

## RAINS INFLICT PAIN ON GOA

Three killed, one injured as retaining wall collapses on the makeshift shanties at Kundaim; 150 stranded picnickers rescued at Pali waterfall; in Panjim, Pato and KTCL bus terminus flooded and a portion of road caved in near the District and Sessions Court

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**PANJIM/PONDA/PORI-EM:** Monsoon unleashed its fury on Goa, as three persons were killed and one injured when a retaining wall collapsed on the makeshift shanties at Kundaim in Ponda taluka, with heavy rains throwing normal life out of gear.

The three persons who died in the retaining wall collapse at Kundaim have been identified as Dilip Yadav (37) and Mukesh Kumar Singh (38), both natives of Bihar, and Trinath Nayak (48) from Odisha. Ankit Kumar Yadav sustained injuries in the incident. The wall collapse is attributed to loosening of the mud following incessant rains.

There were reports of waterlogging and uprooting of trees causing widespread damage to property across the State as several vehicles were submerged due to incessant rainfall. Many electricity poles were uprooted and damaged due to falling of trees mostly in remote areas.

A major landslide was reported at Conem-Priol on the Ponda-Panjim highway thereby blocking traffic movement in both directions. The traffic was



A vehicle creates a splash along the road leading to the Central Library at Pato, Panjim, which experienced flooding following heavy rains

### SCHOOLS, HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO REMAIN SHUT TODAY

In view of the incessant rain and alert issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) Goa, predicting heavy to extremely heavy rainfall across the State, and keeping in mind the safety of young children in the schools, the Directorate of Education has declared a holiday for school students and teachers from Class I to XII on Monday, July 8. Director of Education Shailesh Sinai Zingde said that the holiday is for the students as well as the teachers and non-teaching staff. "However, the teachers deputed for training will have to report for training," states the circular issued by the DoE in this regard. The circular has also advised students to stay indoors and avoid venturing into risky areas.

diverted via Farmagudi and Conem-Priol internal roads for some time till the highway was cleared for traffic. A major tragedy was averted when 150 pic-

### MOPA AIRPORT ROOF LEAKAGE CAUSES WATERLOGGING AT TAXI COUNTER

The Manohar International Airport at Mopa experienced waterlogging, as water entered the taxi counter due to roof leakage. However, there was no information about the waterlogging at the runway or on the diversion of any flights. The Tillari irrigation canal was overflowing, while water levels in the Kalna River rose due to which many roads in Chandol, Hasapur and Casarvarnem were submerged.



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Picnickers, who had come to spend their time in nature's lap at Sattari, were stranded at Pali waterfall in Thane-Sattari, on Sunday, due to sudden rise in water levels. Personnel from fire services, forest department and Valpoi police station rushed to the spot and rescued the picnickers with the help of ropes

### VISITERS BANNED FROM ENTERING WATERFALLS FOR A WEEK: RANE

Entry to all waterfalls across the State, including those which were earlier announced as low risk waterfalls, has been banned for a week. The ban will continue till such time that the intensity of the rain subsides, informed Forest Minister Vishwajit Rane.

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## Over 150 lawyers write to Chief Justice against judge hearing Kejriwal case

Raise the issue of 'conflict of interest'; claim Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain's brother Anurag is ED's counsel

**AGENCIES, NEW DELHI:** Raising the issue of 'conflict of interest', more than 150 lawyers on Thursday sent a representation to Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, saying the Delhi High Court Judge Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain should have recused himself from hearing ED's appeal against grant of bail to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in a money laundering case as his brother is a counsel for the probe agency.

The representation claimed that Justice Jain's 'real brother' Anurag Jain is a counsel for the Enforcement Directorate and that 'this clear conflict of interest was never declared'. However, lawyer Anurag Jain is not handling any money laundering case related to the alleged excise policy scam, sources said.

The representation signed by 157 lawyers said, "Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain should have recused himself from the proceedings since his real brother Anurag Jain is a counsel for the ED. This clear conflict of interest was never declared."

It also expressed concern over a purported internal

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communication from a district judge here asking vacation judges of trial courts to not pass a final order in pending cases during a court recess, calling it 'unprecedented'.

The representation assumes significance as it was sent in the wake of vacation judge Niyay Bindu granting bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on June 20 in a money laundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam. The bail order was later stayed by the Delhi High Court on the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) appeal.

"We are writing on behalf of the legal fraternity regarding some unprecedented practices being witnessed in the Delhi High Court and the district courts of Delhi," it said.

