

Ex-MLA Lavoo dies after roadside brawl

Former Ponda legislator Lavoo Mamledar collapses in hotel minutes after a fight with auto driver in Belagavi; accused held

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BENGALURU: A pall of gloom descended on Goa, as former Ponda MLA **Lavoo Mamledar** died shortly after an altercation with an auto driver, in Karnataka's Belagavi district on Saturday. He was 68.

Mamledar leaves behind his wife Shanti and two daughters.

It is learnt that he had gone to Belagavi and was residing in Hotel Srinivas Residency near Khade Bazaar.

The reason behind the former Maharashtra Gomantak Party (MGP) legislator's death could not



be immediately ascertained. However the police said the driver identified as 28-year-old Majaheed Shakeel Jamadar of Belagavi has been arrested.

Sources said the altercation between Mamledar and Jamadar occurred after the former's vehicle reportedly bumped into the auto near Srinivas Residency Hotel at around 1.30 pm.

Visuals of the incident captured on CCTV showed Mamledar and the driver locked in an argument, which later took a violent turn.

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“Deeply anguished by the untimely and tragic passing of former MLA **Shri Lavoo Mamledar in Belagavi today. His dedicated service to the State, both as an officer of the Goa Police and later as a legislator, will always be remembered with gratitude**

– **Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister in a post on X**

“We are deeply saddened by the tragic demise of **Lavoo Mamledar, former MLA of Ponda and a distinguished officer of Goa Police. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends, and well-wishers in this difficult time. Om Shanti**

– **Goa Police post on X**

FROM COP TO MLA

■ Lavoo Mamledar from Durgabhat, joined the Goa Police as a PSI

■ Retired as DySP (Traffic) after taking voluntary retirement in 2011

■ Was elected as MLA from Ponda on a MGP ticket in the 2012 Assembly polls

■ In the 2017 polls, he contested from Ponda again on an MGP ticket, but lost

■ A strong critic of MGP chief Deepak Dhavalikar & incumbent Marcaim MLA Sudin Dhavalikar, Mamledar was expelled for anti-party activities

■ In 2021, he joined Trinamool Congress, but quit after three months

■ In Jan 2022, he joined Cong & contested from Marcaim, but lost the election

WHEN ALTERCATION TURNED FATAL

■ The altercation between Mamledar and Jamadar occurred after the former's vehicle reportedly bumped into the auto near Hotel Srinivas Residency at 1.30 pm

■ CCTV visuals showed Mamledar and the driver arguing

■ Mamledar slapped

Jamadar and he hit the former in return

■ People intervened and Mamledar later entered the hotel

■ Hotel's CCTV visuals show Mamledar going up the stairs and suddenly collapsing

■ Was rushed to Belagavi District Hospital, where he was declared dead

Allahbadia apologises, says family getting death threats

PTI, NEW DELHI: Popular YouTuber **Ranveer Allahbadia** apologised for his controversial remark again on Saturday but said he is scared as he and his family are receiving death threats.

Allahbadia, one of the most influential podcasters with over 16 million followers across social media platforms, landed in a major controversy over his comment on parents and sex at Samay Raina's comedy show "India's Got Latent" last Monday.

He apologised the next day but the controversy refused to die down with police complaints filed

“I'm watching death threats pour in from people saying that they want to kill me and hurt my family. People have invaded my mother's clinic posing as patients. I'm feeling scared and I don't know what to do. But I'm not running away. I have full faith in the police and the judicial system of India

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Raina, on whose show Allahbadia made the comment, has already deleted all the 18 episodes of the show from YouTube, saying it was too much to handle for him. He also said he will cooperate with authorities.

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“I will follow due process and be available to all agencies. My remark about parents was insensitive and disrespectful. It is my moral responsibility to do better and I am genuinely sorry. I'm watching death

Cong dares CM on minister's mining scam 'link' in Karnataka

Special Court is expected to deliver final verdict on Feb 24

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PANJIM: Congress has accused a senior Cabinet Minister in the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led government in Goa of being involved in a mining scam in Karnataka and dared Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to comment on the issue.

According to the Congress, a Special Court is expected to deliver its final verdict on February 24 and the party will wait till the

court's ruling. The court hearing the case is said to be dedicated to handling criminal cases involving elected MPs and MLAs.

The mining scam involves a total of 16 accused, including the mining firm owned by one of the accused from Hosapete, Ballari, Karnataka. The SIT, Karnataka Lokayukta, filed charges in 2016 and according to the prosecution, the accused – including the Goa Minister and his brother

– allegedly entered into a criminal conspiracy to illegally transport nearly 17 metric tonnes (MT) of iron ore from the lease area of M/s S B Minerals, Vysanakere plot, and other mines. The ore was reportedly transported to Belekeri Port without proper permits from the Department of Mines and Geology and sold to M/s Eagle Traders and Logistics, allegedly bypassing legal royalty payments, TCS tax, and forest way

charges. The prosecution claims the scam caused a loss of over Rs 1.5 crore to the government and facilitated illegal profits for the accused.

The accused face charges under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, along with violations of the Karnataka Forest Rules, 1969. Of the 16 accused, three have reportedly died while the trial remains pending.

SWEET TREAT



A teacher offers 'prasad' to a student before she appears for the CBSE board exam 2025, in Gurugram, on Saturday

US plane with 116 deportees lands in Amritsar

PTI, AMRITSAR: A plane carrying 116 illegal Indian immigrants from the US, among them two Goans, landed at the Amritsar International Airport late on Saturday night, official sources said.

This is the second such batch of Indians to be deported by the Donald Trump administration as part of its promised crack-down on illegal immigrants. The flight landed at the airport around 11.30 pm as against the expected time of 10 pm, they said.

Earlier, there were reports that the plane would carry 119 immigrants, but now as per an updated list of passengers, the number of deportees in the second batch was 116, they added.

Four injured in New Delhi rly station stampede

PTI, NEW DELHI: At least four women were reportedly injured and rushed to hospitals after a stampede-like situation broke out at the New Delhi Railway Station late on Saturday evening, triggering a chaos on platform numbers 14 and 15, officials said.

Several passengers also claimed that at least four women were rushed to nearby hospitals after they reportedly fainted due to suffocation.

In an official statement, the deputy commissioner of police (railway) said many people were present on platform number 14 when the Prayagraj Express train was standing at the platform.

The officer further said the Swatantrata Senani Express and Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express were delayed.

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Not for sale: OpenAI Board unanimously rejects Musk's \$97.4 billion takeover bid

Says proposal 'is not in the best interests of OAI's mission'

AP, SAN FRANCISCO: OpenAI says its board of directors has unanimously rejected a \$97.4 billion takeover bid by Elon Musk.

“OpenAI is not for sale, and the board has unanimously rejected Musk's latest attempt to disrupt his competition,” said a statement Friday from Bret Taylor, chair of OpenAI's board.

OpenAI attorney William Savitt in a letter to Musk's attorney Friday said the proposal “is not in the best interests of OAI's mission and is rejected.”

Musk, an early OpenAI investor, began a legal offensive against the ChatGPT-maker nearly a year ago, suing for breach of contract over what he said was the betrayal of its founding aims as a non-profit he helped found a



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decade ago.

Then on Monday, while that case was still awaiting a key ruling, Musk and his

own AI startup, xAI, and a group of investment firms announced a bid to buy the nonprofit that controls OpenAI. Musk in a court filing Wednesday expanded on the proposal to acquire the non-profit's controlling stake in the for-profit OpenAI subsidiary.

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Musk has alleged in the lawsuit that the companies are violating the terms of his foundational contributions to the charity.

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