care hospital, equipped with the necessary medical infrastructure, specialised departments, doctors, staff and advanced facilities.

He further expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the 32 signatories, among whom were a former Margao MLA, former Chairpersons of the Margao Municipal Council, senior doctors, teachers and several other respected citizens.



Pagi community leader questions sudden OBC officers' transfers in Canacona

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CANACONA: Vice-President of the Pagi Community/OBC Samaj, Shailesh Pagi, has questioned the sudden transfers of two gazetted government officers belonging to the Pagi community in Canacona, alleging that the moves were unjustified and possibly influenced by political interference. Pagi, a former Sarpanch of Loliem-Polem Village Panchayat, said that one of the transferred officers is an Assistant Engineer (AE) from the Water Supply Department, while the other is a Zonal Agriculture Officer (ZAO) from the Agriculture Department. Questioning the transfer of the Assistant Engineer, Pagi claimed that, according to information received from his sources, the officer was reportedly transferred for refusing to issue a water NOC to an upcoming major project. He further alleged that political pressure was being exerted on the officer in connection with the matter involving Loliem-Polem Panchayat.

Two Arrested in ₹12.69 Lakh E-Challan APK Fraud; ₹5.09 Lakh Frozen

Goa Cyber Crime Police arrest two Bengaluru residents; accused remanded to five days of police custody

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PANAJI: The Goa Cyber Crime Police Station has arrested two persons from Bengaluru in connection with an alleged e-challan APK fraud case involving a reported loss of ₹12.69 lakh. Police have also secured ₹5,09,483.27 under lien, which is being processed for restoration to the complainant, subject to due procedure.

The accused have been identified as Maheboob K. (21) and Sagar Kumar R. (22), both



residents of Bengaluru. They were arrested at Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru, on November 25 by a Goa Police team led by PSI Navin Naik, comprising PC Sidramayya Math, PC Atish Shetkar and PC Sunil Renati.

According to police, the complainant received a fraudulent message claiming that an e-challan had been issued against his vehicle. After clicking the link provided in the message, a malicious APK file was downloaded onto his mobile phone. This allegedly enabled unauthorised financial transactions, resulting in a loss of ₹12,69,446.

Congress Launches 'Gõy Rakhonn Abhiyan', Releases 25-Point Chargesheet Against BJP Government

At Constitution Day march in Margao, Congress accuses BJP of corruption, land conversions and misgovernance; announces statewide door-to-door campaign ahead of 2027 elections

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MARGAO: The Goa Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) on Thursday launched its 'Gõy Rakhonn Abhiyan' and released a 25-point chargesheet titled 'Gõycho Visvasghat' (Betrayal of Goa), accusing the BJP government of 14 years of alleged corruption, misgovernance, environmental destruction and betrayal



of the people of Goa.

The announcement was made during the Samvidhan Raksha March organised at the historic Lohia Maidan in Margao to mark Constitution Day. The programme reaffirmed Congress's commitment to protecting the Constitution, democratic rights and fighting alleged electoral manipulation under the 'Vote Chori' campaign.

The programme began with floral tributes to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia. Homage was also paid to the martyrs and victims of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.

The march was attended by AICC General Secretary and Goa In-charge Manikrao Thakare, AICC Secretary and Co-in-charge Dr. Anjali Nimbalkar, AICC Observer Yashomati Thakur, GPCC President Girish Chodankar, Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao, Congress MLAs, working presidents and senior party leaders.

Addressing the gathering, Thakare accused the BJP of undermining democratic institutions and attempting to deprive citizens of their voting rights through electoral manipulation under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise.

Revanth Reddy Mocks BJP Leaders With 'Peanuts' Jibe, Party Hits Back With 'Brain Chori' Remark

Telangana Political Row Escalates After Chief Minister Questions BJP's Strength, Opposition Raises Governance Issues

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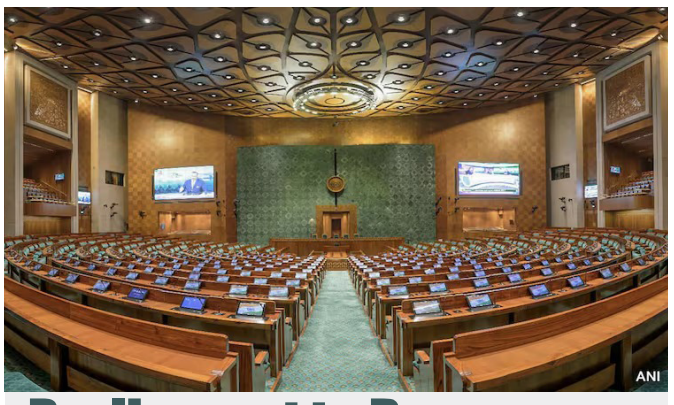
HYDERABAD: A war of words has erupted between Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the BJP after the Congress leader mocked the opposition party's organisational strength, prompting a sharp response from BJP leaders.

