



French President Emmanuel Macron (L), welcomes Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán at the Elysee Palace, in Paris



Vice Prez JD Vance talks with Texas Gov Greg Abbott at the Border Patrol Station South during a visit to the US border with Mexico in Eagle Pass, Texas



FBI Director Kash Patel speaks during a US hostage and wrongful detainee flag raising ceremony at the State Dept in Washington, DC



Homes that were under construction sit destroyed after recent severe weather passed through the area in Haslet, Texas

US may delay most tariffs on Canada, Mexico by a month

AP, WASHINGTON: US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said Thursday in a television interview that President Donald Trump will “likely” suspend 25 per cent tariffs on Canada and Mexico for most products and services for a month, broadening an exemption that was granted on Wednesday only to autos. In an interview on CNBC,

Lutnick said the one-month delay in the import taxes “will likely cover all USM-CA-compliant goods and services,” referring to the trade agreement Trump negotiated in his last term that replaced NAFTA. Lutnick estimated that more than half of what the US imports from those two countries would be eligible for the exemption. Lutnick’s comments

came as Trump’s on-again, off-again tariffs threats have roiled financial markets, lowered consumer confidence, and enveloped many businesses in an uncertain atmosphere that could delay hiring and investment. Lutnick emphasised that reciprocal tariffs, in which the United States applies import taxes on countries that

tariff US exports, will still be implemented April 2. US markets bounced of their lows for the day shortly after Lutnick spoke. Also Thursday, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau indicated that he expects his country will be in a trade war with the United States for the foreseeable future. Trudeau said the broader

month-long pause “aligns with some of the conversations that we have been having with administration officials.” The Canadian leader said the move by the Trump administration was a “promising sign,” but it also “means that the tariffs remain in place and therefore our response will remain in place.”

Lutnick also said in the interview that if the two countries don’t make enough progress limiting the shipment of fentanyl into the United States, the 25 per cent tariffs could be re-applied in a month as well. “Hopefully we will announce this today — US-MCA-compliant goods will not have a tariff for the next

month until April 2nd,” Lutnick said. “Hopefully Mexico and Canada will have done a good enough job on fentanyl that this part of the conversation will be off the table, and we’ll move just to the reciprocal tariff conversation. But if they haven’t, this will stay on.” Lutnick added that Trump is expected to speak with Mexico’s president

Claudia Sheinbaum later Thursday and could make an announcement afterwards. Mexico and Canada have “done a good job offering us ever more work” to show that they are moving to combat shipments of fentanyl, a key demand Trump has made in return for permanently removing the 25 per cent duties.

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IF MADKAIKAR PAID BRIBE OF RS 20 LAKH, HE TOO IS CULPABLE UNDER THE LAW

There are multiple questions waiting to be asked: who is the minister Madkaikar coughed up the money to? Why did he not go to the police or the Lokayukta when the bribe demand was made? Did he pay the claimed amount by cheque or in hard cash, and if it’s the latter, where did he get so much of currency?

Keeping in mind the sensational nature of the claim, the Goa Police would do well to start a case and probe the matter that has kept political circles in the State on the boil for the past few days, according to senior lawyers that O Herald spoke with.

S KOREAN FIGHTER JETS ACCIDENTALLY DROP BOMBS, 8 INJURED

The air force also said a committee would investigate the accident and examine the scale of the damage inflicted.

An unidentified air force official told local reporters that a pilot of one of the KF-16s had entered wrong coordinates for a bombing site. An unidentified Defence Ministry official told reporters that further investigation was needed to determine why the second KF-16 also dropped bombs on a civilian area.

In a televised briefing, Pocheon Mayor Paek Young Hyeun called the bombings “awful” and urged the military to halt drills in the city until it formulates reliable steps that can prevent a recurrence. He said that Pocheon, a city of 140,000 people, provides three major firing ranges for the South Korean and US militaries.

Park Seong-sook, a 70-year-old eyewitness who was not hurt in the bombing, said she thought “a war has broken out.”

“It was such a loud sound,” she said, adding that it left her trembling with fear.

The military said later Thursday it has decided to suspend all live-fire drills across South Korea.

The accident came just before the South Korean and US militaries announced they

will begin large-scale annual military drills next Monday.

It’s unclear how long the suspension of the live-fire training would last, but observers said it would likely be until the military determines the cause of Thursday’s accident and maps out preventative steps.

Pocheon’s disaster response department said six civilians and two soldiers were injured and were being treated at hospitals. Four of the injured — all civilians — were in serious condition, the department said. Two of the seriously injured are foreigners, one from Thailand and the other from Myanmar.

Three houses, a Catholic church and a greenhouse were partially damaged but they did not appear to have been directly hit by the bombs, according to the department.

5-YEAR-OLD KILLED IN BLACK MAGIC RITUAL

Initially, when the police arrived at the scene, the accused couple, along with locals, assisted in searching for the missing girl. However, upon returning to the site the following morning, police grew suspicious of the couple’s behaviour, which seemed erratic and nervous. When they were grilled, the couple confessed to having murdered the child, believing that the sacrifice would help the wife conceive.

The couple, who have been married for 25 years but remained childless, reportedly acted on the advice of an alleged witch doctor, who reportedly told them that sacrificing the girl would grant the wife the ability to conceive.

The local Sarpanch of Usgao-Ganjam, Ramanth Dangu, condemned the horrific act, emphasising the importance of rejecting such superstitions in today’s world of science and reason.

