Happy Diwali

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# Governor and Chief Minister extend Diwali greetings to people of Goa

■ Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju and Dr Pramod Sawant call for peace, communal harmony, unity and a safe, prosperous Diwali



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**PANAJI:** Goa Governor Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju and Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant have extended their heartiest greetings and best wishes to the people of Goa on the occasion of Diwali.

In his message, Governor Raju described Diwali, the Festival of Lights, as one of the most significant festivals of the country, celebrated with enthusiasm and joy across religions, castes and communities.

He said the festival symbolises the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance, while spreading the message of love, peace, prosperity and unity.

The Governor said the tradition of lighting diyas, decorating homes, exchanging sweets and gifts, and worshipping Goddess Lakshmi reminds people to remove negativity and embrace kindness, hope and positivity. He urged people to eradicate social evils and reaffirm their commitment to peace, communal harmony, goodwill, patience and prosperity. He also called for strengthening mutual respect and unity among all sections of society to build a peaceful and harmonious nation.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant extended his warm greetings to the people of Goa and Goenkars across the world on the auspicious occasion of Deepawali.

In his message, Sawant said Diwali marks the homecoming of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after defeating Ravana and symbolises the eternal victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.

He said the festival brings families together and fills homes and hearts with joy and hope. He urged people to spread compassion, brotherhood and unity while celebrating the festival. The Chief Minister said Goa has always been known for its harmony, peace and rich cultural heritage, and called upon people to preserve these values while working together towards building a Swayampurna and Viksit Goa.

# Archbishop extends Diwali greetings

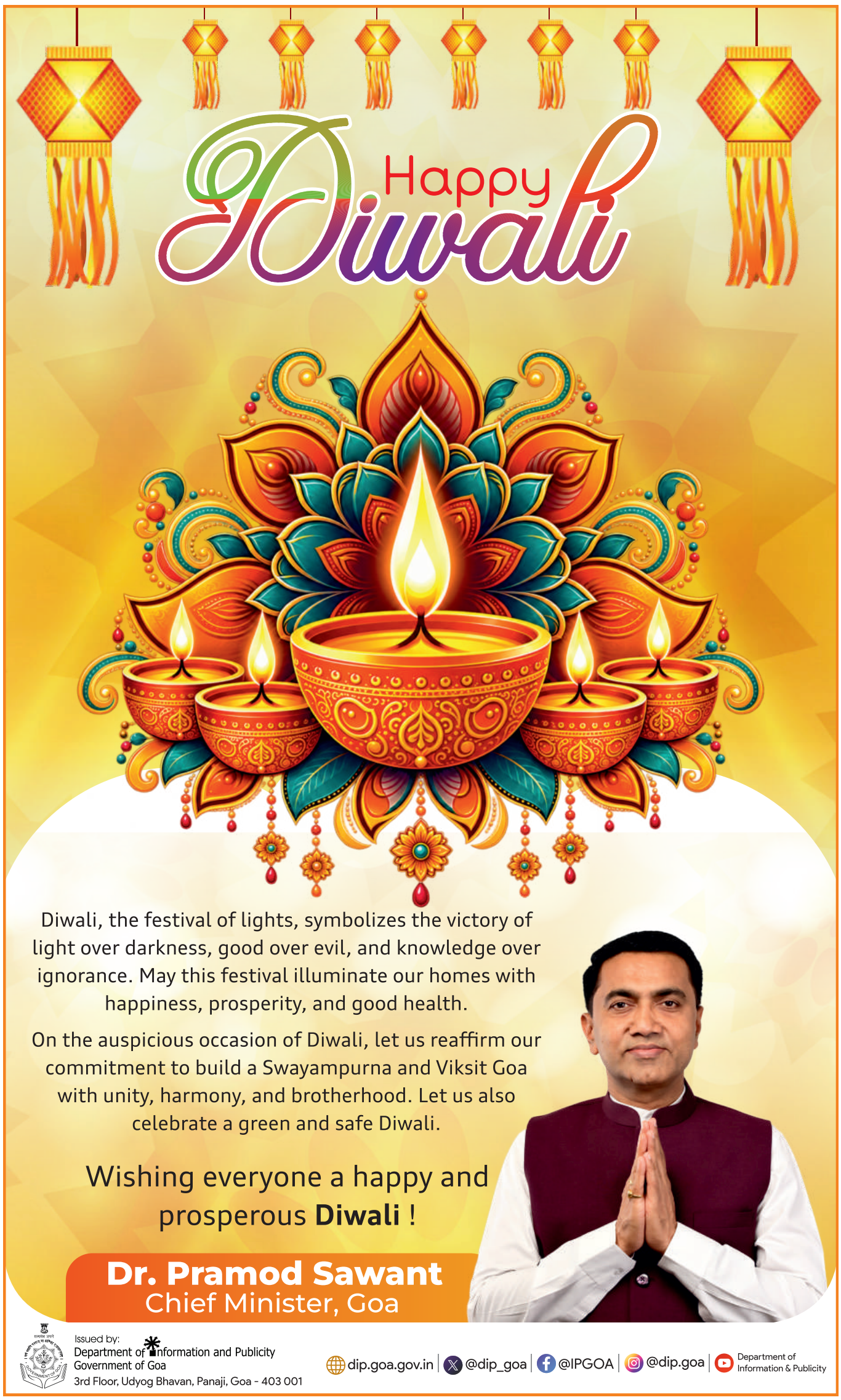
■ Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrão urges people to strengthen bonds of fraternity through dialogue, mutual respect and compassion

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**PANAJI:** Archbishop-Patriarch of Goa and Daman, Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrão, along with Auxiliary Bishop Simiao Fernandes, has extended warm Diwali greetings to the Hindu community on behalf of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman. In his Diwali message, Cardinal Ferrão highlighted the

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# Mining Revival: Will This Diwali Bring Back Goa's Lost Prosperity?

The Chief Minister's push to review 153 mining leases in the Western Ghats offers fresh hope to thousands of mining-dependent Goans. But after years of uncertainty, the people of the mining belt need action, not another round of political assurances.

For thousands of families in Goa's mining belt, this Diwali could bring something more valuable than festive celebrations: a renewed hope that the industry which once sustained their livelihoods may finally see a meaningful revival.

Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant's latest pitch to reopen 153 iron ore mining leases located within the ecologically sensitive areas of the Western Ghats has put mining back at the centre of Goa's economic and political conversation. His appeal for a scientific assessment of these areas and a review under the applicable legal framework could potentially open a new chapter for the state's beleaguered mining sector.

But the question is whether this will translate into action or remain another promise that mining-dependent families will carry into yet another election.

There is no denying that mining has been the economic backbone of several parts of Goa. From Bicholim and Sattari to Dharbandora, Sanguem and Quepem, entire communities have depended on mining, directly or indirectly. Truck owners, barge operators, machinery suppliers, transport workers, small businesses, restaurants and local traders have all been part of an economic ecosystem built around the industry.

When mining came to a halt following the Supreme Court's intervention, the impact went far beyond mine owners. Thousands of ordinary Goans suddenly found themselves without a dependable source of income. Businesses collapsed, trucks remained idle, and families that had invested their savings in mining-related activities were pushed into financial uncertainty.

The subsequent auction-based revival brought some hope, but the pace of operations has been far from what the mining belt expected.

The Chief Minister has now put forward some encouraging numbers. Goa's existing annual mineral production has reached approximately 19.15 million tonnes against the Supreme Court-prescribed ceiling of 20 million tonnes. The government believes that fresh mining, together with the utilisation of existing ore dumps, could eventually raise production capacity to 45 million tonnes annually.

At full capacity, the sector could generate an estimated Rs 4,000 crore in annual revenue and create 4,000 to 5,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities. The government has also auctioned 20 additional dumps containing approximately 39 million tonnes of material, with approvals being pursued for their operationalisation.

These are significant possibilities. But they must not be confused with achievements already delivered.

The proposal concerning 153 leases is particularly important. The government has sought a scientific review of villages falling within the Western Ghats eco-sensitive areas, arguing that mineral resources should be considered for auction wherever legally permissible without compromising ecological protection.

This is where the real challenge begins. These leases are not simply waiting for a government order to resume operations. Their status involves environmental restrictions, forest clearances and judicial considerations. The Supreme Court's interventions cannot be bypassed through political announcements. Any reopening must withstand legal scrutiny and satisfy environmental requirements.

And rightly so.

Goa cannot afford to repeat the mistakes of its mining past. Illegal extraction, environmental degradation, damaged water resources and inadequate monitoring cannot be ignored in the name of economic revival. Mining must generate prosperity without destroying the very land and natural resources that sustain local communities. The government must also demonstrate that it has learnt from the past. Digital tracking, satellite monitoring, transparent auctions, independent mineral testing and strict enforcement should become non-negotiable features of the new mining regime.

However, environmental protection should not become an excuse for administrative paralysis either. Where mining can legally and responsibly take place, the government must ensure that clearances are processed efficiently and genuine obstacles are resolved without unnecessary delays.

The political timing of the announcement cannot be overlooked. With the February 2027 Assembly elections approaching, mining is once again becoming an important electoral issue. The BJP understands that the mining belt represents a substantial political constituency, and the promise of revival could resonate strongly among voters who have waited years for their livelihoods to return.

But mining-dependent Goans have heard enough assurances over the years. They do not need another political slogan. They need working mines, operational dumps, employment opportunities and business activity that puts money into household budgets.

This Diwali, the government has offered a glimmer of hope. It must now follow it with a credible roadmap, clear timelines and measurable progress.

The revival of mining should not be treated as an election promise or a favour to influential stakeholders. It must be seen as an economic necessity for communities that have paid a heavy price for the prolonged uncertainty. There is, indeed, reason for mining-dependent Goans to feel a little more optimistic this festive season. But hope alone cannot pay school fees, repay bank loans or put food on the table. This Diwali, give the mining belt more than the promise of prosperity. Give it a reason to believe that the wheels of its economy will finally start turning again.

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## EDITOR SPEAKS

# Ministerial Position Brings Responsibility, Not Just Recognition

The induction of Mormugao MLA Sankalp Amonkar into the Goa Cabinet marks an important moment in his political career. While he has expressed happiness over finally getting a ministerial berth, the larger expectation from the people is that he will now translate this opportunity into meaningful public service.

Amonkar's elevation follows the vacancy created by the demise of former minister Ravi Naik. His gratitude towards voters, supporters, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and the BJP leadership is understandable. However, becoming a Cabinet minister comes with responsibilities that go far beyond political recognition.

As an elected representative from Mormugao, Amonkar will be expected to address several issues affecting his constituency and contribute to the overall development of Goa. People expect ministers to be accessible, responsive and committed to resolving public grievances.

His political journey, including his election on a Congress ticket in 2022 and subsequent move to the BJP, has also remained part of Goa's wider political discussion. Nevertheless, his performance as a minister will ultimately be judged by his work and delivery. The people of Goa do not need ministers who merely celebrate their elevation. They need leaders who use their positions to improve infrastructure, generate employment and address everyday public concerns.

A ministerial chair is an opportunity to serve, not simply a reward for political loyalty. Amonkar now has the responsibility to demonstrate through his actions that the confidence placed in him by the leadership and the people is justified.

**- Vijay Prabhu,** Vasco, Goa

# Goa Needs Greater Representation of Women in Cabinet

The statement by BJP Goa President Damu Naik that the state should have a woman minister after the 2027 Assembly elections has brought an important issue into focus: women's representation in decision-making positions.

Goa has several women who have contributed to public life, administration and social development. Their participation in governance should not remain limited to elected representation but should also extend to important ministerial responsibilities.

Naik's reference to MLA Deviya Rane and her work at the Goa Forest Development Corporation has added another dimension to the discussion. While he has expressed confidence in her ability to lead a ministry, the larger question is whether political parties are genuinely committed to creating more opportunities for women in leadership positions.

Women in politics should be recognised for their experience, public work, administrative abilities and contributions to their constituencies. Ministerial appointments must ultimately be based on merit, responsibility and the ability to deliver results.

The state needs a political environment where women leaders are given equal opportunities to participate in policy-making and administration. Representation should not be treated merely as an election-time promise or a political statement.

As Goa moves towards the 2027 Assembly elections, political parties should clearly communicate their approach to women's participation in governance. A woman's presence in the Cabinet would be meaningful not simply as a symbolic appointment, but as an opportunity to ensure broader representation in the state's decision-making process.

**- Meena Kamat,** Porvorim, Goa

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# Diwali: The Celebration of Righteousness, Wealth and Happiness

Diwali, the festival of lights, is celebrated with great enthusiasm across India, symbolising the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness and hope over despair. In Goa, the celebrations have a distinctive cultural touch, beginning with the traditional burning of Narkasur effigies during the early hours of Naraka Chaturdashi.