Addressing a public meeting in Nagarkurnool



on Thursday, Reddy questioned the BJP's political presence in Telangana and challenged the party to explain how many ward members and sarpanches it had elected. He also questioned its claims of forming the next government in the state. "There aren't even as many of you as the people selling peanuts and green peas at our meetings," Reddy remarked, taking a dig at the BJP's presence during political gatherings. He further suggested that selling peanuts, green peas, tea and biscuits at Congress meetings appeared to be the opposition's main activity.

Reddy also targeted BJP leaders Bandi Sanjay, N Ramchander Rao and G Kishan Reddy, accusing them of remaining subordinate to the party's national leadership. The remarks came amid an intensified BJP campaign in Telangana, following Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Hyderabad and BJP national president Nitin Nabin's November 23 visit to Karimnagar.



Parliament to Reconvene on November 30 as Centre Prepares Fresh Delimitation Push

Lok Sabha to meet on November 30 and Rajya Sabha on December 2 as government seeks support for proposed changes to constituencies and women's reservation

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NEW DELHI: Parliament is set to reconvene from November 30, with the BJP-led government preparing to revive its proposed delimitation exercise after failing to secure the required two-thirds majority for constitutional amendments earlier this year. The Lok Sabha will meet on November 30, while the Rajya Sabha is scheduled to reconvene on December 2. The sittings could continue until December 3. The government has described the move as a continuation of the Monsoon Session, which was not formally prorogued after its last sitting in August. The Centre's proposed legislation aims to increase the strength of the Lok Sabha from the existing 543 seats to 850 and redraw parliamentary constituencies. The exercise is also linked to implementing the 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament and State Assemblies, provided under the 2023 constitutional amendment. The government had failed to pass the proposed legislation in April after falling short of the required two-thirds majority. It has since been working to secure additional parliamentary support. Under the proposed plan, around 283 Lok Sabha seats would be reserved for women on a rotational basis.



India-US Trade Deal Nears Finalisation, Piyush Goyal Says Roadmap Taking Shape

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NEW DELHI: India and the United States are moving closer to finalising their proposed trade agreement, with a framework to conclude the long-pending negotiations beginning to take shape, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday.

Addressing the India Debt Capital Market Summit 2026 virtually, Goyal indicated that both countries had made progress on the process required to complete the agreement. He said the trade deal was nearing culmination and that the roadmap, which had previously remained a major obstacle, was now taking shape.

His remarks point to movement in negotiations between New Delhi and Washington, particularly on establishing a clear pathway to bring the discussions to a conclusion.

The development comes amid fresh attention on the United States Trade Representative's latest report, which has proposed a 25 per cent tariff on imports from India.

'Are You Promoting Terrorists?' Hamza Ali Abbasi's Old Photo Sparks Netflix Backlash

2017 photograph of Pakistani actor with 26/11 mastermind resurfaces as criticism grows over his role in upcoming Netflix series

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NEW DELHI: An old photograph of Pakistani actor Hamza Ali Abbasi with Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed has triggered fresh criticism amid the controversy surrounding Netflix's upcoming Pakistani series Jo Bachay Hain Sang Samait Lo.

Abbasi had shared the selfie on X in 2017, describing Saeed as "one of the nicest people" and calling him the "most misunderstood man



in Pakistan". Saeed, a UN-designated terrorist, is widely identified as the mastermind behind the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks.

Although Abbasi's X account is blocked in India, screenshots of the post have resurfaced and are being widely shared. Several social media users have questioned Netflix's decision to feature the actor in its upcoming production, accusing the streaming platform of overlooking his past remarks about Saeed.

The backlash has also spread to Pakistan, where users have raised questions about Abbasi's association with the terrorist. Pakistani lawyer and author Muneeb Qadir demanded that the actor explain why he posed with Saeed and apologise for praising him.

