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Goa's Babu wins 3 silver medals in Pentathlon

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PANJIM: Babu Gaonkar made Goa proud by winning three silver medals in the Pentathlon at the National Games in Uttarakhand.



Babu won medals in Laser Run individual men's, Laser Run men's team and the Laser Run Mixed Relay, while the State's Laser Run women's team bagged the bronze medal.

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CABLE-CUTTING PLAGUES EXAM PREP FOR PUPILS

Parents knock PM's door to stop removal of internet cables, seek coordination between government departments

Team Herald

PANJIM: Claiming that the removal/cutting of internet cables hanging on electricity poles has impacted students and the education sector, the parents have sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention to halt the ongoing drive in the State.

The parents in a letter to the prime Minister have sought proper coordination between the government departments to ensure that the cable-cutting drives are halted until a proper solution is found, especially considering the current examination period.

The parents have urged the government to facilitate communication between the Directorate of Education, Department of Information Technology (IT) and the Electricity Department to ensure that such disruptive actions are not taken without considering the impact on the education sector.

They have also request-

“As educators we are struggling to provide the necessary support to our students, many of whom rely on these online systems to complete their education and examinations – **Vilma Natalia Cardoso E Fernandes, a parent and tutor**

“I have not come across anything from parents and students. They might have submitted their grievances to the Department of Information and Technology – **Shailesh Zingde, Director of Education**

“The internet services were disrupted. We received several complaints from our clients, who were upset. We have been regularly paying fees to the Electricity Department for using the poles to tie cables. We have now completed all formalities with the department of information and technology – **Molly Fernandes, president of Goa Cable TV Networking and Service Providers Association**

ed the authorities to issue clear guidelines and assurances to students, parents and educators regarding the continuity, if education and the mitigation of any further disruptions.

Vilma Natalia Cardoso E Fernandes, a tutor and

parent told O Herald that she was involved in the education sector mentoring hundreds of students and after Covid pandemic the education in the State was increasingly relying on on-line learning platforms.

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MELODIES THAT ENCHANT



Members of the Umbra ensemble perform at the Sur Jahan 2025, a World Peace Music Festival at the Kala Academy, Campal-Panjim. The festival, organised by the Directorate of Art & Culture in association with the Kala Academy Goa and the Contact Base, aims to promote cultural diversity and unity through music

Delhi votes for double engine

BJP wins 48 seats; AAP chief Kejriwal, former deputy CM Sisodia, Bharti and Bhardwaj suffer shocking defeats

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday returned to power in Delhi after more than 26 years to sweep away the Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party with a two-thirds majority on the back of a hyper localised campaign and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'AAP-da(disaster) blitzkrieg. Adding to the ignominy



VERMA, MARWAH EMERGE GIANT-SLAYERS
NEW DELHI SEAT: BJP's Parvesh Verma (30,088 votes) defeated AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal (25,999) and Congress' Sandeep Dikshit (4,568)
JANGPURA SEAT: BJP's Tarvinder Singh Marwah (38,859) defeated former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia (38,184) and Congress candidate Farhad Suri (7,350)

of the AAP that was battling 10 years of anti-incumbency was the shocking defeat of

former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal himself and other top leaders includ-

ing his close aide and former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, Somnath Bharti and Saurabh Bhardwaj. Chief Minister Atishi, an academic and unlikely politician, weathered the storm to retain Kalkaji seat.

The BJP won 48 of the 70 seats at stake and the AAP was way behind with 22, according to the Election Commission website.

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Trump suffers setback, judge halts plans to pull USAID workers off the job



AP, WASHINGTON: A federal judge dealt President Donald Trump and billionaire ally Elon Musk their first big setback in their dismantling of the US Agency for International Development, ordering a temporary halt to plans to pull thousands of agency staffers off the job.

US District Judge Carl Nichols, a Trump appointee, also agreed to block an order that would have given the thousands of overseas USAID workers the administration wanted to place on abrupt administrative leave just 30 days to move families and households back to the US on government expense.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE IN SYRIA IS NOT THE SAME AS BETHESDA: JUDGE

■ US District Judge Carl Nichols pointed to accounts from workers abroad that the Trump administration, in its rush to shut down the agency and its programmes abroad, had cut some workers off from govt emails and other communication systems they needed to reach the US govt in case of a health or safety emergency

■ "Administrative leave in Syria is not the same as administrative leave in Bethesda," the judge said

■ He cited statements from agency employees who had no home to go to in the US after decades abroad, who faced pulling children with special needs out of school midyear, and had other difficulties

US judge blocks Musk's cost-cutting team from Treasury data

AFP, WASHINGTON: A US judge issued an emergency order early Saturday blocking Elon Musk's government reform team from accessing personal and financial data for millions of Americans stored at the Treasury Department, court documents showed.

US District Judge Paul A Engelmayer's order restricts giving access to Treasury Department payment systems and other data to "all political appointees, special government employees, and government employees detailed from an agency outside the Treasury Department."

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Nothing smart, mindless destruction at work in Panjim

Gigantic triangle has narrowed roads, destroyed parking space near iconic cafe

Team Herald

PANJIM: The State's capital city and its residents continue to suffer on account of the "unsmart" city works. The classic example of "ridiculous" planning by Smart City officials is the "mindless" huge triangular shape structure constructed in front of Panjim's iconic Café Bhonsle and other establishments.

The contractor has constructed the gigantic structure where the once triangular garden stood, which has narrowed the road to such an extent that if one vehicle is passing along the route, the other cannot pass. The construction of



(Top) The "mindless" huge triangular shape structure constructed in front of Café Bhonsle and other establishments (below) A tanker parked on the adjoining road, leaves no space for any other vehicle to pass

the structure has exposed the failure on the part of the officials to understand the city's culture and heritage with the stakeholders

and shopkeepers claiming that they were not taken into confidence.

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“Today all shop owners called Revenue Minister Atanasio Monserrate and Smart City CEO Sanjit Rodrigues. We are against the gigantic triangle and not against any development. Shop owners are with the govt. We want the parking and the garden restored. Only one tanker can pass at a time on this narrow road. My underground power cable worth Rs 3.5 lakh to Rs 4 lakh was cut off and they have given me a temporary connection – **Mitind Bhonsle, partner, Cafe Bhonsle**

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