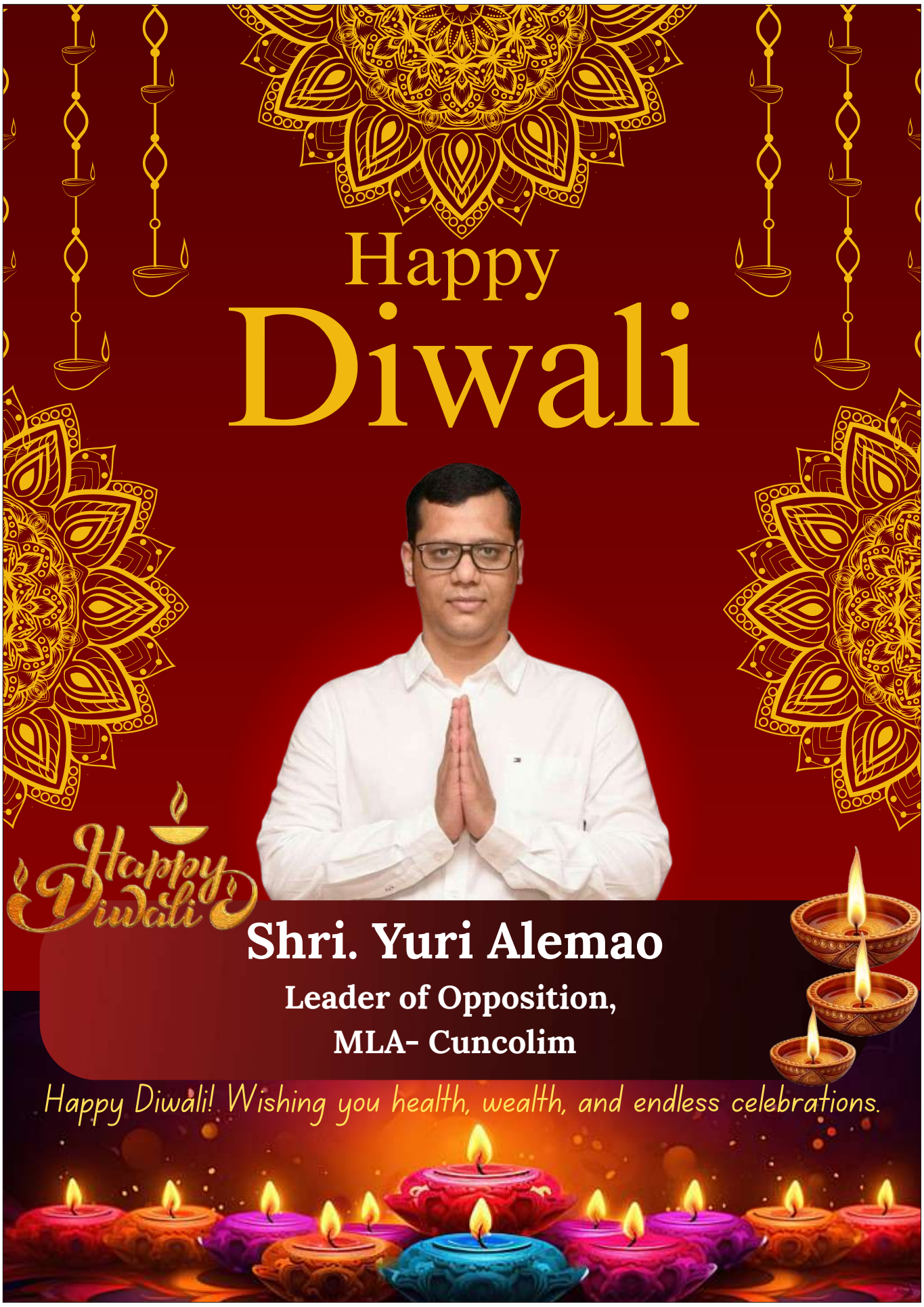
According to Hindu mythology, Narakasura was a powerful demon king whose arrogance and atrocities troubled the heavens and earth. Lord Krishna, accompanied by Satyabhama, defeated him, bringing an end to his tyranny. In Goa, this victory is commemorated through the creation of enormous Narkasur effigies using bamboo, paper and other materials. These figures are paraded through streets before being burnt, symbolising the destruction of evil.

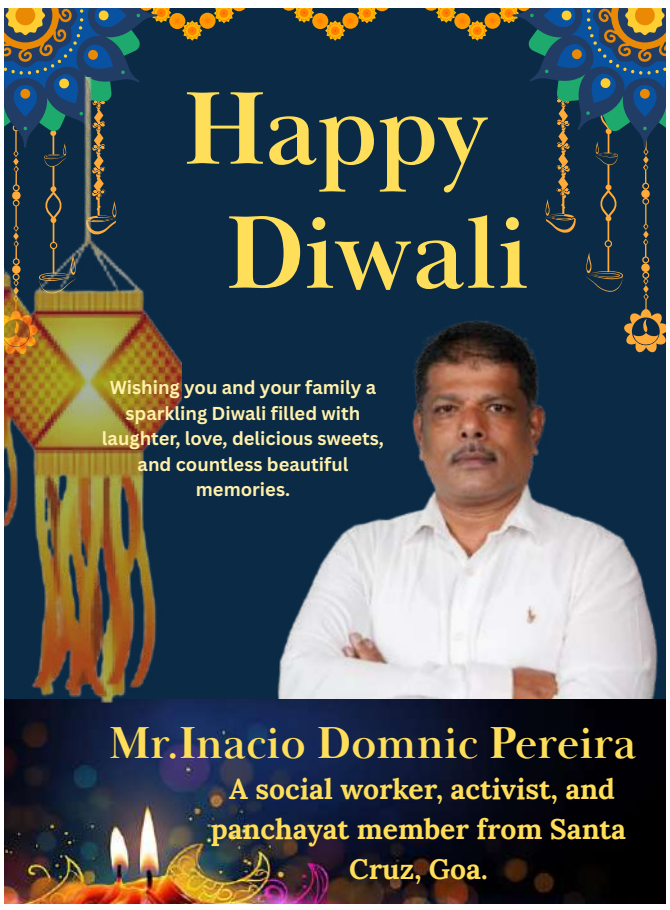
Following this tradition, families welcome Diwali by cleaning and decorating their homes with flowers, rangoli and colourful decorations.

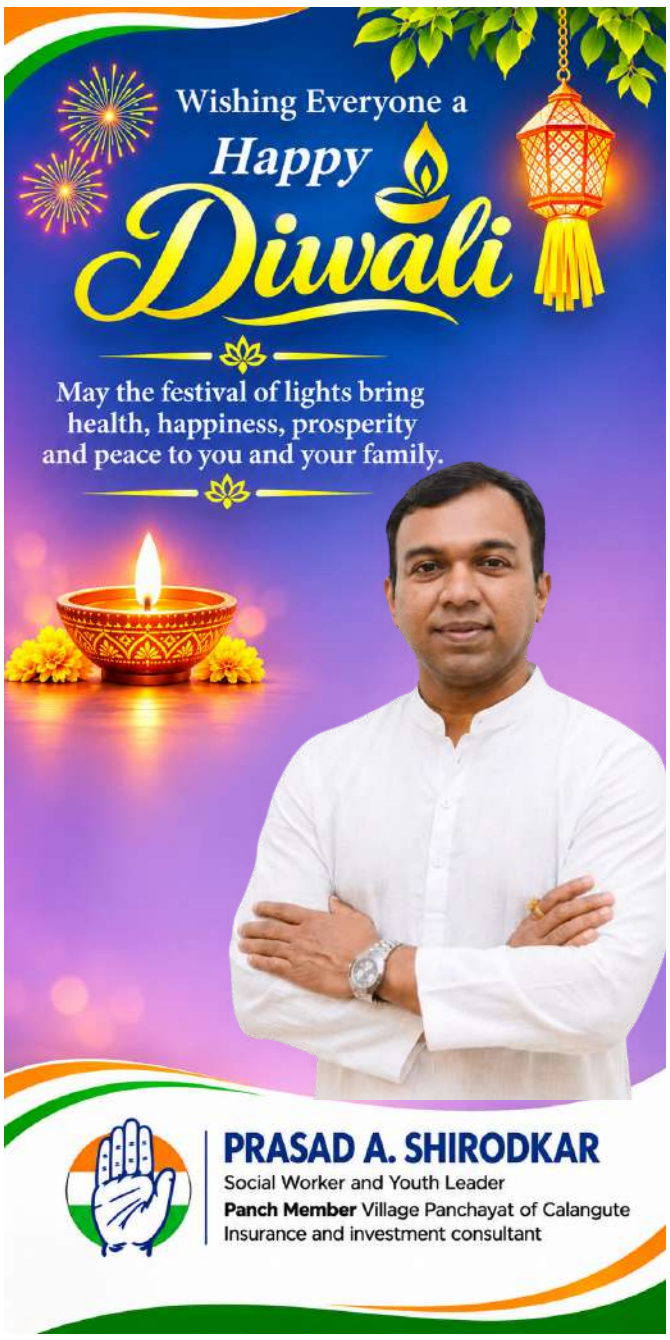
Traditional oil lamps and diyas are placed at entrances, windows and throughout homes, creating an atmosphere of happiness and celebration.

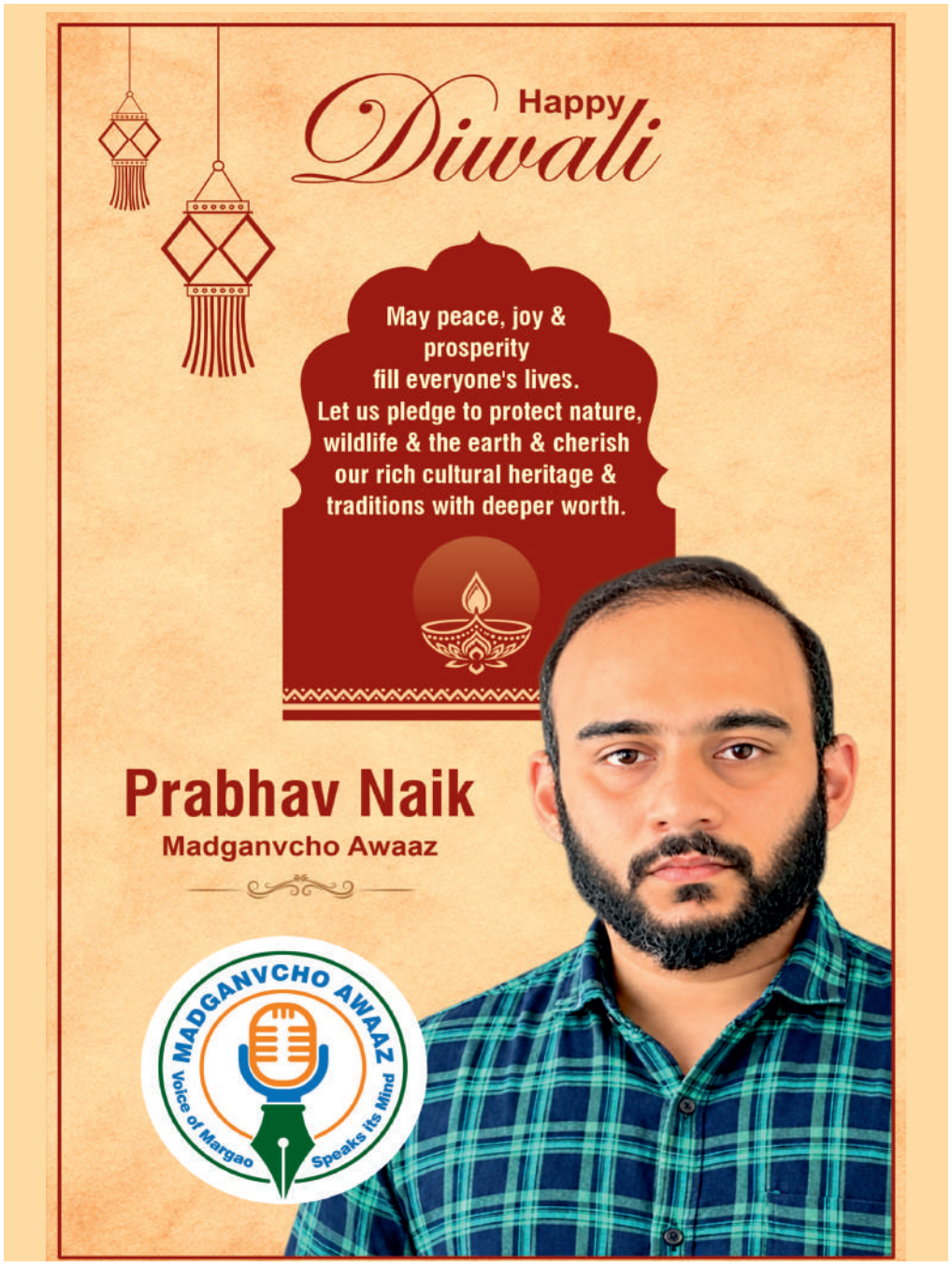
An important part of Diwali is Lakshmi Puja, dedicated to Goddess Lakshmi, the deity of wealth and prosperity. Devotees also worship Lord Ganesha, seeking wisdom and the removal of obstacles. In some households, Goddess Saraswati is worshipped for knowledge and learning. The puja involves offering flowers, kumkum, turmeric, rice, fruits and sweets, followed by aarti.

Families distribute prasad and exchange greetings with friends and neighbours. From the burning of Narkasur to the lighting of diyas and Lakshmi Puja, Diwali brings together mythology, devotion and community spirit, reminding everyone to embrace goodness, prosperity and positivity.



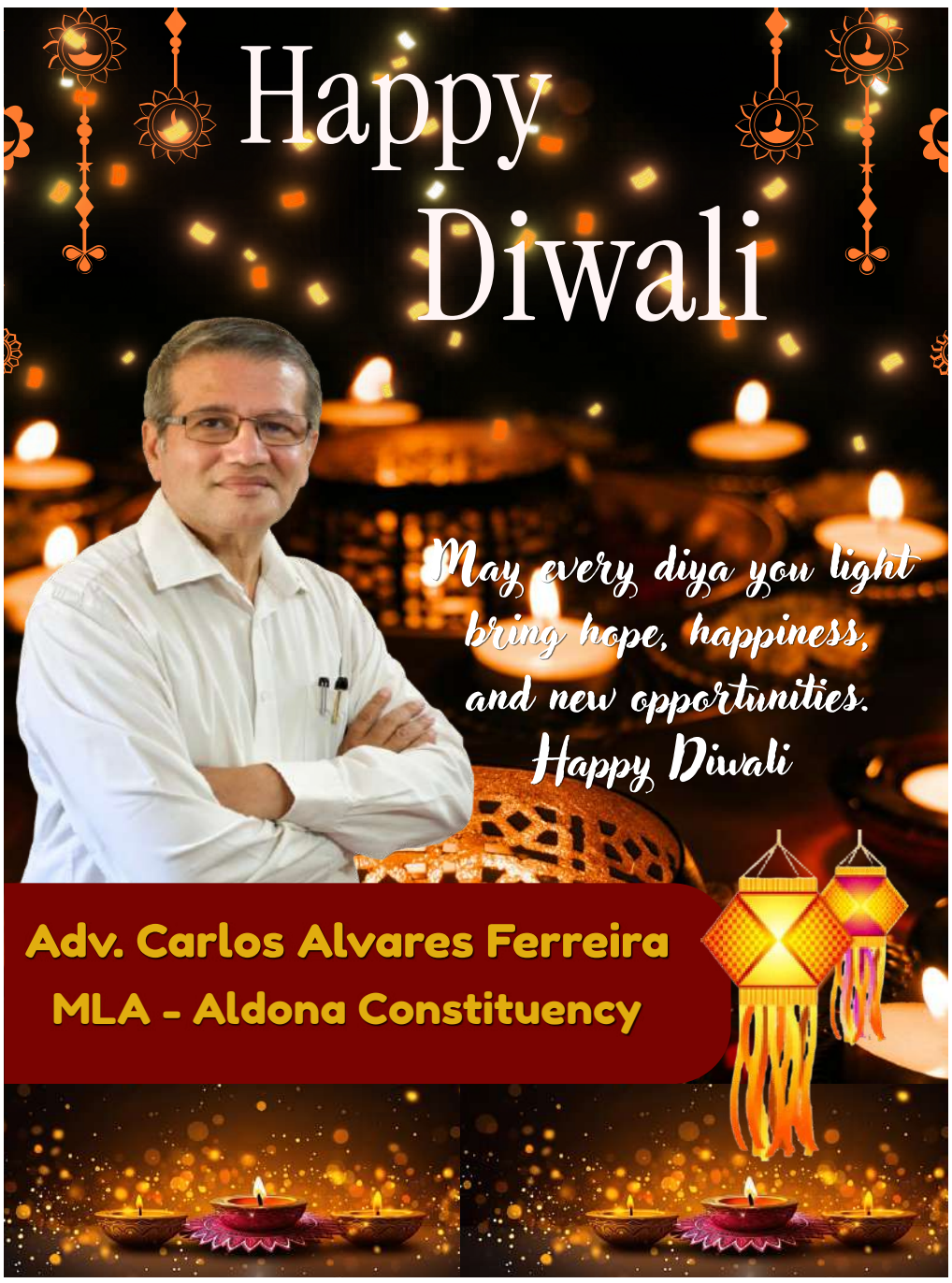



# Tilak, Prayers and Promises: Understanding the Significance of Bhai Dooj

Bhai Dooj is an important Hindu festival that celebrates the everlasting bond of love, affection and togetherness between brothers and sisters. Observed on the Dwitiya Tithi (second lunar day) of the Shukla Paksha in the Hindu month of Kartik, the festival traditionally marks the conclusion of the five-day Diwali celebrations.