Budget 2027: 'Gen Z' Gets a Voice as Nirmala Sitharaman Holds First-Ever Youth Consultation

AI investment, emerging technologies, job creation and skill development dominate discussions ahead of Union Budget 2027-28

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NEW DELHI: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has held the first dedicated pre-Budget consultation with Gen Z and youth representatives as the government prepares the Union Budget 2027-28. The discussions focused on artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, research, innovation, employment generation and skill



development. The two-hour interactive meeting was the 13th and final stakeholder consultation in the Finance Ministry's pre-Budget exercise. Around 22 participants from different sectors and regions, including the Northeast, presented their recommendations. Women accounted for nearly half of the participants. Students and professionals representing educational institutions, research organisations and social sector groups shared their views on the country's economic and employment priorities.

AI Infrastructure and Innovation in Focus Developing India's artificial intelligence ecosystem and strengthening domestic capabilities in emerging technologies emerged as major priorities. Participants called for increased investment in AI infrastructure, research facilities and technology development to prepare the country for rapid technological changes.b Suggestions were also made to improve sports infrastructure and encourage domestic manufacturing of sports equipment and related products.

Mohit Yadav's Unbeaten 60 Rescues Goa After Early Collapse Against Odisha

Sixth-wicket partnership of 90 runs lifts Goa to 195/6 on opening day of Cooch Behar Trophy clash

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PANAJI: Mohit Yadav struck an unbeaten 60 to help Goa recover from an early batting collapse and reach 195 for six on the opening day of their Elite Group E Cooch Behar Trophy Under-19 four-day match against Odisha at Gandhi Stadium in Balangir on Thursday.

After winning the toss and opting to bat, Goa found themselves struggling at 27 for three as Odisha's bowlers made early inroads. Aaditya Kota scored 18, while Vinit Kamat and Barhan Dash failed to make significant contributions.

Aaradhya Goel and Sai Naik then steadied the innings with a valuable 53-run partnership for the fourth wicket. Goel contributed 21 before departing, while Naik played a determined knock of 42 to provide some stability to the Goa innings.

However, Goa suffered another setback as they slipped to 91 for five, putting the visitors under pressure.

With the innings in danger of falling apart, Afridsab Rajakannavar and Mohit Yadav joined forces to produce a crucial recovery. The duo stitched together an impressive 90-run partnership for the sixth wicket, bringing Goa back into the contest.

Rajakannavar scored a valuable 38, while Mohit continued to hold the innings together with an unbeaten 60. His composed batting proved instrumental in helping Goa cross the 190-run mark after their difficult start. At the close of play, Goa were 195 for six in 87 overs, with Mohit unbeaten on 60 and captain Chigurupati Venkata on nine.



Ayaan, Anjana, Aryaman, Sufiya, Shaheen, Aswin and Niharika Claim State Badminton Titles

Anjana completes a double crown as thrilling finals conclude the State Senior Ranking Tournament at Campal

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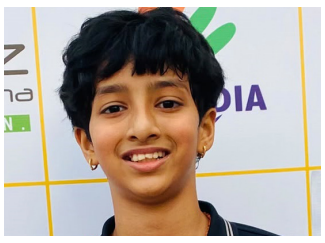
PANAJI: Ayaan Shaikh, Anjana Kumari, Aryaman Saraf, Sufiya Shaikh, Shaheen C K, Aswin Mannambalath and Niharika Parwar emerged among the title winners at the State Senior Men and Women Badminton Ranking Tournament 2026, held at the Indoor Stadium, Campal, on November 23 and 24. In men's singles, Ayaan defeated second seed Arjun Bhagat 19-17, 15-10 to claim the title. Anjana secured the women's singles crown after overcoming Sufiya 15-9, 13-15, 15-4. The men's doubles final produced an exciting contest as Aswin and Shaheen recovered from a game down to defeat Aryaman and Rudra Phadte 12-15, 15-11, 15-13. Anjana teamed up with Niharika to win the women's doubles title, defeating Riya Haldankar and Yasmin Sayed 15-7, 14-16, 15-9. The victory gave Anjana her second title of the tournament. In mixed doubles, Aryaman and Sufiya defeated Shaheen and Niharika 15-10, 15-6 to claim the championship. Earlier, Ayaan defeated top seed Nishant Shenai 15-10, 12-15, 15-11 in the men's singles semifinals, while Arjun beat Advait Balakrishnan 15-6, 19-17. In women's singles, Anjana overcame Shivanjali Thite 15-6, 15-13, while Sufiya defeated Niharika 15-12, 9-15, 15-11.



