

Pune cops bust bail surety racket, 11 arrested

PTI, PUNE: Eleven persons, including two lawyers, were arrested for alleged involvement in a "bail surety" racket, a Pune police official said on Monday. The gang used forged documents and fake stamps as part of the racket, the official said. "A surety is a person who guarantees that the accused will appear in court after being granted bail. Since people generally do not stand as surety or guarantors for criminals, the gang used to approach kin of such persons. They used to get bail for the accused by standing as surety after submitting forged Aadhaar and ration cards etc in return for money," he said. Further probe into the extent of the racket and the accused who have got bail with the help of this gang is underway, he added.

Speaking in Marathi made mandatory in Maha govt offices

PTI, MUMBAI: The Maharashtra government on Monday made it mandatory to use Marathi for communication in all its offices and semi-government establishments, and warned employees not following the directive will face disciplinary action.

Visitors to government offices are also required to communicate in Marathi, except for those who do not speak the language, such as foreigners or non-Marathi speakers from outside Maharashtra. Notices and signage inside offices also must be in Marathi. Government employees who do not follow these language rules will face disciplinary action. Complaints about non-compliance can be made to office heads or department heads, who will investigate and take action, if necessary

The policy aims to promote the use of Marathi in the state administration and public life, and the government was committed to enforce the language rules across all departments and institutions, said the notification.

The Marathi Language Policy, approved last year, had recommended the use of Marathi in all public affairs to further the steps taken for the preservation, conservation, promotion, dissemination and development of the language.

In October last year, the Centre granted the status of classical language to Marathi, fulfilling a long-standing demand of the state. The Centre had then said the classical language status will lead to creation of significant employment opportunities, particularly in academic and research fields.

All official documents, including proposals, letters, and circulars, must be in Marathi, as per the Maharashtra Official Language Act, 1964. Presentations and internal communications should also be in Marathi, the notification said. The state government directed that nameplates and signage in its offices and public sector enterprises must be in Marathi. New businesses must register their names in Marathi without English translation, it emphasised.

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RETURNED TO THE LORD

LUCIANA TRAVASSO
BOBRUMODDI - QUEPEM
BORN: 03/04/1940 DIED: 03/02/2025
"Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Romans 14:8
Beloved wife of Late Domingos Socorro Da Costa; Loving Mother/Mother-in-law of Francisco, Sandra, Xavier / Melita.
Funeral Cortège will leave her residence on **Tuesday, 4th February 2025 at 9:30 am at Holy Cross Church, Quepem** for the Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.
Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.

RETURNED TO THE LORD

JOAQUIM CARVALHO
(JACKIE CARPENTER)
DUGUEM - NUUEM
BORN: 17/05/1939 DIED: 03/02/2025
If we live, we live the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore whether we live or Die, we belong to God (Romans 14.8)
Beloved Husband of Carmelina Crasto; Loving Father/Father-in-law of Mena Josefina/Antonio Manuel (Santa Cruz / UK), Caetano Manuel (UK) / Cliffo; Doting Grand Father of Elsdon, Elkan, Caia & Kian.
Funeral Cortège will leave his Residence on **5th February 2025 (Tomorrow) at 9:45 am to Jesus Maria Jose Church, Nuuem** for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.
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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Carminho Moisinho Lobo
Canaguinim / Ribandar
Born 29-08-1938 Died 02-02-25
Husband of late Isabel Fernandes e Lobo. Father/father-in-law of Bonnet/Princilla Lobo, Babra/Flavio Miranda, Blanche/Joaquim Nunes, Blaise/Alifton Pereira & grandchildren.
Funeral Mass will be held **Today 4th Feb 2025 at 3:30pm at St Sebastian Church Canaguinim**, followed by burial.
Bus service from Ribandar at 1pm
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
GOANITES 9822136397