Unlike Raksha Bandhan, where sisters tie a sacred thread or rakhi on their brothers' wrists, Bhai Dooj is marked by the ritual of applying a ceremonial tilak on the brother's forehead. Sisters perform aarti, offer prayers for their brothers' long life, good health and prosperity, and serve them traditional sweets. Brothers, in return, express their affection through gifts and promises of lifelong support.

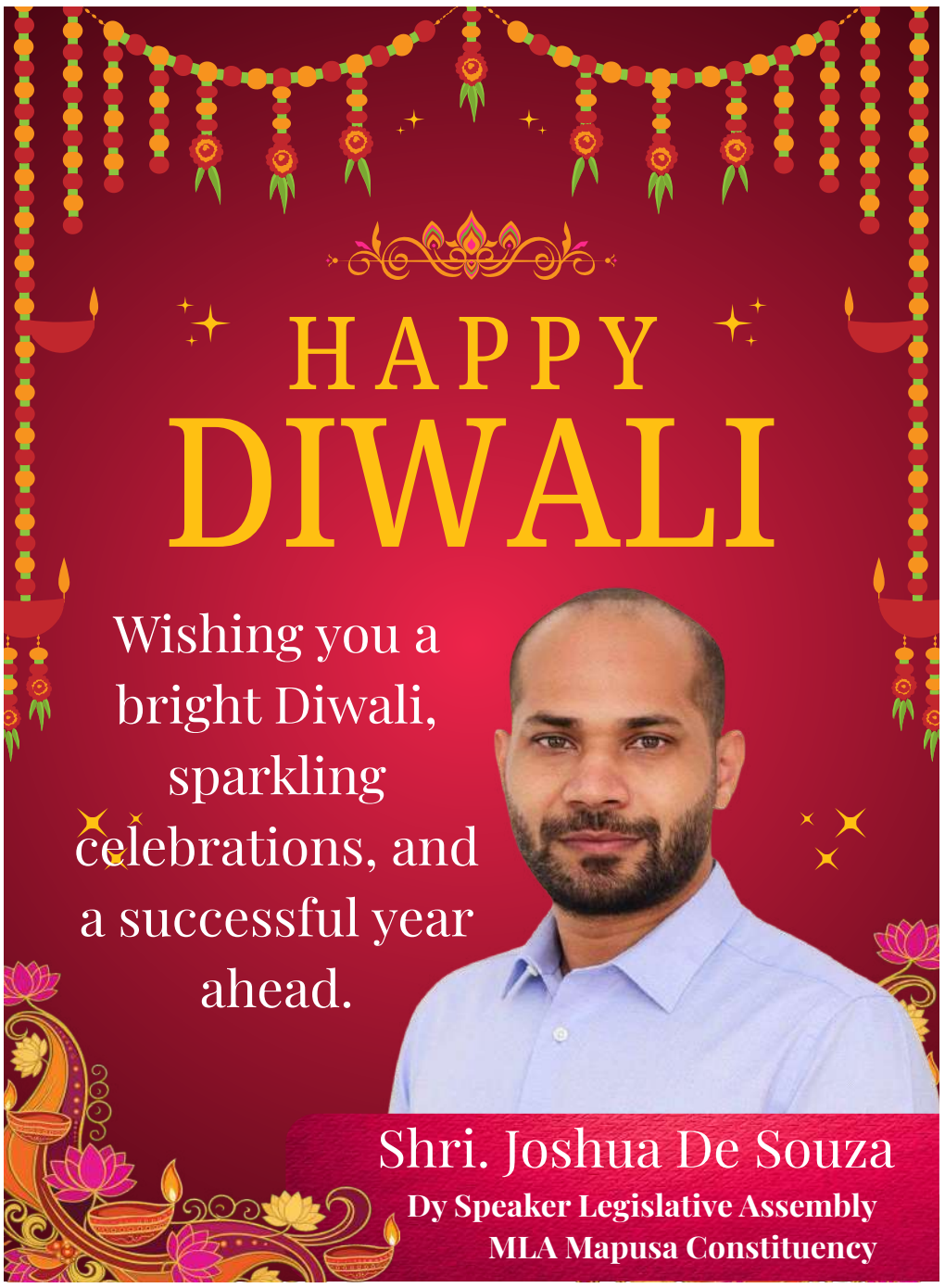
According to Hindu mythology, the festival is associated with Yamraj, the God of Death, and his sister Yamuna. Legend has it that Yamraj visited his sister after a long separation. Delighted by his arrival, Yamuna welcomed him with a tilak and a special feast. Touched by her affection, Yamraj blessed her and declared that brothers who receive tilak from their sisters on this day would be blessed with long life and protection. Hence, the festival is also known as Yama Dwitiya. Another popular legend connects the occasion with Lord Krishna's visit to his sister Subhadra after defeating the demon Narakasura. Beyond its religious significance, Bhai Dooj is a celebration of family values, mutual respect and unconditional love. The festival provides an opportunity for siblings to come together, renew their bond and cherish the special relationship that remains precious throughout life.

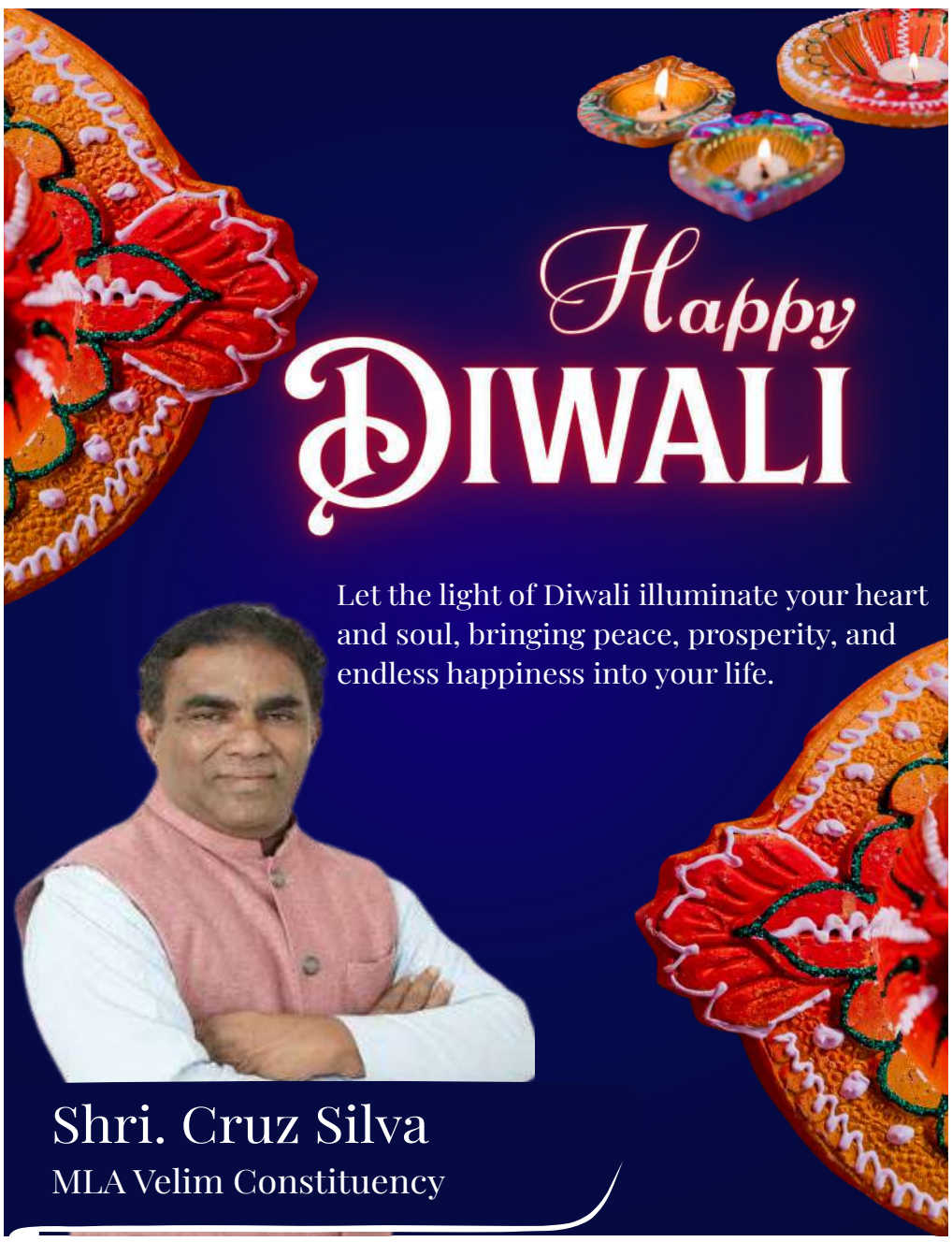


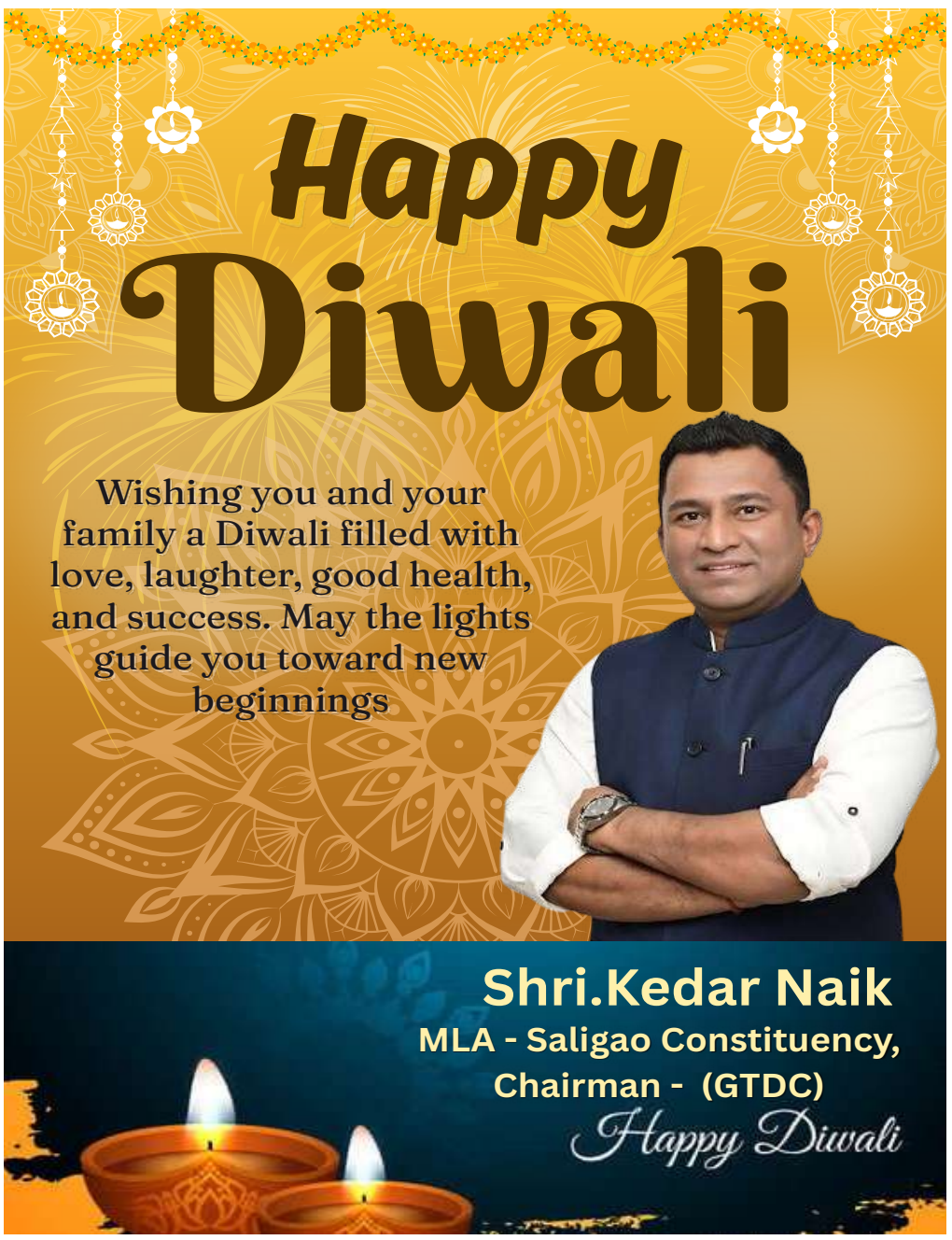




Let's celebrate the festival of lights by spreading joy, love, and happiness everywhere. Happy Diwali!
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Mr. Michael Lobo
MLA - Calangute
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HAPPY
DIWALI
Wishing you a bright Diwali, sparkling celebrations, and a successful year ahead.
Shri. Joshua De Souza
Dy Speaker Legislative Assembly
MLA Mapusa Constituency


Happy
DIWALI
Let the light of Diwali illuminate your heart and soul, bringing peace, prosperity, and endless happiness into your life.
Shri. Cruz Silva
MLA Velim Constituency


Happy
Diwali
Wishing you and your family a Diwali filled with love, laughter, good health, and success. May the lights guide you toward new beginnings
Shri.Kedar Naik
MLA - Saligao Constituency,
Chairman - (GTDC)
Happy Diwali



# VALPOI'S NEW SHIELD OF SAFETY

## CM Dr. Pramod Sawant inaugurated state-of-the-art emergency response facility, strengthening disaster preparedness and public safety across Sattari and North Goa's hinterland.