Goa's Amaira Dhumatker Storms Into U-11 National Final, Eyes Gold

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PANAJI: Goa's rising badminton star Amaira Amar Dhumatker is one win away from national gold after defeating Maharashtra's Risha Kadian in the girls' singles semifinals of the Yonex-Sunrise 5th Mini (U-11) National Badminton Championships 2026.

The top seed held her nerve in a closely contested encounter, winning 15-13, 15-13 to book her place in the final at Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Earlier, Amaira produced a dominant quarterfinal performance, defeating Rajasthan's Rashi Singhal 15-6, 15-4 to advance to the last four.

With this achievement, she has become the first Goan player to reach the U-11 girls' singles semifinals in successive editions of the national championships.

Amaira won bronze at last year's Nationals in Gujarat at just nine years of age. Her latest victory guarantees at least a silver medal and a second consecutive national medal for Goa.

Siddharth Ghanekar's Last-Ball Heroics Seal Third Win for MCC Masters

Unbeaten 28 off 12 deliveries guides Masters to a thrilling three-wicket victory in MCL-12

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MARGAO: MCC Masters registered their third victory in the Members Cricket League (MCL-12), organised by Margao Cricket Club, defeating MCC Knights by three wickets in a thrilling contest under lights at the MCC ground in Margao on Wednesday.

Batting first, MCC Knights posted 156 for eight in their allotted 20 overs. Sairaj Dhond led the batting effort with 33 off 21 deliveries, while



Sudip Narayan contributed 27. Dr Rohan Badve (17) and Kapil Borkar (16) provided valuable runs to help Knights set a competitive target.

For MCC Masters, Shreyash Usgaonkar delivered an impressive bowling performance, claiming four wickets for 26 runs. Sudesh Prabhudesai picked up two wickets, while Shailesh Redkar added one. Chasing 157, MCC Masters made a flying start as Dr Pawan Rane and Sudip Phaldesai added 62 runs for the opening wicket in just 7.1 overs. Rane scored 26, while Phaldesai contributed 37. However, the Knights bowlers fought back, putting pressure on the chase as Masters slipped to 117 for six in 16 overs.

Anaya, Shaurya, Tisha and Sachi Storm Into Finals at State Table Tennis Championship

U11 and U13 title clashes confirmed as young paddlers battle for honours at Peddem

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PEDDEM: Anaya Shukla, Shaurya Dessai, Tisha Shaikh and Sachi Dessai booked their places in the finals of the girls' U11 and U13 categories at the Late Manohar Sawkar State Table Tennis Championships 2026, being held at the Multipurpose Stadium, Peddem.

Anaya and Shaurya will face each other in the U11 final, while Tisha and Sachi will compete for the U13 title. The championships are organised by the North Goa District Council under the aegis of the Goa Table Tennis Association.

In the girls' U11 quarterfinals, Anaya Shukla defeated Tasha Mascarenhas 3-0, while Tvisha Kotkar overcame Claire George in a closely contested 3-2 encounter. Vanlalhriatpuii registered a 3-1 victory over Sanaz Shaikh, and Shaurya Dessai secured a comfortable 3-0 win against Swara Gude.

The semifinals saw Anaya continue her impressive run with a 3-0 victory over Tvisha. Shaurya also produced a dominant performance, defeating Vanlalhriatpuii by an identical margin to secure her place in the final.

In the U13 category, Tisha Shaikh defeated Lalruatsangi 3-0, while Vanlalrinzuali registered a 3-0 win over Kavya Mahambre. Inara D'Souza overcame Anaya Shukla 3-1, and Sachi Dessai defeated Rheann Menezes Gama 3-0 in the quarterfinals.

Tisha continued her strong campaign in the semifinals, beating Vanlalrinzuali 3-1. Sachi faced a tougher challenge against Inara but managed to secure a hard-fought 3-2 victory to enter the final.

Meanwhile, the girls' U9 category also witnessed two convincing semifinal performances. Spruha Kamat defeated Kaitlyn Fernandes 3-0, while Ronisha Sakhardande registered an identical 3-0 victory over Swara Gude. The results set up an exciting final between Spruha and Ronisha.