### Pope deplores state of democracy

**AFP, VATICAN CITY:** Pope Francis decried the state of democracy and warned against 'populists' during a short visit to Trieste in Italy's northeast on Sunday ahead of a 12-day trip to Asia -- the longest of his papacy.

"Democracy is not in good health in the world today," Francis said during a speech at the city's convention centre to close a national Catholic event.

The pope warned against 'ideological temptations and populists' on the day that France holds the second round of a snap parliamentary vote that looks set to see the far-right National Rally (RN) party take the largest share of the vote.

"Ideologies are seductive. Some people compare them to the Pied Piper of Hamelin: they seduce but lead you to deny yourself," he said in reference to the German fairytale. Pg 8 >>

## Sena leader arrested, son on the run in Mumbai BMW hit-and-run case

Cops suspect Rajesh Shah's son, Mihir Shah, was drunk at the time of the incident, which killed a woman rider

**AGENCIES, MUMBAI:** The speeding BMW that hit a scooter in Mumbai's Worli last morning, leading to a woman's death, was being driven by the 24-year-old son of a senior leader of the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, police have said.

The police also suspect that Mihir Shah, who is on the run, was drunk at the time of the incident. His blood test report is awaited.

The accused is the son of Rajesh Shah, deputy leader of the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra's Palghar district. The politician and his driver, Rajendra Singh Bijawat, were arrested in the evening for not cooperating with the police, among other charges, and will be produced in court today.

A case has been registered under the new criminal code Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita under sections relating to culpable homicide not amounting to murder, rash driving

### THE TRAGIC INCIDENT, ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY EVIDENCE

Police said that Mihir Shah drank at a bar in Juhu and on his way home, asked the driver to take him for a long drive

When the car reached Worli, Mihir insisted that he would drive and soon after he took the wheel, the speeding BMW hit a scooter of a fish-seller couple Kaveri Nakva and husband Pradik Nakva, residents of Koliwada

The couple was thrown into the air and crashed on the SUV's bonnet. Kaveri was run over by the car,

which fled the spot

Kaveri was taken to a hospital, where she was declared dead. Pradik suffered minor injuries

The car's windshield has a Shiv Sena sticker, which has been scratched, apparently to conceal the vehicle's link with the Sena leader

One of the car's number plates was also removed, but police scanned the CCTV footage of the area to zero in on the vehicle

and destruction of evidence, among others. Provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act have also been invoked.

The vehicle is registered in Mihir Shah's name. At the time of the accident, police said, the Sena leader's son and their driver were in the luxury car. According to police sources, Mihir Shah

drank at a bar in Juhu last night. On his way home, he asked the driver to take him for a long drive. The car came to Worli and then Mihir insisted that he would drive. Soon after he took the wheel, the speeding BMW hit a scooter.

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## HIV breakthrough: Drug trial shows injection twice a year is 100% effective against infection

**AGENCIES, CAPE TOWN:** A large clinical trial in South Africa and Uganda has shown that a twice-yearly injection of a new pre-exposure prophylaxis drug gives young women total protection from HIV infection.

The trial tested whether the six-month injection of lenacapavir would provide better protection against HIV infection than two other drugs, both daily pills. All three medications are pre-exposure prophylaxis (or PrEP) drugs.

Physician-scientist Linda-Gail Bekker, principal investigator for the South African part of the study, explained what makes this breakthrough so significant



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and what to expect next.

Bekker said that the Purpose 1 trial with 5,000 participants took place at three sites in Uganda and 25 sites in South Africa to test the efficacy of lenacapavir and two other drugs. Lenacapavir (Len LA) is a fusion capsid inhibitor. It interferes with the HIV capsid, a protein shell that protects HIV's genetic material and enzymes needed for replication. It is administered just under the skin, once every six months.

The randomised controlled trial, sponsored by the drug developers Gilead Sciences, tested several things, the physician-scientist said.

Bekker said that the first was whether a six-monthly injection of lenacapavir was safe and would provide better protection against HIV infection

against HIV infection as PrEP for women between the ages of 16 and 25 years than Truvada F/TDF, a daily PrEP pill in wide use that has been available for more than a decade. Secondly, the trial also tested whether Descovy F/TAF, a newer daily pill, was as effective as F/TDF. The newer F/TAF has superior pharmacokinetic properties to F/TDF. Pharmacokinetic refers to the movement of a drug into, through, and out of the body. F/TAF is a smaller pill and is in use among men and transgender women in high-income countries.

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