Goa is taking another significant step towards strengthening public safety and emergency preparedness with the inauguration of a modern fire station at Valpoi by Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant. The state-of-the-art facility is a major addition to the emergency response infrastructure of Sattari and the surrounding hinterland, bringing advanced firefighting, rescue and disaster management capabilities closer to the people.

Designed as a 24x7 integrated emergency response hub, the new fire station is equipped to handle a wide range of emergencies, including fire incidents, road accidents, floods, forest fires and other disaster-related operations. Its strategic location is expected to strengthen emergency response across Sattari taluka and neighbouring areas of North Goa.



The facility reflects the government's commitment to building a safer and more resilient Goa through modern infrastructure and improved public services.

The new station boasts an appliance bay with capacity for two water tenders and one rescue tender, along with provisions for ambulance services and motorcycle rapid response units. A fully equipped control room and dedicated turnout facilities will support round-the-clock operational readiness.

Beyond emergency response infrastructure, the station also places considerable emphasis on the welfare, fitness and professional development of firefighters. It houses a modern training room, gymnasium, dormitories and a drill tower, providing personnel with facilities to enhance their skills, physical fitness and operational preparedness.

The inauguration took place in the presence of Health and TCP Minister Shri Vishwajit Rane, MLA and GSIDC Chairman Shri Michael Lobo and other dignitaries.

Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant's focus on strengthening essential public infrastructure reflects the government's larger vision of ensuring quality services and better living conditions for people across Goa, including its hinterland.

For the people of Valpoi and Sattari, the modern fire station represents more than a new government facility. It is an assurance of quicker assistance, improved emergency management and greater protection for lives and property.

With modern equipment, trained personnel and dedicated facilities, Valpoi is now better positioned to meet the challenges of emergency response.

A safer Goa begins with preparedness. The modern Valpoi Fire Station stands as another important milestone in the state's commitment to protecting its people.






# SARKAR TUMCHYA DARI

# BRINGS GOVERNANCE TO DOORSTEP

**Goa's public outreach initiative takes ministers and officials to talukas, providing citizens direct access to government and faster resolution of grievances.**









Governance becomes meaningful when it reaches the people, listens to their concerns and delivers solutions where they are needed most. With this vision, the Goa Government's Sarkar Tumchya Dari initiative is bringing administration closer to citizens by taking ministers, government officials and public services directly to villages and talukas across the state.

The initiative reflects Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant's commitment to ensuring accessible, responsive and people-centric governance. Instead of citizens having to repeatedly visit government offices in search of solutions, Sarkar Tumchya Dari provides them an opportunity to meet ministers and officials in their own areas, explain their problems and seek timely intervention.

Through these public interaction programmes, ministers are personally engaging with residents, hearing grievances and directing concerned departments to take appropriate action. Issues relating to drinking water, roads, electricity, land matters, forest clearances, welfare schemes and other essential services are being brought directly to the attention of the administration.

The recent interaction with citizens under the initiative, in the presence of Social Welfare Minister Subhash Phal Dessai and government officials, is another example of this approach. Residents raised concerns regarding water supply, forest-related matters, roads and other local issues. The Chief Minister directed officers to act promptly, maintain regular follow-ups and ensure time-bound resolution.

Special emphasis was also placed on the smooth implementation of the Mhaje Ghar Scheme, with directions to avoid unnecessary administrative hurdles. A special camp at the Deputy Collector's Office was announced to facilitate the resolution of land-related matters.

What makes Sarkar Tumchya Dari significant is its emphasis on direct communication and accountability. The participation of ministers and departmental officials gives citizens an opportunity to explain their difficulties directly to decision-makers, while enabling the government to understand ground-level challenges.

By taking governance beyond the confines of government offices, the initiative is creating a more accessible administration and strengthening the relationship between citizens and the government.

Sarkar Tumchya Dari is more than a public grievance programme. It is governance in action, where the government comes to the people, listens to them and works towards solutions.

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# GOA TAKES LOCAL PRODUCTS GLOBAL

## State-level workshop on Free Trade Agreements explores export opportunities for Goan products, MSMEs and entrepreneurs.

Goa is looking beyond its traditional markets and preparing to take its homegrown products to the world. With a renewed focus on exports, international trade and entrepreneurship, the state is working to ensure that Goan businesses benefit from emerging global opportunities through India's network of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs).

In a significant step towards this vision, Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant inaugurated and interacted with participants at a State-Level Workshop on *Leveraging Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)*, organised by the Directorate of Industries, Trade and Commerce, Government of Goa, in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, and the Office of the Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, Mumbai.

The workshop brought together policymakers, industry representatives, trade experts and entrepreneurs to understand how FTAs can open international markets, reduce trade barriers and create new avenues for Goan businesses, particularly micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

The focus is on transforming Goa's distinctive local products into globally recognised brands. Chief Minister Dr. Sawant highlighted the export potential of GI-tagged Goan cashew, feni, mangoes and the iconic bebinca, emphasising the importance of quality standards, attractive packaging, certification and effective international marketing to make these products competitive in overseas markets.

Goa also enjoys strategic advantages through its expanding connectivity and infrastructure. Mormugao Port, Manohar International Airport and an extensive highway network provide important logistical support for businesses looking to expand their reach beyond domestic markets.

The workshop represents an effort to bridge the gap between international trade policies and local business opportunities, helping entrepreneurs understand export procedures, market access requirements and the benefits available under various trade agreements.

Aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Make in India and stronger global economic partnerships, Goa is positioning its industries and entrepreneurs to become active participants in India's international trade growth.

*From Goan cashew and feni to bebinca and emerging industries, the message is clear: Goa's products have the potential to travel the world. The state is creating the pathways to make that happen.*





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# GOA OPENS ITS DOORS TO GLOBAL INVESTORS

## Vibrant Goa Global Business Summit 2026 positions the coastal state as an emerging destination for investment, innovation, entrepreneurship and sustainable growth.

Goa is opening its doors to the world, inviting investors, entrepreneurs and global business leaders to become partners in its next phase of economic growth. With a vision to emerge as a global hub for trade, innovation and investment by 2037, the state is positioning itself as an attractive destination for businesses looking for opportunities in India's growing economy.

The Vibrant Goa Global Business Summit 2026, held from October 29 to 31 at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, marks an important step in this direction. Bringing together international delegates, policymakers, industry leaders and business representatives, the summit provides a platform to explore investment opportunities, build partnerships and establish global business connections.

Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant has articulated an ambitious vision of making Goa a developed state by 2037, well ahead of the national target of Viksit Bharat 2047. The government's focus is on attracting investments in emerging sectors such as semiconductors, electronics, green energy, the blue economy, technology, manufacturing and sustainable tourism.

Goa's economic fundamentals offer investors a promising starting point. With its Gross State Domestic Product crossing ₹1.12 lakh crore in 2024-25, the state is strengthening its infrastructure through investments in airports, roads, water supply and industrial development. Its industrial policies and Goa Startup Policy 2025 are aimed at creating a supportive ecosystem for businesses, startups and entrepreneurs.

The state is also investing in its most valuable resource, its people. Skill development, apprenticeships, coding, robotics and emerging technologies are being encouraged to prepare local youth for tomorrow's industries. Special attention is being given to helping micro, small and medium enterprises expand their operations and access wider markets.

The summit's international engagement, business publications, investment reports and proposed trade partnerships underline Goa's ambition to move beyond tourism and establish itself as a diversified economic destination.

Goa is not merely inviting investment. It is inviting partnerships, ideas and enterprises that can shape its future.

For investors seeking new opportunities in India, Goa presents a compelling proposition: a progressive vision, growing infrastructure, skilled talent and an administration focused on development.

Invest in Goa. Be part of a global opportunity. Be a partner in building Viksit Goa 2037.










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# Goa Engages Young Business Leaders

## CM Dr. Pramod Sawant interacts with young CEOs and entrepreneurs, highlighting investment opportunities, policy reforms and Goa's business potential











Goa is strengthening its position as an emerging business and investment destination, with a renewed focus on entrepreneurship, innovation and employment generation. Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant's interaction with young CEOs, entrepreneurs and business leaders at Dona Paula reflects the Government's approach of engaging directly with the business community to shape the State's economic future.

The informal dialogue provided a platform for young business leaders to exchange ideas, discuss challenges and explore opportunities for growth. More importantly, it highlighted the Government's commitment to building an ecosystem where businesses can flourish and young Goans are encouraged to become entrepreneurs and job creators.

Dr. Sawant emphasised that Goa's economic growth must go beyond its traditional sectors. The State has considerable potential in emerging industries, technology, manufacturing, services and innovation. Encouraging young entrepreneurs to explore these opportunities will be crucial in creating a diversified and resilient economy.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the Government's efforts to improve Ease of Doing Business through digitalisation, responsive governance and industry-friendly policies. Simplifying procedures, improving coordination and ensuring timely assistance to investors remain important priorities in making Goa an attractive destination for enterprises.

The Goa Investment Promotion Board has made significant progress, with around 250 projects approved, demonstrating the State's commitment to facilitating investments. The IDC Connect initiative is another step towards strengthening communication between industries and government agencies, ensuring that business-related concerns receive attention.

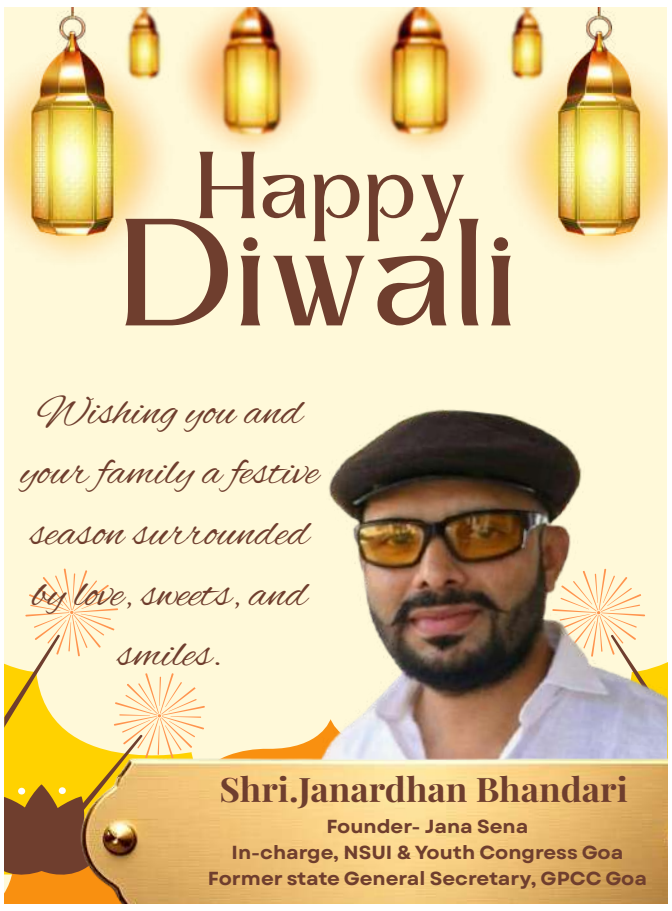
The upcoming Vibrant Goa Global Business Summit is expected to further strengthen Goa's investment profile by bringing together global investors, industry leaders and entrepreneurs. It will provide an opportunity to showcase the State's capabilities, identify new partnerships and open doors for fresh investments.

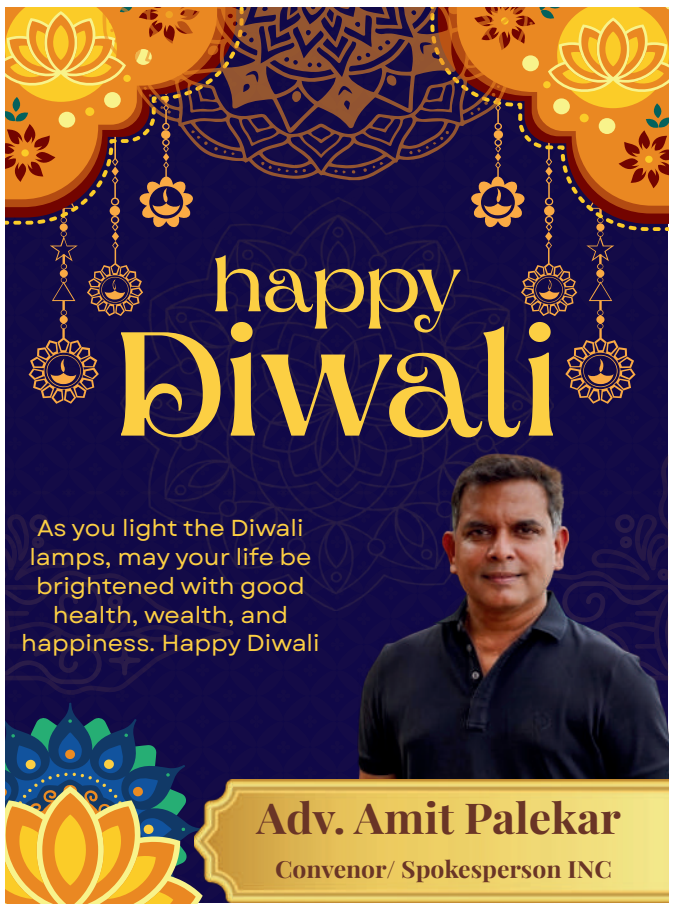
Welcoming suggestions from business leaders, Dr. Sawant reaffirmed the Government's commitment to continued engagement with industry and addressing challenges faced by enterprises.

