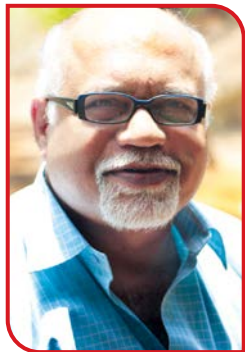


## GOAN VOICES HAIL THE VOICE OF GOA

EMINENT GOANS REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE CONTINUOUS VIGIL THAT O HERALDO HAS MAINTAINED ON SOCIETY FOR 125 YEARS

“For people of my generation, in the 125 years of Herald the Rajan Narayan era is unforgettable. That gave Herald a special identity. Herald gained popularity. To the credit, I should say that Herald has developed a captive readership. This has its advantages and its issues. I believe that today Herald is stand alone because of readership and advertising revenue. It is a success story as a business model. The challenge to the media and journalists today is to be the independent voice of people. I expect the 125 years of Herald to give that strength to stand up as a pillar in democracy and espouse people's causes without fear and favour. I am confident that Herald will give Goa journalism of responsibility and credibility. My best wishes to Herald to continue to herald the journalism of courage and truth

– Prabakhar Timble, educationist



“On the occasion of O Herald newspaper's anniversary, we appreciate the contribution of the Herald newspaper for past over a century and also urge the publication to continue following the path of genuine journalism, respecting the sentiments of the public and most importantly keeping the balance in the Society. Journalism, the fourth pillar of democracy, plays a critical role in shaping public opinion. Though not mentioned in the constitution, freedom of speech and expression highlights its importance in India. Currently, Goans face



challenges, and as we have noted with regards to most of the media houses, instead of being a watchdog, has aligned with politicians. Routine manipulation of facts, reality, and promotion of individual agendas threaten society's Balance. Media's focus on revenue has overshadowed its moral responsibility. We hope for a better future where media like Herald Publications upholds its accountability. Together, we can make a difference and we trust and believe that Herald has been genuine in the past and will remain so in the future

– Swapnesh Sherlekar, activist

“Herald has played a crucial role in upholding the 'idea of Goa' and preserving what remains of Goa for the future. Though it has more readership in the old conquests, it is taken seriously by those in power—politicians and bureaucrats. Goa is passing through difficult times as it becomes overwhelmed by non-Goans, and its geography is being disfigured due to faulty and fraudulent policies on land and development. Herald stands as a central pillar of the architecture of public opinion against such policies. Strong views and voices of dissent take centre-stage on the editorial page, giving it a sharp edge in times when the media is often seen as an extension of the executive, serving as its propaganda wing. A section of society may despise Herald, but nobody can ignore it, its views, or its fighting spirit. 'The voice of Goa is always loud and clear,' and I pray that it continues to remain so in Goa

– Cleofato Almeida Coutinho, senior advocate



### OUR STRENGTH FOR 125 YEARS: OUR READERS

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“It's nice to know that Herald is celebrating 125 years of its existence. I have been a regular reader of this esteemed daily. It goes well with my morning cup of coffee. That's how my morning begins. I usually skim through the paper as I sip my coffee. After a hearty breakfast I devour the paper in full. The sections which draw my attention first are the editorial, Herald Cafe and the Reviews on Sundays. Herald has been strongly championing the issues which affect Goans and Goenkarporn. It could be the environmental issues, Konkani language, our culture and traditions, governance or matters which matter to every Goan. Your daily news items along with all the other items, keeps us updated and informed. On this auspicious occasion, I congratulate the editorial team and the management for the good work they are doing for Goa and Goans. Keep up the good work. May you touch greater heights

