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COLDPLAY delivers sky full of stars with their India tour

Goa's Coldplay fans went all out to catch the UK band live at their Music of the Spheres World Tour, not just in Mumbai but also in Abu Dhabi. With elaborate designs and confetti cannons, the band didn't disappoint

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UK rock band, Coldplay began their India leg of Music of the Spheres tour with two stunning shows at DY Patil Stadium, Mumbai on Saturday and Sunday. Formed in 1997, the band has a huge fan following in India which was evident with the two concerts packed to full capacity with all the right vibes. The band mesmerised the crowd with their iconic songs

such as 'Fix You' and 'A Sky Full of Stars'. Coldplay will continue with their tour, with performances today, January 21 at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai, and at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad on January 25 and 26.



COLDPLAY'S CHRIS MARTIN APOLOGISES FOR BRITISH RULE

For the first concert in Mumbai, lead singer of Coldplay, Chris Martin charmed the crowds with his voice and his apology to Indian fans for Britain's colonial rule. He said, "This is our forth visit to India, and the second time to play. First time we played a long show and we could not have asked for a better audience. Thank you for coming today everybody. It is amazing to us that you welcome us even though we are from Great Britain. Thank you for forgiving us for all of the bad things that Great Britain has done."

COLDPLAY FAN GOES VIRAL FOR LOSING TICKETS IN THE TRASH

Social media user, Prachi Singh excitement turned to disappointment when missed her opportunity to attend the concert. All set to leave for the concert, they found their tickets were missing. Their tickets were accidentally discarded when her maid mistakenly threw them out while cleaning. In her viral post, she humorously tagged the band, requesting replacement tickets as the sanitation workers searching the trash.



I travelled all the way from Kuwait to attend the Coldplay concert. Having seen their past performances on YouTube, I had high expectations for the Music of the Spheres concert in Mumbai. I was not disappointed. Coldplay are known for including the audience as part of their act. This was done with special radio controlled armbands that light up the stadium to the beat of the music. Chris Martin made a heartfelt plea to the audience to enjoy just one song without their mobiles 'Phone in pocket, hands in the air' was his plea for the song 'Sky full of stars'. Most followed his advice and enjoyed the lovely moment culminating in a dazzling fireworks show. **Cajetan and Priscilla Barretto, Mobor**

GOAN FANS IN MUMBAI

Experiencing the Coldplay concert was a dream. Coldplay's music, the LED light bands, the enchanting moon goggles, and the breath-taking fireworks made the evening unforgettable. I went with my closest friends, and together we danced, sang our hearts out, and soaked in every moment of joy. It was a beautiful reminder of the power of music to heal, uplift, and bring people together. **Veverly Furtado, Navelim**



The entire concert had a very good vibe to it with fans dancing through the evening. The experience was electrifying and I have been following Coldplay's music for years now and to see them perform those songs live with fireworks and good lighting was a great experience. **Elvis Fernandes, Arpora**

Attending Coldplay's Music of the Spheres concert was a dream come true but what made it even more surreal was the journey leading up to it. I never thought I'd be the one to win the Ticketmaster queue. The excitement of securing those tickets wasn't just about me, it meant I could share this experience with my sister, Shenelda and my friends. I had been eagerly waiting for 'Yellow', 'Sparks' and 'Fix You'. This memory will stay with me forever. It was an experience beyond my wildest dreams. **Shanisha Miranda, Betalbatim**

GOAN FANS IN ABU DHABI

I booked the tickets for the concert in Abu Dhabi for the ambiance, weather, traffic management and overall experience which I knew would be well organised. I have been to concerts in the past including Bryan Adams, Maroon 5, Ed Sheeran in India and Robbie Williams in Abu Dhabi. We were seven friends who travelled from India and it was a great experience. The concert included an afterparty that let the crowd enjoy the music till 12 am.

Sheldon Fernandes, Margao

I was initially disappointed when I could get tickets to the Mumbai concerts after been in queue online for over an hour. Once I booked my ticket for the Abu Dhabi concert, I immediately booked my flight and hotel. I am a big fan of Coldplay and when the band travelled the last time to India, I was not working to afford the concert. This was a fantastic show with Elyana, who opened the show and boosted the experience of Coldplay taking over. **Kevin Pinto, Tivim**

SWIPE RIGHT

Kevin Costner celebrates 70th birthday honouring Whitney

Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston's profound bond is something that will surely always be remembered by the fans and the actor himself. As the veteran star turned 70 years old, he took the opportunity to remember his late former co-star and close friend on social media. He wrote, "This photo reminds me of how lucky I am to be getting another birthday," adding, "We lost such a light when we lost Whitney."