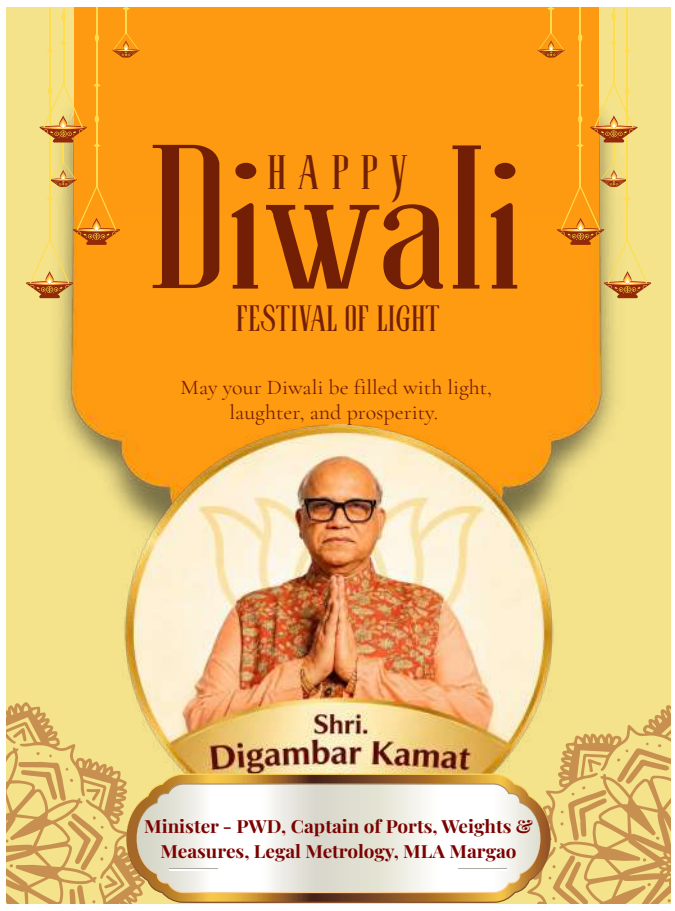
Goa's business future depends on the strength of its ideas, the confidence of its investors and the ambitions of its young entrepreneurs. By bringing government and industry closer, the State is working towards an economy that creates opportunities, encourages enterprise and delivers sustainable prosperity.



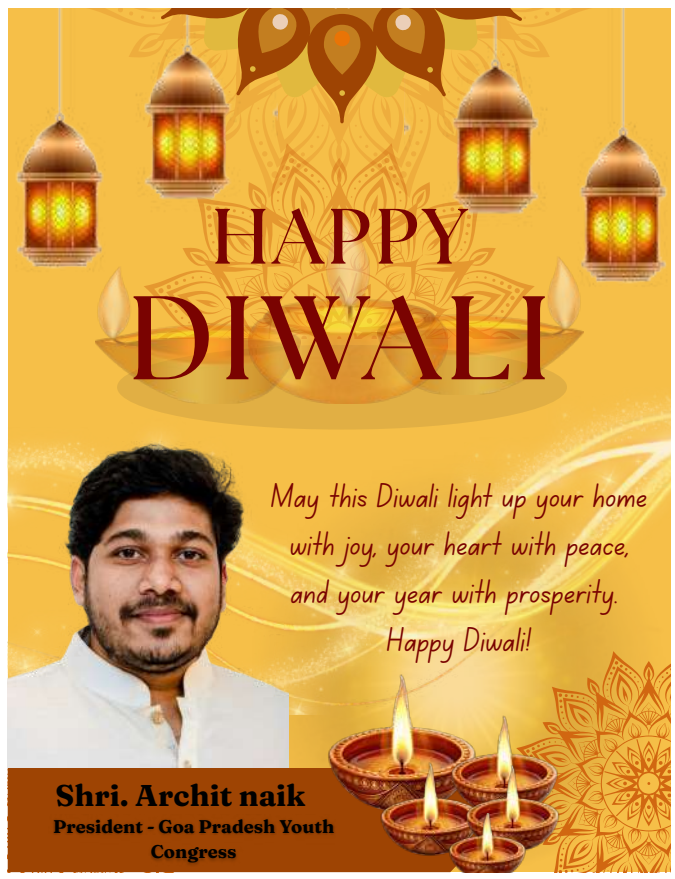
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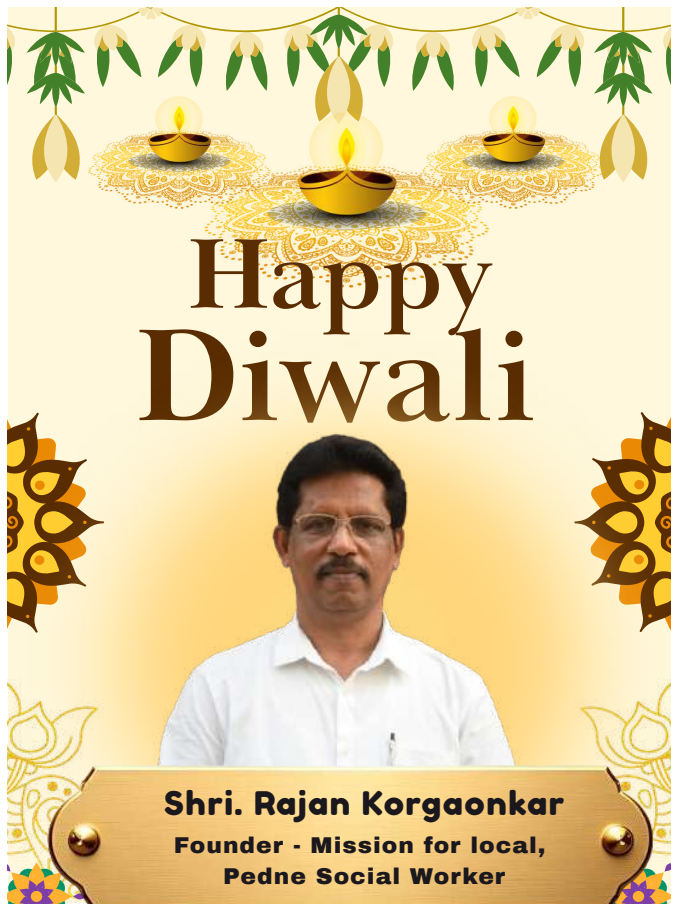

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Shri.Janardhan Bhandari
Founder- Jana Sena
In-charge, NSUI & Youth Congress Goa
Former state General Secretary, GPCC Goa


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As you light the Diwali lamps, may your life be brightened with good health, wealth, and happiness. Happy Diwali
Adv. Amit Palekar
Convenor/ Spokesperson INC


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FESTIVAL OF LIGHT
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# Goa lights up for Diwali, celebrates triumph of good over evil

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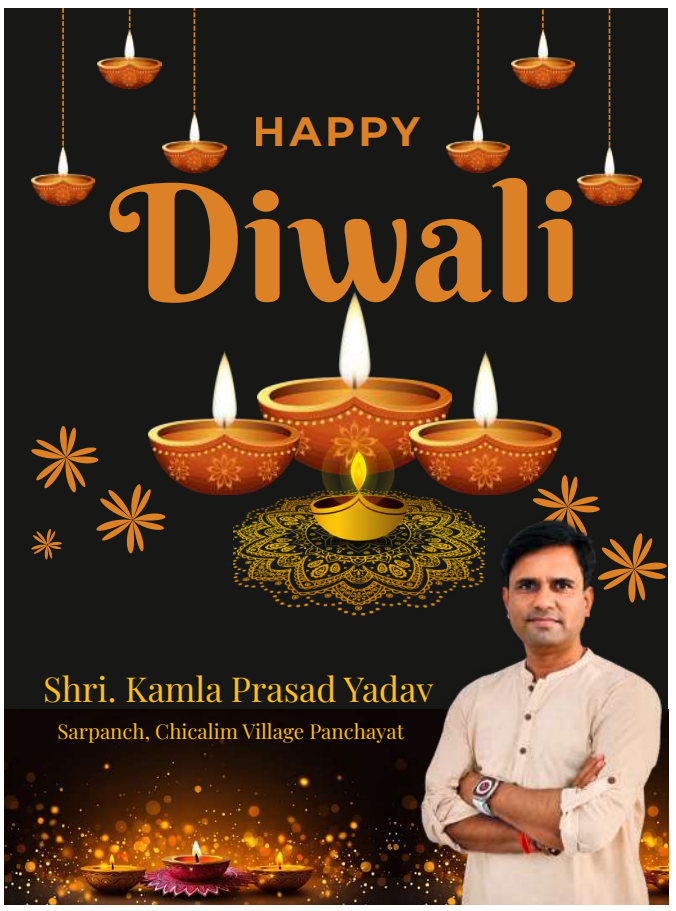


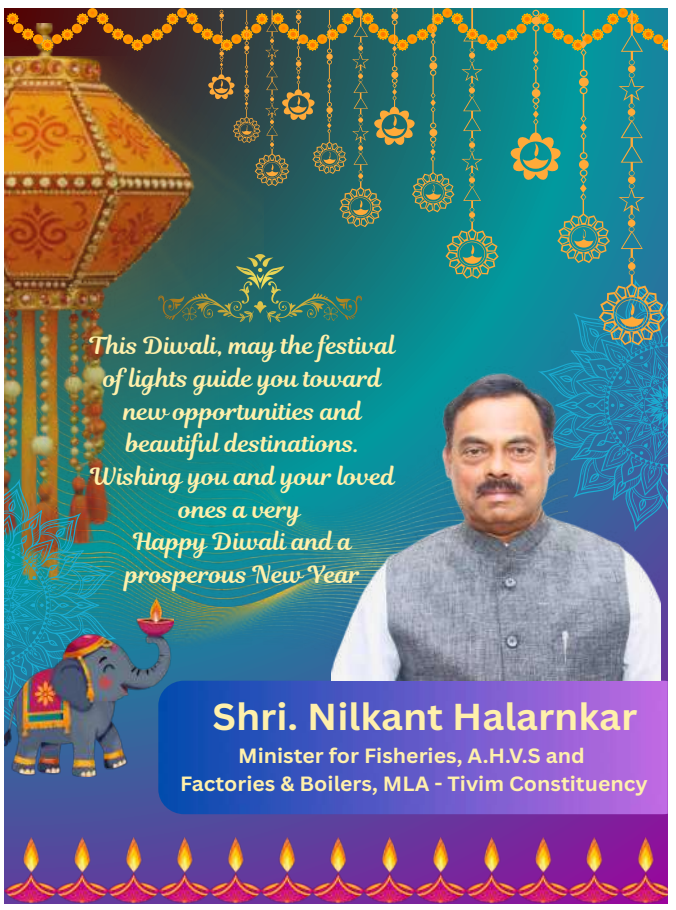
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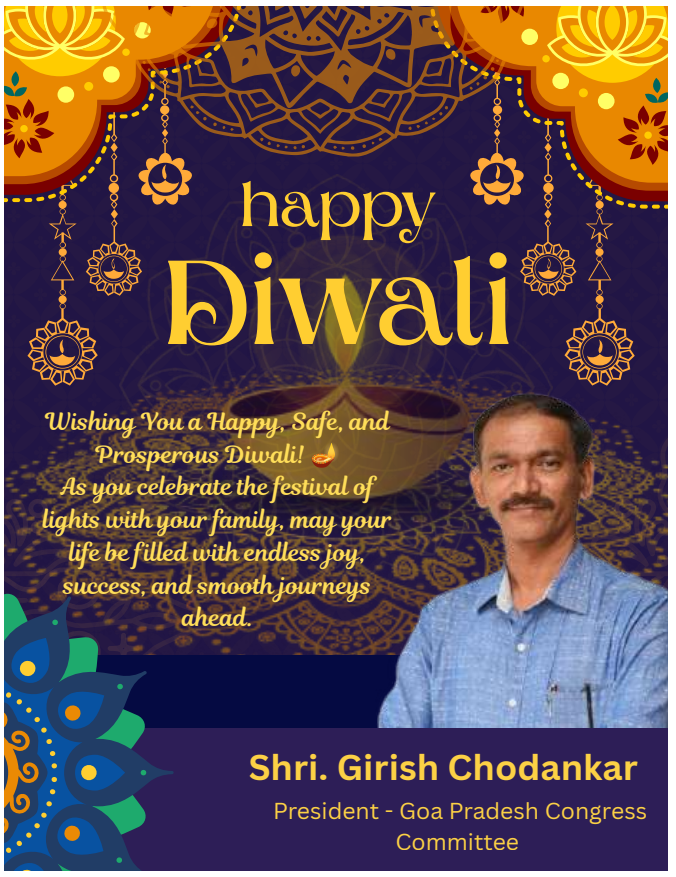
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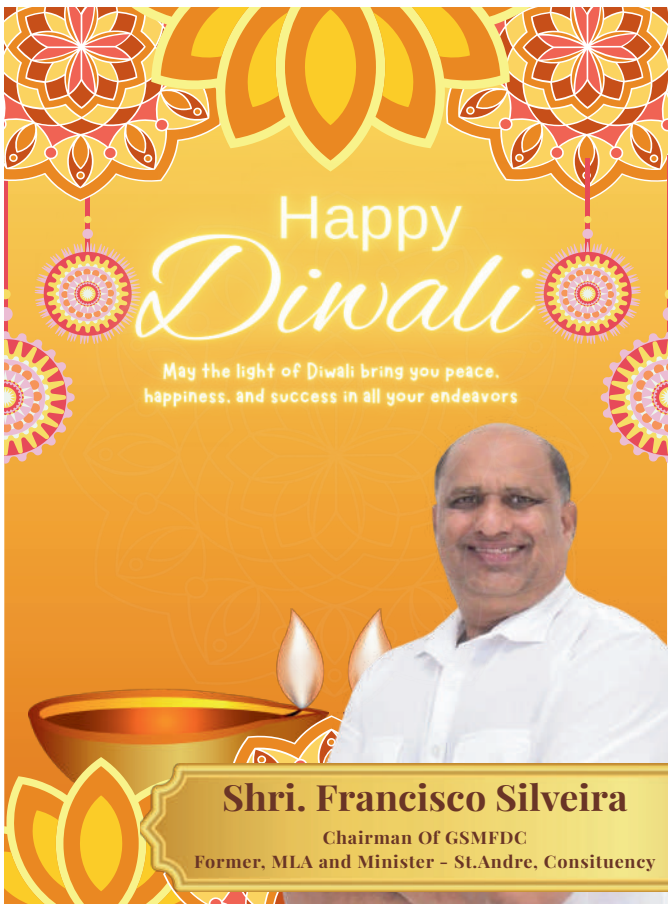