AGOSTINHO DINIZ
(KARAI MOLL, SHIRODA)
Beloved Husband of Mary Diniz
Loving Father/Father-in-law of Brian, Sandra/Dax, Ovita/Derick Grandfather of Dianne, Dylan, Calvin, Nikita.
Brother/Brother-in-law of late Remedios/late Marianinha, Domingo/late Espicosa, Francis/Catherine, Theresa/late Constantino, late Joaquim/Ancess
Brother-in-law of Theresa/late Baptist, late Carlos/late Celine, late Anthony/Aida, Bernadette/late Connie Diego, late Marcelina/late Anacleto.
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Celebrating the life of Lina Cordeiro
January 23, 1937 – February 3, 2025
Sister/Sister-in-law: Agnel/ Escolastica Carmelina D'souza, Levita/ late Henry Carvalho, Lui/ late Joe Lobo, Msgr. Anthony D'souza (Vicar General, Nagpur Archdiocese)
Daughter of: Late Anastasio / late Leticia Maria D'souza
Wife of: Late Anacleto Cordeiro
Mother of: late Greta and late Sandra Cordeiro
Loved by Nieces and Nephews, Relatives and Friends.
Funeral cortege will leave her residence at **Vaingin Vaddo Nachinola on 4th February 2025 at 4:00 p.m.** for the Eucharistic Celebration and Burial at **Gom Jesus Church, Nachinola, Bardez, Goa.**
Relatives, neighbours and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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Blast in Moscow kills 1, leaves 4 wounded

PTI, MOSCOW: A blast in an upscale residential block in Moscow killed one person and wounded four others on Monday morning, Russian news agencies reported, citing emergency officials. Those wounded in the blast, the cause of which was not revealed, were hospitalised in grave condition, Russia's state news agency RIA Novosti reported, citing Moscow health officials.

The authorities said a criminal case has been launched into the explosion, but they didn't say on what charges. Footage released by Russia's main investigative agency, the Investigative Committee, showed a building hall with glass doors shattered and suspended ceilings torn up.

SoftBank, OpenAI set up joint company to push artificial intelligence services

PTI, TOKYO: Japanese technology giant SoftBank Group and OpenAI stepped up their AI partnership Monday, setting up a 50-50 held company called SB OpenAI Japan. SoftBank Chief Masayoshi Son and OpenAI Chief Sam Altman appeared at an event in Tokyo, talking up their collaboration and inviting Japanese companies to join.

Altman talked about the just announced deep research, which allows ChatGPT to carry out more complicated tasks, including preparing reports by browsing the web and finding thousands of sources far more quickly than a human worker. Deep research will be available in Japan in the Japanese language, he said. This partnership with SoftBank will accelerate our vision for bringing transformative AI to some of the world's most influential companies, starting with Japan, said Altman.

Son, holding a shiny blue crystal ball as a symbolic prop, said its AI service Cristal could be used by companies for planning, marketing, emails and figuring out old source codes. Cristal will first roll out in Son's own SoftBank Group companies, which include Arm, a semiconductor and software company, and PayPay, an electronic payment service. SoftBank said it plans to spend \$3 billion a year to integrate Cristal across its companies.

Son said Stargate will expand into Japan, as well as other nations. The technology sector has been shaken by the recent announcement from Chinese newcomer DeepSeek that it has come up with very smart but low-cost AI.

Bangladesh abode of communal harmony, says Chief Adviser Yunus

PTI, DHAKA: Bangladesh belongs to all of its citizens and is a safe place for all people regardless of religion or caste, Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus has said, as he greeted members of the Hindu community on Saraswati Puja.

He wished peace, welfare, and prosperity for all citizens of the country. His greetings to the Hindu community come amid allegations against the country's interim government for failing to protect religious and ethnic minorities from attacks and harassment.

Hindus in Bangladesh celebrated Saraswati Puja on Monday amid traditional enthusiasm, festivity and religious fervour. In a message on Sunday, Yunus said Bangladesh is an abode of communal harmony. For thousands of years, people of all religions have been living together in this country irrespective of caste, colour and religion," he said. "The country belongs to all of us and is a safe place for all people regardless of religion or caste," he added. Yunus took over as the country's interim leader after a student-led uprising last year forced former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to flee to India on August 5, ending her 15-year rule. The interim government "has been relentlessly working to improve the fate of all irrespective of race, religion, and caste and ensure their equal rights, Yunus said. The goddess Saraswati is a symbol of truth, justice, and the light of knowledge, he said. "She is the omnipotent of knowledge, speech and melody," Yunus said. He called on all Hindus in Bangladesh to devote themselves to the development and progress of the country by becoming a devotee of knowledge.