– Tilroy Fernandes, former principal, Cuncolim United Higher Secondary School



“O Herald is truly a fearless voice of Goans. It has played a vital role in creating awareness in wide and varied issues of politics, business, culture, sports, entertainment, education, health and all other human related activity and has been an active, vociferous and a fearless voice of Goan rights since its inception. Herald constitutes the lifeline of every Goan and functions as a trustee of the people. Authentic journalism doesn't know how to disguise reality and Herald believes in this dictum and as a result truth, knowledge, impartial and accurate reporting has formed the very creed of this newspaper. Yes political parties and politicians do need media support, but the Press also has the moral duty of being above party politics by not succumbing to political consideration and Herald has succeeded in this direction by maintaining high standards and discharging its obligations fearlessly and not being cowed down by Ministers/Politicians both inside and outside government who often tend to muzzle the press, especially when they find a news item appears that leads to many skeletons tumbling out of their secret cupboards

– Juino De Souza, lawyer and former State Information Commissioner



“Herald has very boldly taken up the cause of Goa repeatedly. It has not hesitated in taking a bold stand. At times the stand was controversial may be there were differential opinions but they stuck to their views. There were certain topics like Konkani Railway and other topics which proved to be good but Herald did not hesitate to take up the concerns of Goans especially the Catholic community. Certain agitations were coming from certain spectrum of people but Herald was bold and it did not hesitate. Herald has created good Goan media, its very popular and I have been reading the paper for last several years. We get different views and learn lots of topics which the common man could not generally raise. Herald took up these issues for them. It did not care about pleasing the government and took up issues in the larger interest of people

– Nitin Kunkolienkar, advisory council chairman, Manufacturer's Association for Information Technology (MAIT)



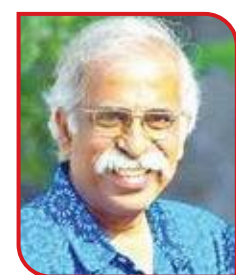
“We remember O Herald from the 80s and 90s, especially during the peak of the language agitation. It was clear then how a newspaper could amplify the aspirations of the people of Goa. The fighting spirit of O Herald remains unwavering, and today, it continues to be the voice of the people of Bhoma, Sancoale, the mining belt, Mhadei, and beyond. A noteworthy instance is the case of the elderly lady from Quepem taluka, where O Herald took up the cause of a poor woman from the Scheduled Tribes community and pursued it relentlessly until justice was served. Wishing O Herald many more years of standing strong and fighting for the people of Goa

– Prashant Naik, former president of Konkani Bhasha Mandal



“I am extremely delighted to hear that Herald is going to celebrate 125 years of its existence. As far as I am concerned I read Herald first thing in the morning. I am hoping that a newspaper like this, which is one of the chattiest more likely not just in Goa but country as a whole, will survive for another 125 years. This is the only paper taking up people's issues everyday. There are pages devoted to all sorts of things that are happening in the State which means that the paper is really reflecting the turmoil that is taking place in Goa. It is not acting like impartial observer and giving space to people who are protesting against the damage done to the State. Herald has introduced new features also and every Monday this paper celebrates life and work of ordinary people from different parts of Goa which are enchanting stories and shows that this paper is in touch with the ordinary people. I hope Herald will continue to uphold the highest standard of journalism and be what you are today

– Dr Claude Alvares, Director of Goa Foundation



“In an era of majoritarian rule in India, the role of O Herald as a voice of dissent is vital. This Goa newspaper stands firm in exposing the underbelly of the government, shedding light on corruption, crime and the misuse of power. By fearlessly reporting on critical issues, it upholds the principles of democracy and holds authorities accountable. O Herald serves as a bridge between the public and the truth, ensuring that voices of the marginalised are heard. Its investigative journalism fosters transparency and has encouraged civic engagement, reinforcing the importance of a free press in safeguarding justice and democratic values

– Rohit Bras De Sa, Advocate, Panjim



“Herald is a special newspaper and takes up any issue to its logical conclusion – be it illegal mining, coal pollution, land grabbing, builders lobby etc. Herald is known for fearless journalism. This newspaper is really voice of Goa and should continue its work to protect the State

– Ramesh Gauns, environmentalist