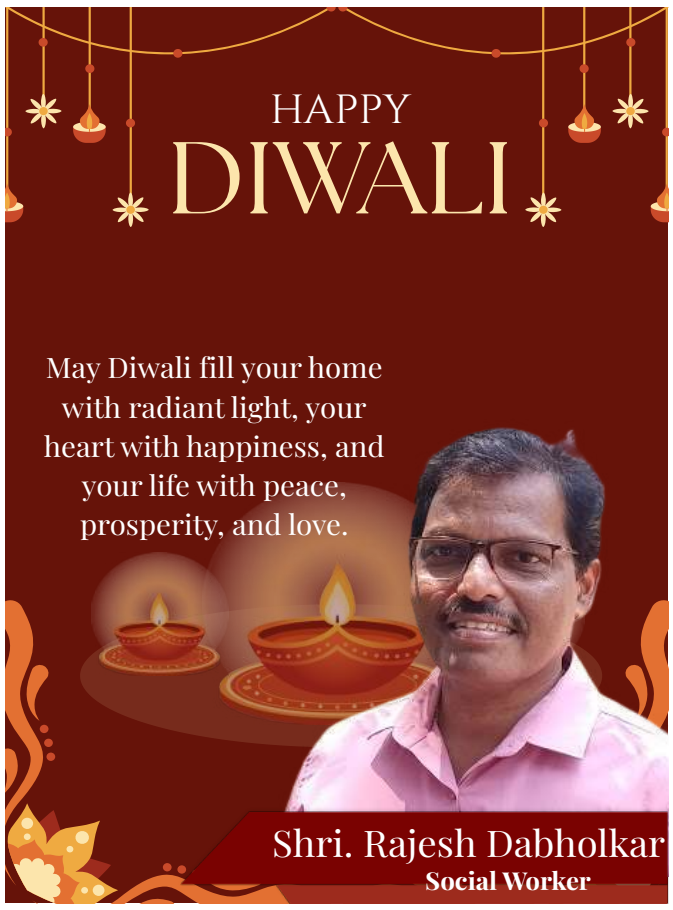



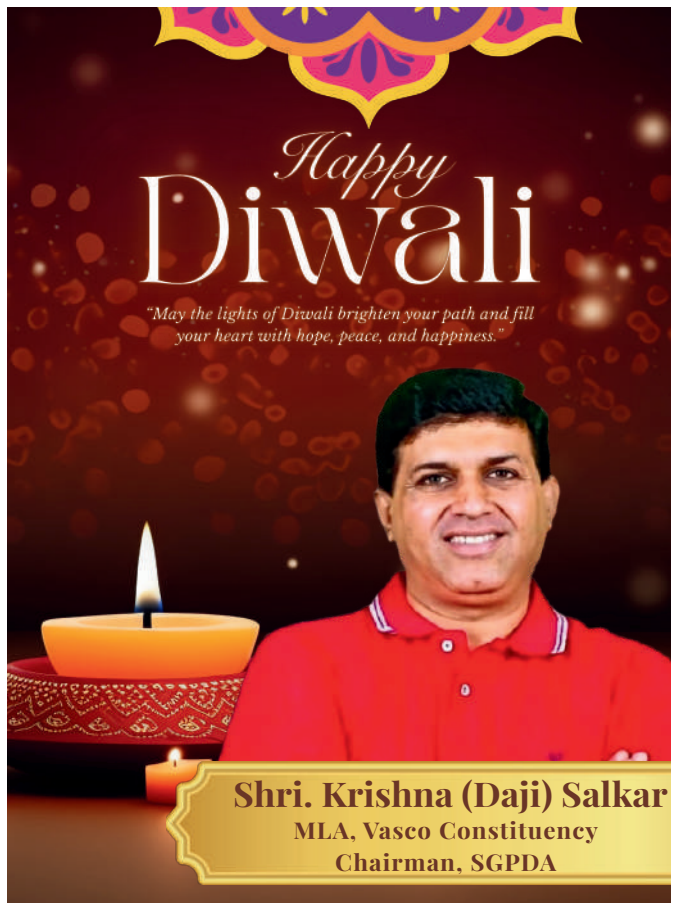


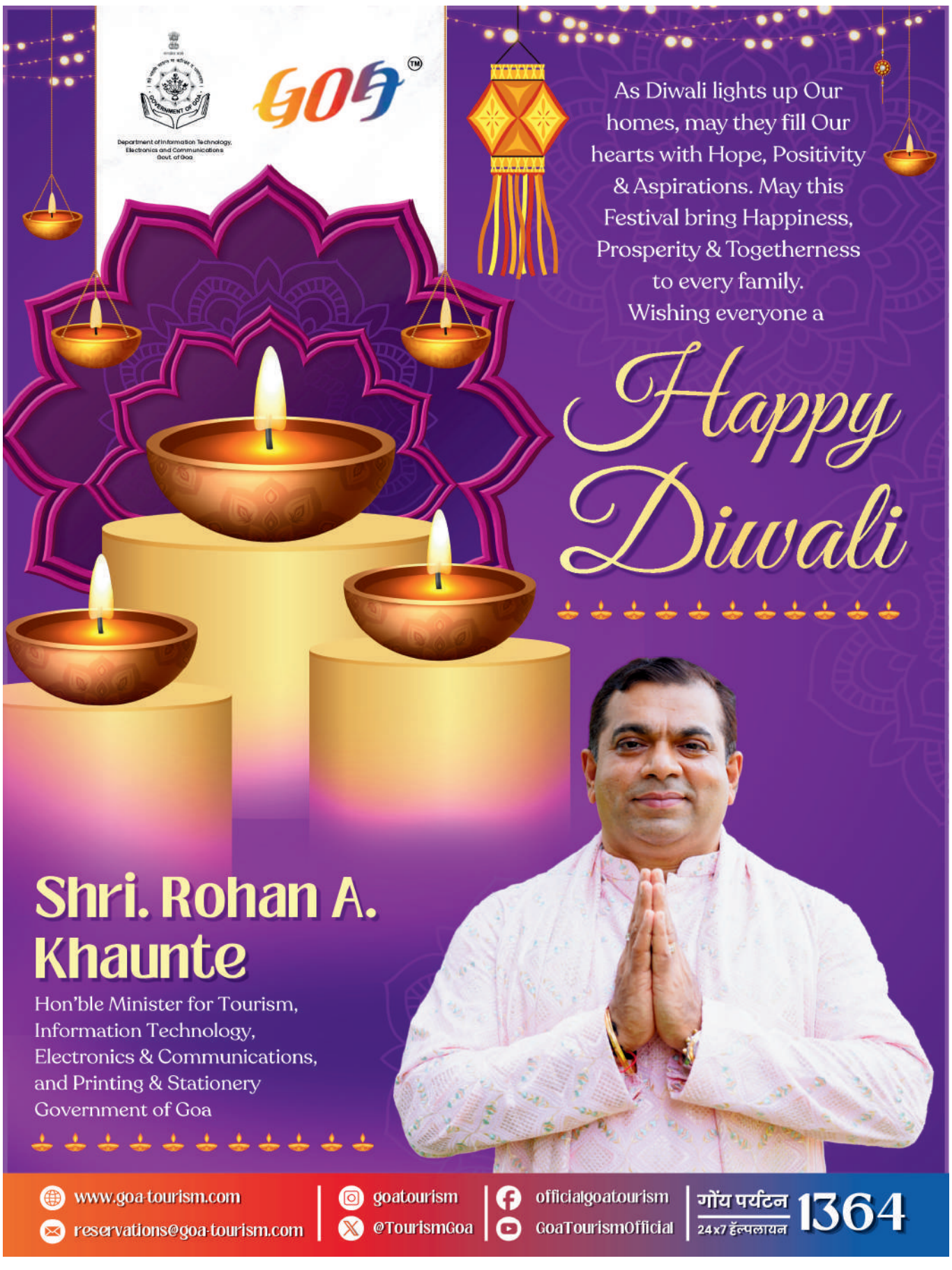


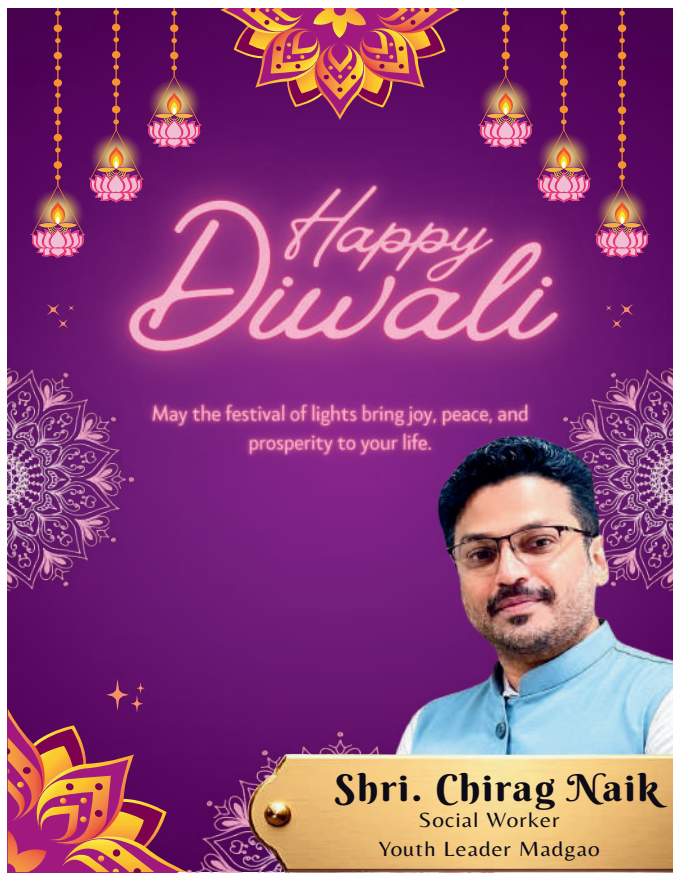



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May the light of Diwali bring you peace, happiness, and success in all your endeavors
Shri. Francisco Silveira
Chairman Of GSMFDC
Former, MLA and Minister - St.Andre, Consituency

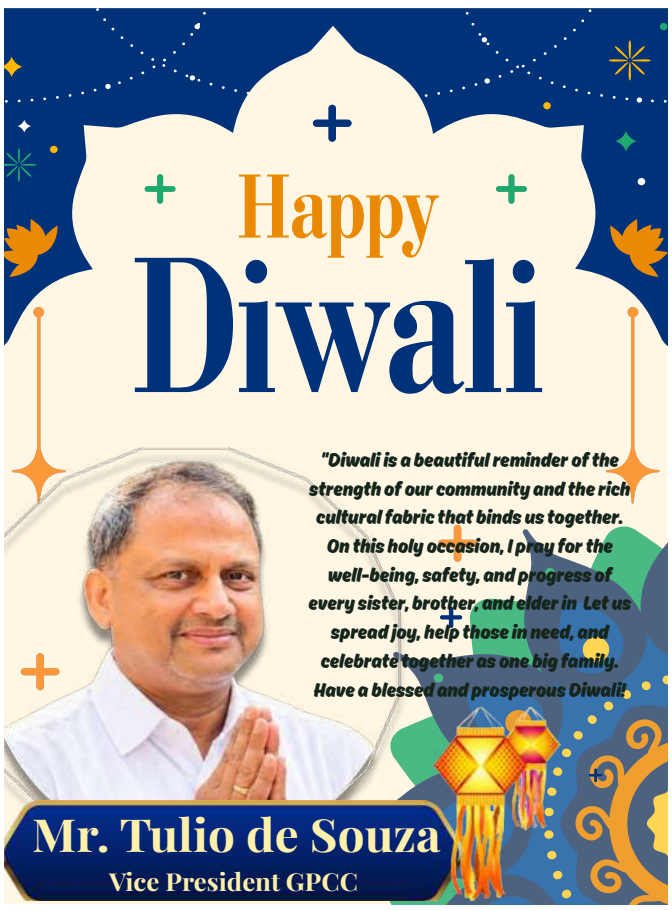

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May Diwali fill your home with radiant light, your heart with happiness, and your life with peace, prosperity, and love.
Shri. Rajesh Dabholkar
Social Worker