Henry Cavill & girlfriend Natalie Viscuso welcome first child

Superman star Henry Cavill and his girlfriend Natalie Viscuso have welcomed their first child. The couple has been together for quite some time now and is ready to embrace parenthood.



Henry and Natalie have kept details including the baby's name, gender, and birth date tightly under wraps. However, the two were reportedly seen in Australia recently. The duo was clicked walking through the streets with a baby stroller. Henry Cavill opened up about becoming a father back in April 2024, during the premiere of 'The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare' in New York City. He shared, "I'm very excited about it. Natalie and I are both very excited about it. I'm sure you'll see much more of that"



Khushi Kapoor pairs her custom Torani corset with draped skirt at the promotion of the film, 'Loveyapa'.



DID YOU KNOW?

The pillory significantly influenced the picaresque narrative of Fernão Lopes, a former Portuguese prisoner who was conscripted to join Albuquerque's initial expeditionary force. After the initial defeat of the Adil Shahi forces at Ela in February 1510, soldiers who distinguished themselves in combat were rewarded with members of the Adil Shah's harem. These soldiers known as 'casados', meaning 'married' in Portuguese, faced considerable mockery and harassment for their relationships with women considered racially inferior. When clerics condemned these unions as immoral, the authorities began to arrest Bijapuri women and hand them to other men. Some of the casados, including Lopes, chose to defect to the nearby Muslim outpost at Banastarim, located on the opposite bank of the Mandovi, in order to stay with their wives.

Exploring the historic pillory of Old Goa

In both medieval and early modern Portuguese society, municipal pelourinhos served as crucial emblems of state power. These elaborately designed stone pillars can be found in nearly every municipality governed by Portugal

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Colonial authorities were tasked with the essential duty of establishing a foundational set of structures when initiating a new settlement. This included the construction of a city hall and a pillory. These pelourinhos were typically positioned in a central square adjacent to a civic building.

The existing civic pelourinho in Old Goa is made from fragments of two stone pillars taken from a dismantled Hindu temple. The principal remaining Portuguese pillory, known as the Pelourinho Novo, is located at a vital urban intersection and plaza in the southern part of the old town, close to the main road that led south to Goa Velha, exiting the city's defensive walls. The act of repurposing a sacred temple stambh pillar, which symbolizes the connection between heaven and earth for Hindus, to create a prominent emblem of Portuguese authority, serves as a powerful representation of religious and governmental dominance.

The Pelourinho is often referred to as 'hat katro khambo'. The origin of this name may be traced back to an ancient practice where minor offenders were publicly punished by amputating one of their hands. This tradition

likely began during the era of pre-Portuguese governance.

This structure consists of two distinct sections of pillar, secured together with iron staples and fittings. There is a strong indication that the pillar is of native Indian origin, likely sourced from a Brahman temple, although some uncertainties regarding its exact origin persist. An inscription on the lower part of the pillar, which reads



'Dayadnya', a term in ancient Kannada believed to refer to Lord Shiva, has led local historians to suggest that its elements originated from the Saptanath (Saptamatha?) temple on Divar Island.

THE PELOURINHO NOVO closely resembles the existing stambh columns located at temple ruins from the Vijayanagara Empire. This empire governed Goa during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, and its architectural style established a benchmark for Hindu temple construction throughout southern India in that era. Following Albuquerque's counterattack in November 1510, Banastarim was taken into custody. The conditions of the Muslim surrender required them to deliver the Portuguese 'traitors', who were quickly put on trial and

Were you aware that, the current pillory, which remains in its original location, is believed to date back to the late sixteenth century? The Pelourinho Novo is prominently featured on a late sixteenth-century map created by Jan Huygen van Linschoten, as well as on an early seventeenth-century map of Old Goa by Manuel Godinho de Erédia.



faced brutal punishments involving mutilation. About twenty 'casados' were tied to pillories, where they suffered the loss of their noses, ears, right hands, and left thumbs. While half of them succumbed to their injuries, the survivors were eventually set free and expelled from Goa.

Initially the pillar was near the Gandhi Circle, in a place called Pelourinho Velho, and housed the 'bazaar velho'. It was a venue for the proclamation of municipal decrees, making it a representation of state authority. Israeli Jews have shown considerable interest in the pillar. If it is indeed a remnant from the Inquisition era, it has undoubtedly borne witness to the tragic suffering endured by Jews during that period.

Converted Jews, referred to as 'Cristãos novos', along with native converts to Christianity and heretics, faced severe persecution by the Inquisition tribunal. Among these groups, it is often said that converted Jews experienced the most intense suffering.

Regardless of the pillar's origins, it is more appropriately suited for display in a museum rather than being situated in the middle of a highway.