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THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In everloving memory of
INACIO SEBASTIAO RODRIGUES
-: Tolloi - Colva :-
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved father Inacio S. Rodrigues at 7:45 a.m. on **Wednesday, 5th February 2025 at Our Lady of Mercies Church, Colva**, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave. Offered by his bereaved family.
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Confident Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao 9823022194

MONTH'S MIND
MICHAEL ROZALLA
(Chicalim)
29.09.1941 02.01.2025
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration on **5th February 2025 at 8:15 am at St. Andrews Church, Vasco-da-Gama** followed by prayers at the grave offered by his loving family.
(Vilwmaurya, Vasco 982260035)

A TEARFUL FAREWELL
We deeply mourn the sad demise of our dear friend
CAETANO SACRAMENTO JOSE VAZ (CAJI)
-: CHICALIM :-
and convey our heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved family.
Fondly remembered by:
Antonio Francisco Rodrigues, Thomas / Annie, Pedro / Espy, Remy / Loretta
CELINA FISHERS, COLVA.
WE PRAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.
Confident Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao 9823022194

MONTH'S MIND
In loving memory of
JOSEPHAT ALEX GOMES
(Ex-Dar Es Salam, Tanzania)
-: Comba / Pajifond, Margao :-
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved JOSEPHAT ALEX GOMES on **Wednesday, 5th February 2025 at 8:30 a.m.**, at Our Lady of Grace Church, Margao, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife: Maria; children: Leoniz / Sidney, Sharon; grandchildren: Aaron, Aidan and family (USA).
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In loving memory of
DELFINA BARNETO
-: Devote, Loutulim :-
(Ex. Teacher Saviour of the World H.S., Loutulim)
The beautiful moments you shared with us will never be forgotten. You were an adorable aunt to your nieces & nephews. Missing you all the time.
Daughter of late Miguel / late Julia Barneto.
Loving sister / sister-in-law of late Zelia / late Iris De Sa, late Olga / late Lourenco Veiga, late Caitano / Martha Barneto, late Ermelinda / late Pedro Joao D'Souza, late Seraphino / late Malanie Barneto.
There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Delfina Barneto at 7:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, 5th February 2025 at Saviour of the World Church, Loutulim**, followed by the blessing of the grave, offered by her sister-in-law, nieces, nephews and their families.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only Intimation

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Everloving Memory of
JOSE (JOSEPH) MANOEL FERNANDES
GOA VELHA/POSREM BHATT, TALEIGAO
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved JOSEPH on **Wednesday, 5th Feb., 2025 (tomorrow) at 7:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, Taleigao**, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife and children.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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IN LOVING MEMORY
of our beloved
AISHWARYA LORAIN DOURADO
(Aquem Alto - Margao)
Forever in our hearts, always in our thoughts. Your tender life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, Lord God grant her eternal peace.
Sorrowfully remembered by:
Jerome/Lucy, Jeffrey/Jessie, Maria/Jelita Mascarenhas & Jersey/Ludovick Rodrigues. Lisanne, Leander Rodrigues & Lazarus Mascarenhas. (Borbhat-Taleigao, Ilhas)
MAY HER SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE
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THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
RANI ROSHA FERNANDES
COTTO - FATORPA - GOA
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Rani on **Wednesday, 5th February 2025 at 8:00 AM at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Cotto, Fatorpa**. Offered by her sorrowful children Samcilo/Valeria, Shalan/Skizzo & Late Salvin. Grandchildren Swizzle, Shanoy and Skyla.
RELATIVES & FRIENDS KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION.

MONTH'S MIND
FILOMENA MENEZES
(Cavorim - Chandor / Arossim - Cansaulim)
You left us beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You're always at our side.
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Mother Filomena Menezes on **Wednesday, 5th February 2025 at 8:00 am at St. Thomas Church, Cansaulim**, followed by prayers and blessings at the grave, offered by her sorrowful Children.
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SECOND DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In loving memory of
CARMINHO A. S. SOCORRO PEREIRA E BRITO
(Devote, Loutulim)
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Carminho on **5th February 2025 (TOMORROW) at 8:15 am at Saviour of the World Church, Loutulim** followed by blessing of the grave, offered by his sorrowful mother and family.
Relatives, Neighbours & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Aquila Advt. 942137777 / 942157777

MONTH'S MIND
In everloving memory of
DOMNIC PETER FRANCIS FERNANDES
Gaumchi-Araddi, ANJUNA
Born: 4th October 1947
Died: 29th January 2025
Forever in our hearts you will stay,
Loved and remembered everyday.
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved DOMNIC on **Wednesday, 5th February, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. at St. Michael Church, Anjuna**, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave. Offered by his sorrowful Family.
Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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