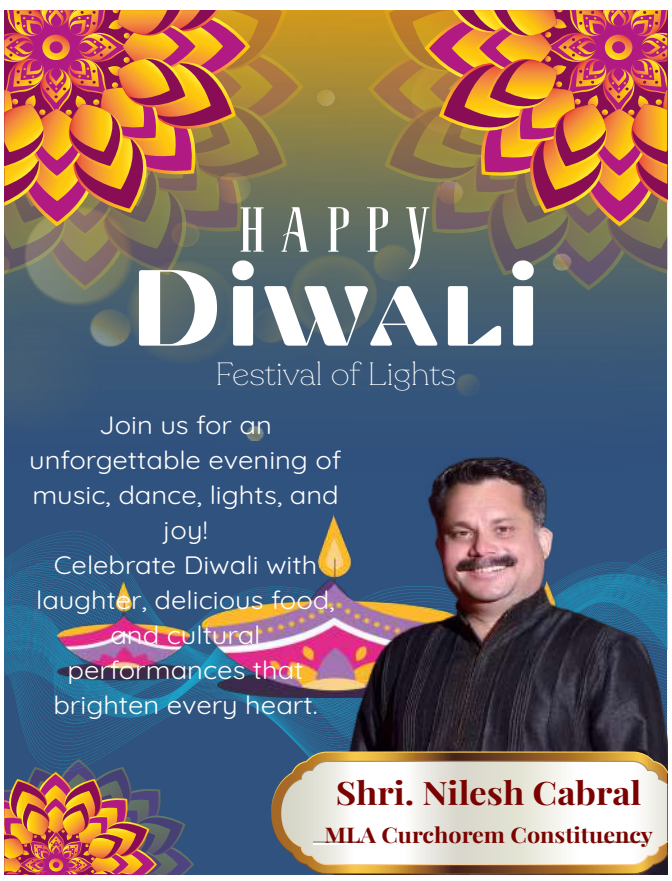

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"May the lights of Diwali brighten your path and fill your heart with hope, peace, and happiness."
Shri. Krishna (Daji) Salkar
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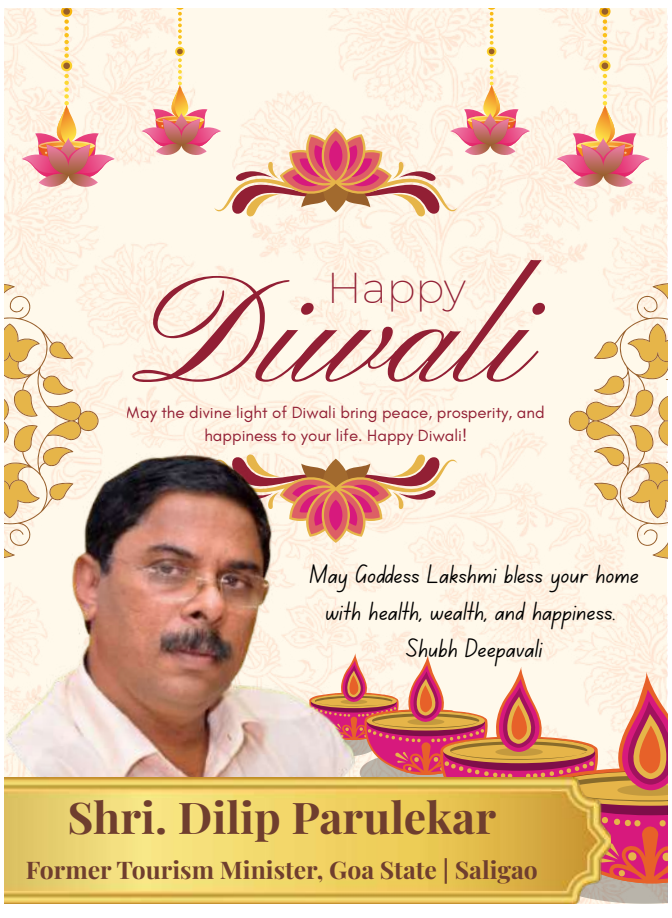

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As Diwali lights up Our homes, may they fill Our hearts with Hope, Positivity & Aspirations. May this Festival bring Happiness, Prosperity & Togetherness to every family.
Wishing everyone a
Happy Diwali
Shri. Rohan A. Khaunte
Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Information Technology, Electronics & Communications, and Printing & Stationery
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May the festival of lights bring joy, peace, and prosperity to your life.
Shri. Chirag Naik
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# 24 PM SHRI schools in Goa to get STEM kits

■ ITG invites bids to supply, install and commission mathematics and science kits in four primary and 20 high schools to promote hands-on learning

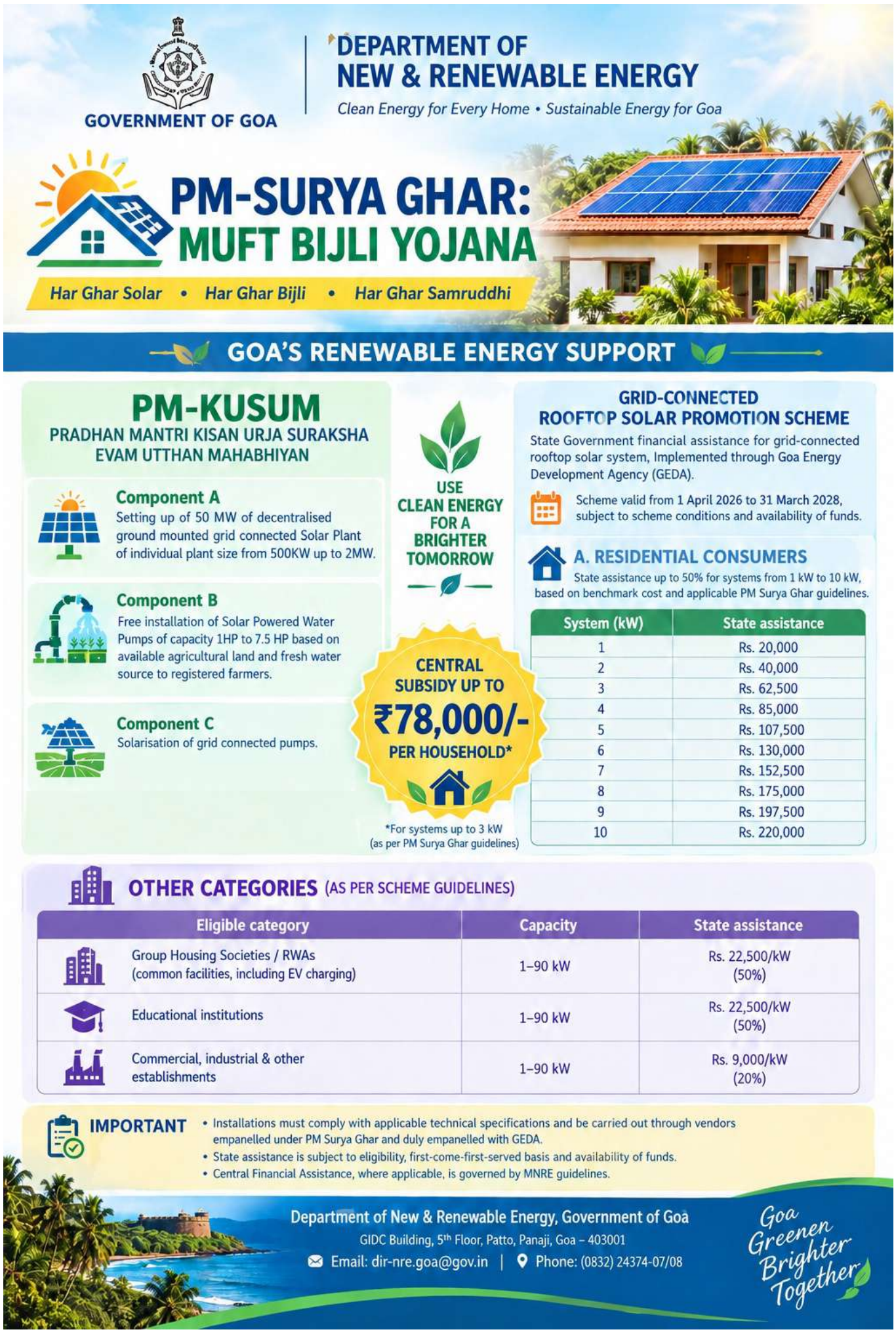
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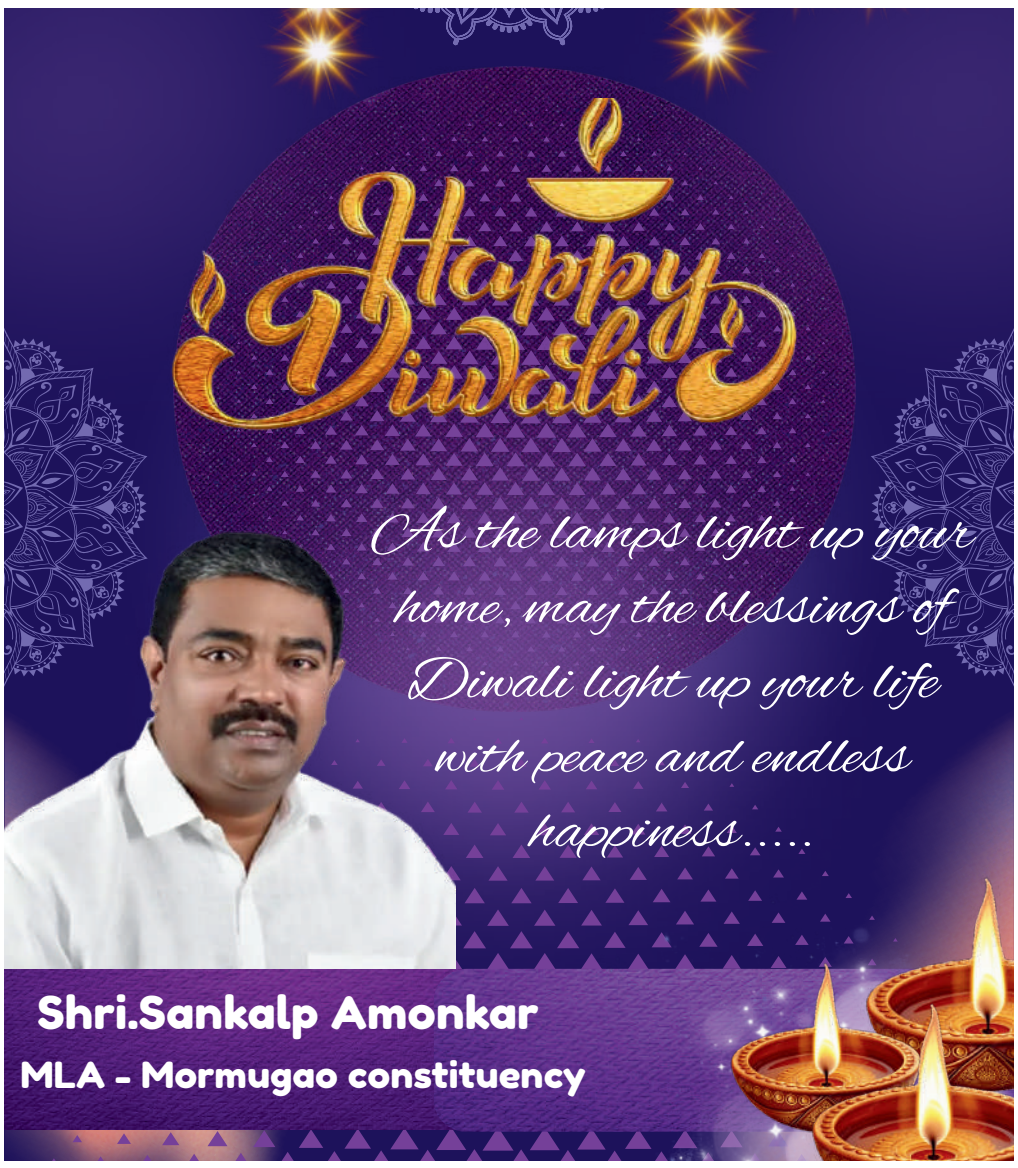
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## Archbishop extends Diwali greetings

significance of the festival as a celebration of the triumph of light over darkness and truth over untruth.

He said that as homes illuminate with traditional diyas, the festival also serves as a reminder to kindle love and compassion in people's hearts.

Referring to the message of the Vatican Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, the Archbishop emphasised the shared responsibility of building pathways of peace through authentic dialogue, mutual respect and everyday encounters.

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## Goa lights up for Diwali, celebrates triumph of good over evil

happiness and well-being. The festive occasion also brought cheer to markets, with people making last-minute purchases of sweets, flowers, decorative items, earthen lamps and other essentials. Shops and commercial establishments joined in the celebrations with attractive lighting and decorations.

Exchanging sweets and greetings remained an important part of the festivities, as relatives, friends and neighbours came together to share the joy of the occasion.

Children and families participated in the celebrations, making the festival a time for togetherness and renewal. Traditional delicacies and festive treats added to the celebrations. Diwali is also associated with the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after 14 years of exile and his victory over Ravana. The lighting of lamps symbolises the triumph of righteousness and the hope that knowledge and goodness will always prevail over darkness. As Goa joined the rest of the country in celebrating the festival, the message of Diwali remained one of peace, prosperity, hope and communal harmony.




**Government of Goa**
**Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services**

***Establishes an Ambitious Plan by Doubling the Farmers Income for making Goa self – sufficient in milk, meat and eggs, also overcomes unemployment apart from making our State nutritionally vibrant.***

**Mukyamantri Sudharit Kamdhenu Scheme**: Subsidy @90% is given to all categories of farmers for purchase of 1 to 10 milch animals & @75% for the purchase of 11-20milch animals . Infrastructure Component at the rate of 80% for a unit of 20 animals with maximum subsidy of Rs. 5,18,400/- can be availed on application for purchase of Kamdhenu animals.

**Revised Scheme for Incentive to Milk producers**: 40% Composite Subsidy is paid on milk poured by farmers to Dairy Co-op Societies/Bachat Gats which are registered with the department of A.H. & V.S.

**Pashupalan Scheme**: Subsidy is given to rear female calf from birth to 27 months amounting to Rs.52,800/- per calf. 100% subsidy is provided for SC/ST and Dhangar Farmers and 75% for General Farmers.

**Community Dairy Farming Scheme(Amended 2021):** Under this scheme a group of minimum 5 persons as well as Self Help Groups, Farmers Club will be allowed to do farming under one roof with modern dairy farming concept with minimum 50 milch animals and maximum 200 milch animals, maximum subsidy upto Rs.1.75 Crore is provided to the group.

**Varah Palan:**The Beneficiary is eligible to purchase 6-22 (piglets) & 4-22 adult pigs @ Rs.120/- per kg body weight with proportionate subsidy @74% for female and 62.5% for male. For gobar gas, maximum unit cost Rs. 50,000/- with maximum subsidy Rs. 37,500/- and for piggery equipment maximum permissible cost Rs.34,800/- with maximum subsidy is Rs. 26,100/-. For Shed construction Rs. 2,000/- per piglet.

**Goatery Scheme:** Subsidy @75 % for purchase of 10 female & 1 male goat maximum subsidy of Rs. 50,625/-. 75%subsidy towards shed constructions Maximum Rs 22,725/-. Feeding cost for one year at 75% subsidy amounting to Rs. 58,719/- and transport cost of Rs. 5,000/- (outside State) & 2000/- (within state).

**Dairy Equipment**: Various Dairy Equipments like Milking Machine, Generator Set, Shed Washer, Ceiling Fans etc are provided under the Scheme with 75% subsidy upto Rs. 3.0 lakh subsidy per farmer.

**THE GOA SMALL ANIMAL RESCUE MANAGEMENT SCHEME 2014(Amended)**: Grant in Aid Scheme has been introduced by the Department through local bodies to facilitate bringing out control and to curb Stray Dog population on public roads, beaches and other public places

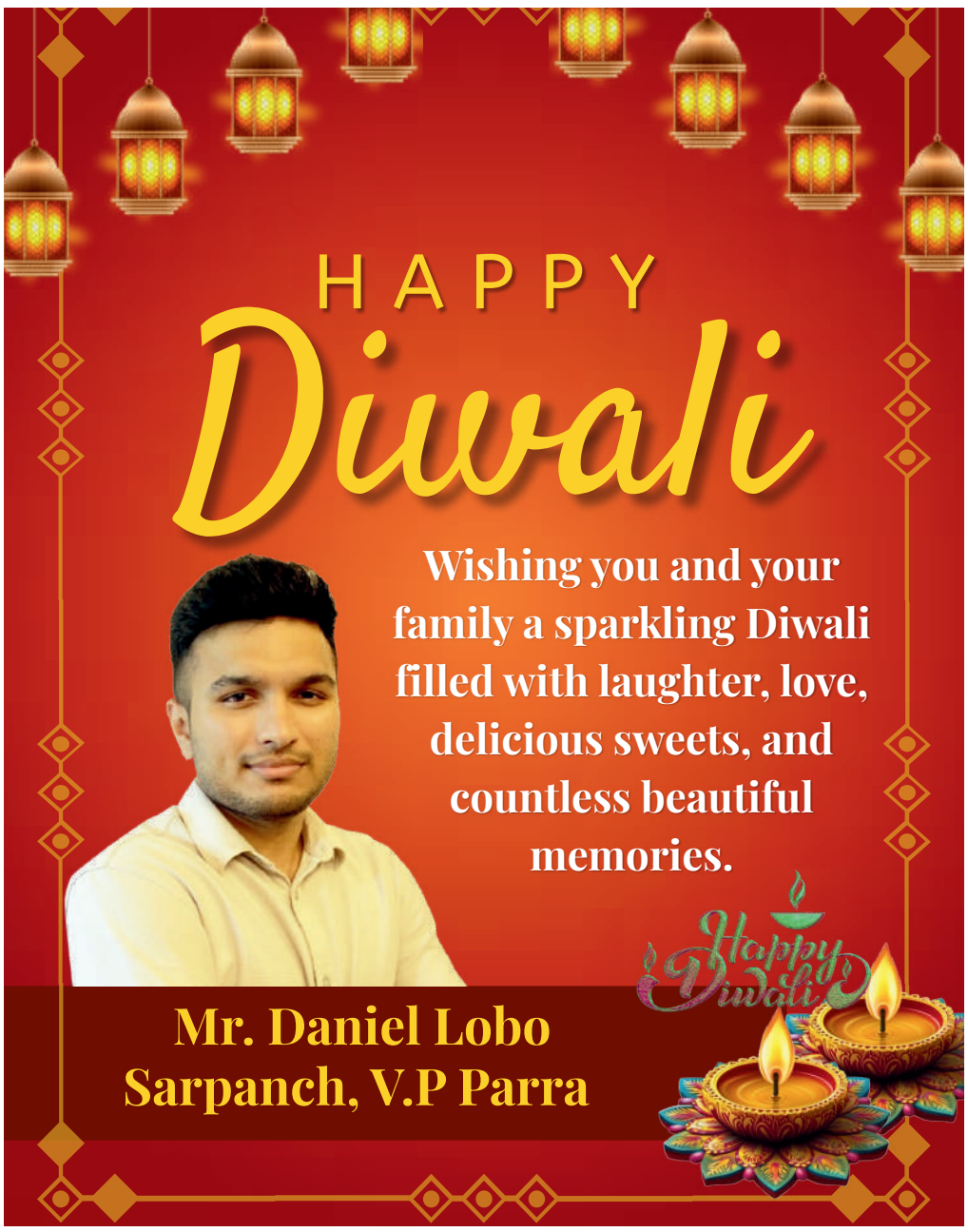
**THE GOA STRAY CATTLE MANAGEMENT SCHEME 2013(Amended)**: Grant in Aid Scheme introduced by Department to facilitate local bodies for impounding and management of Stray Cattle through Animal Welfare Organization / Gaushalas.

**SCHEME FOR INCENTIVE TO GREEN FODDER CULTIVATION FOR PERENNIAL AND SEASONAL FODDER:** Subsidy up to Rs. 65000/- per hectare. Provision have also been made for purchase of implements like water pump, PVC pipes, sprinklers etc with 75% subsidy on the total cost for perennial green fodder cultivation having water source.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DAIRY FARMERS BELONGING TO SCHEDULED TRIBES AND SCHEDULED CAST FOR PURCHASE OF BASIC DAIRY EQUIPMENT SCHEME:** 100 % subsidy shall be provided to Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Cast for dairy items of general use of a Dairy farmer maximum of Rs. 30,000/-.








# FDA Cracks Down on Unlicensed Home-Based Food Vendors at Calangute Beach Road

## 13 Vendors Served Stop Notices During Morning Enforcement Drive; Unhygienic Kitchens Traced to Nearby Slum Areas

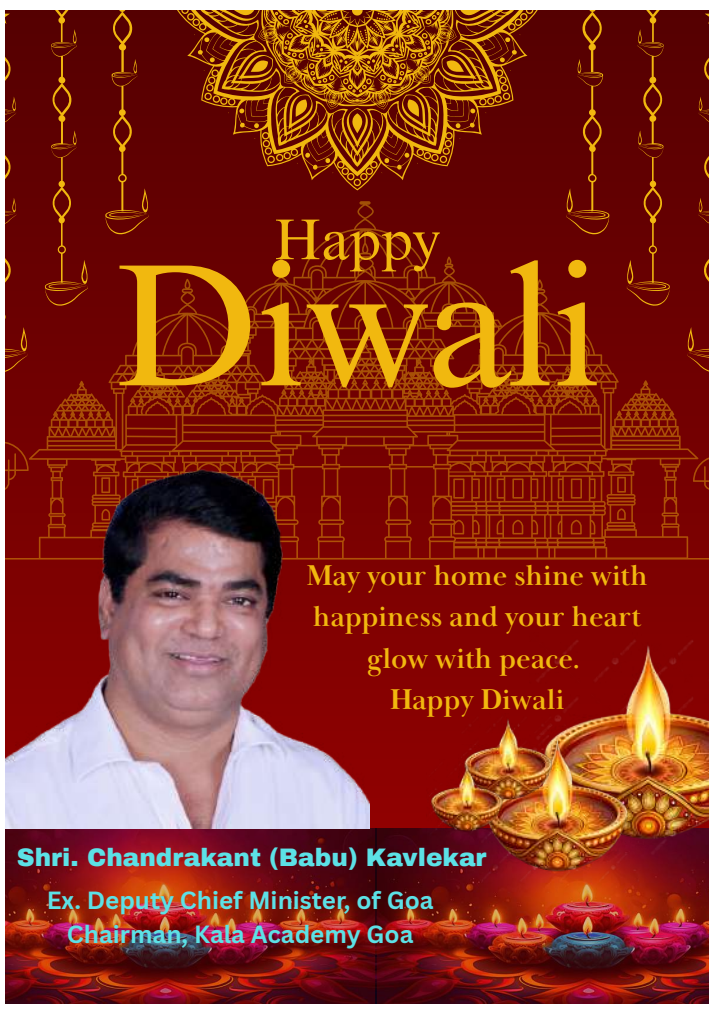
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**PANAJI:** The Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) has intensified its enforcement drive against unlicensed home-based food business operators following the expiry of the two-week compliance period stipulated in its recent advisory. During an enforcement drive conducted between 6 am and 10 am on Saturday at Calangute Beach Road, the North Goa FDA team issued stop notices to 13 non-compliant vendors found selling food items without the mandatory FSSAI registration and adherence to prescribed hygiene standards. The inspection revealed that the vendors were selling breakfast items such as idli-sambar, medu vada, dosa and poha to tourists and the general public. Further investigation traced the source of these food items to kitchens operating in nearby slum areas, where food was allegedly being prepared under unhygienic conditions. Officials found the water source to be inappropriate and the overall sanitation and hygiene conditions to be extremely poor. The FDA had recently issued an advisory directing all home-based food business operators, including those accepting orders from residences and those vending at public places through carts, tabletop displays and car boots, to obtain the requisite FSSAI registration for both their place of food preparation and vending locations. The advisory also mandated strict compliance with prescribed food safety and hygiene norms. With the stipulated two-week period for compliance having elapsed, the department has now initiated enforcement action. Legal proceedings against the vendors under Section 31 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, have been initiated.

The department will also issue notices to landlords who have rented out residential premises for commercial food preparation without verifying the necessary approvals. During the drive, officials further observed that certain regular eateries and restaurants had allegedly sublet their café spaces to these vendors for morning operations without verifying the source or safety of the food being supplied to customers.



# 'Congress Has Never Had A Level Playing Field': Sonia Gandhi Targets BJP Over Democracy

■ Former Congress president says opposition parties face institutional and electoral challenges, claims party's prospects are improving ahead of 2029 elections

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**NEW DELHI:** Congress leader Sonia Gandhi has accused the BJP government of weakening democratic institutions and creating an unequal political environment for opposition parties. She maintained that the Congress and other opposition groups have not received a level playing field since the BJP came to power. In an interview ahead of the worldwide release of her memoir Belonging: A Journey of Love on November 10, Gandhi said the country had suffered considerable damage to its democratic institutions over the past 12 years. However, she expressed optimism that people were increasingly recognising these concerns and could welcome a return to good governance. Gandhi rejected the suggestion that the Congress had permanently lost its position as India's dominant political force. She argued that despite facing significant challenges, the party had continued to fight and make progress. She also claimed that Congress workers and leaders had shown remarkable courage despite facing various forms of political pressure. Her remarks come amid the Congress campaign against alleged electoral irregularities and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The party has repeatedly raised concerns over the Election Commission and demanded greater transparency in the electoral process. Gandhi alleged that the BJP exercised considerable influence over institutions, mainstream media and financial resources while using religion for political advantage. She also claimed that recent developments had increased public awareness about alleged electoral manipulation. Responding to her criticism, Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal recalled the 1975 Emergency, accusing the Congress of undermining democracy during its rule. He argued that the current government had strengthened India's democratic identity.



# 'Power Through Family Legacy': Nitin Nabin Launches Sharp Attack On Rahul Gandhi

■ BJP national president accuses Congress leader of relying on political inheritance, alleges opposition is attempting to undermine constitutional institutions

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**NEW DELHI:** BJP national president Nitin Nabin has launched a strong attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, questioning his political leadership and accusing him of benefiting from his family's political legacy rather than building his position through years of political struggle.

In an exclusive interview on November 7, Nabin alleged that Rahul Gandhi's political journey was largely shaped by his family background.

# '13,629 Feet: A New Height In Aviation History': IAF's IL-76MD Creates World Record In Ladakh

■ Indian Air Force heavy-lift aircraft completes the highest-altitude landing ever recorded by an IL-76MD at strategically important Nyoma airfield

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**NEW DELHI:** The Indian Air Force (IAF) has achieved a major aviation milestone after its IL-76MD heavy-lift transport aircraft successfully landed at Nyoma airfield in eastern Ladakh at an altitude of 13,629 feet. The achievement is being recognised as the highest-altitude landing ever accomplished by an IL-76MD aircraft anywhere in the world. The historic landing demonstrates India's growing military airlift capabilities and the operational expertise of the Indian Air Force. The force marked the achievement by sharing photographs and a video of the aircraft at the high-altitude airfield.

Describing the accomplishment as a new chapter in aviation history, the IAF highlighted the skill, precision and professionalism of the crew and ground personnel involved in the operation. The successful landing also underlines the ability of the force to operate heavy transport aircraft in some of the most challenging geographical conditions.

Nyoma airfield holds considerable strategic importance because of its location in eastern Ladakh, close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. Its high-altitude setting makes aviation operations particularly demanding, requiring specialised planning, technical preparation and precise execution.

At elevations above 13,000 feet, thinner air creates additional challenges for aircraft. Reduced air density affects lift generation and engine performance, making take-offs and landings more complicated, particularly for large military transport aircraft. The IL-76MD is a Russian-origin, four-engine heavy transport aircraft designed to carry troops, military equipment and essential cargo. It remains an important component of the IAF's transport fleet, supporting operations in remote and strategically significant regions. The successful landing at Nyoma highlights the aircraft's capabilities and the Indian Air Force's ability to undertake complex operations in high-altitude environments.



# Khalid Jamil Names 23-Member India Squad For New Zealand Friendlies

■ Bijoy Varghese, Liston Colaco and Muhammad Suhail included as Blue Tigers prepare for two international tests in November

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**NEW DELHI:** Indian men's football team head coach Khalid Jamil has announced a 23-member squad for the upcoming international friendlies against New Zealand during the November FIFA international match window.



The Blue Tigers will face New Zealand on November 12 at Go Media Stadium in Auckland, with kick-off scheduled for 11:30 AM IST. The second encounter will take place on November 15 at One New Zealand Stadium in Christchurch, beginning at 8:30 AM IST.

The squad includes three players who were previously selected for Naushad Moosa's SAFF Championship 2026 team. Bijoy Varghese, Muhammad Suhail and Liston Colaco will leave the tournament campaign in Dhaka to join Jamil's squad for the New Zealand tour.



# India Beat New Zealand By 4 Runs In Rain-Hit Thriller, Take 2-0 Lead In ODI Series

■ Gurnoor Brar's four-wicket haul and crucial contributions from Rohit Sharma, Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul guide India to a dramatic DLS victory

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**NEW DELHI:** India defeated New Zealand by four runs under the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method in a thrilling rain-affected second ODI at Wellington on Saturday. The victory gave India an unassailable 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

India's bowling attack delivered an impressive performance after the hosts were asked to bat first. The New Zealand batting lineup struggled against India's disciplined pace attack and was bowled out for just 134 runs.

Gurnoor Brar emerged as the standout performer with four wickets, while Auqib Nabi, Anshul Kamboj and Axar Patel claimed two wickets each. Daryl Mitchell offered resistance for the hosts, scoring a fighting half-century, but received limited support from the other batters.

Chasing the revised target, India endured a disastrous start as captain Shubman Gill was dismissed for a golden duck, while Virat Kohli departed after scoring just seven runs.

With early wickets putting India under pressure, the middle order had to rebuild the innings.