It is understood that the mother of the victim, a Goan woman, was staying with her own mother in Kasayale, Tisk after a period of marital conflict with her husband, who is based in Ratnagiri. The victim’s grandmother was also caring for the two children during this time. The accused couple, who lived just 25 meters from the victim’s house, were reportedly involved in construction work.

EXORBITANT AIRFARES UNACCEPTABLE: PAC CHIEF VENUGOPAL

There are concerns in various quarters regarding UDF levied by airport operators amid rising air traffic.

UDF is considered as a revenue-enhancing measure to bridge any revenue shortfall so that the airport operator concerned can get a fair share of return on investment.

Meanwhile, the Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), which operates IGIA, has proposed differential UDF pricing for embarking and disembarking passengers for the fourth control period FY2024-25 to FY2028-29. The proposals for the period are currently being examined by the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA).

Last month, during a stakeholders’ consultation meeting related to Delhi airport tariffs, AERA Chairperson SKG Rahate had mentioned that it is not right to say that UDF charged by airports plays a significant role in exorbitant airfares.

According to official data, the number of taxpayers disclosing foreign assets and income on “voluntary” basis has grown from 60,000 in assessment year 2021-22 to 2,31,452 taxpayers in 2024-25.

The I-T department and CBDT’s idea is that by fostering transparency, education, and cooperation, the initiative reinforces a compliance-friendly tax environment, ensuring that taxpayers can correct their filings proactively before any formal verification measures are undertaken.

This year, due to “extensive” outreach and awareness efforts, voluntary disclosures witnessed a “significant” 45.17% growth compared to assessment year 2023-24, data said.

The tax department receives data on foreign assets held by Indians abroad through the common reporting standards (CRS) mechanism as part of which 125 countries share such information with the Indian taxman.

A similar exchange occurs with the US

under the Inter-Governmental Agreement pursuant to the Foreign Accounts Tax Compliance Act (FATCA).

Last September, India received financial information from over 108 countries regarding foreign accounts and income in the form of interest and dividends earned outside India.

PRO-KHALISTAN EXTREMISTS TARGET EAM CONVOY IN LONDON

“We strongly condemn the incident that took place outside Chatham House yesterday (Wednesday) during the External Affairs Minister’s visit to the UK,” a Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) spokesperson said.

“While the UK upholds the right to peaceful protest, any attempts to intimidate, threaten, or disrupt public events are completely unacceptable. The Metropolitan Police acted swiftly to address the situation, and we remain fully committed to ensuring the security of all our diplomatic visitors, in line with our international obligations,” the spokesperson said.

A Met Police spokesperson added: “As the Minister left the event, a protester ran in front of his stationary car waving a flag.”

“He was quickly intercepted by officers and moved out of the way. He did not get close to the Minister who was able to leave the area without further incident. There were no arrests.”

It follows Jaishankar’s talks with UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy at Chevening House on Tuesday and Wednesday, when both leaders covered the “entire gamut of bilateral ties”, including the relaunched Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations, regional and global issues.

“It is shameful that this attack comes when Dr S Jaishankar is on a UK tour and had just completed a successful meeting with UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy where they discussed bilateral ties,” said community organisation INSIGHT UK, posting footage of the incident on social media.

Earlier, during his session at Chatham House, Jaishankar was asked about human rights concerns pertaining to India.

“A lot of this is political. We have been for political reasons at the receiving end of a lot of expressions and campaigns on human rights. We listen to it. We are not perfect, nobody is perfect. There can be situations which require redressal and remedy,” said Jaishankar.

“But I would argue, if one looks around the world, we have a very strong human rights record,” he said.

“As a credible democracy, where people have growing faith in our democracy, where representation has broadened in every conceivable way over the last many decades, where the state has been very fair in terms of treatment of its citizens, I think any sweeping concern on human rights is misplaced. I don’t see any justification for it at all,” he added.

A BRIDGE CONNECTING NOTHING TO NOWHERE

“People are bound to say things like the bridge has been built to help people interested in buying those fields for real estate purposes. ‘As sarpanch, I cannot speak for the farmers and people who have doubts should approach me,” he insisted.

In a bizarre twist, the bridge has gained traction online as a tourist attraction. In the comment section an individual going by the name of RJ and who describes himself as a local guide describes the bridge as an: “amusement park”.

Raju Parab, who also describes himself as a local guide, thinks the bridge is a ‘nice place for photography’. And, for Shrada Sawant it is ‘Best to visit at evening to see beautiful sunset’.

For many residents, this shift in public perception raises red flags. “When the farmers really wanted help, no one really came forward. Since construction is allowed anywhere in Goa, we are inclined to believe that there is a hidden agenda behind building this bridge,” said another local Pratik Gawde.

“Do you think the farmers would be so stupid so as to leave a bridge built specifically for them, unutilised,” wonders Gawde. “Does that land look like a field now?” he wryly questions.

Attempts to contact Cumarjua MLA Rajesh Faldessai for comments were unsuccessful, with the legislator repeatedly avoiding calls.

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Captain For A Cafe, South Goa: Experience of 1 year. Should handle a team, have good communication and customer skills. Email: chivonermhc@gmail.com Contact: 7420062027

2025007039

Service For A Bar & Restaurant, South Goa: Experience of 1 year. Good communication and customer skills. Email: chivonermhc@gmail.com Contact: 7420062027

2025007040

Looking for Sales Staff (female) for a boutique. Location- Calangute Salary 12k Overtime is additional Timings 12- 9pm Fluency in English is a must. (Preferably experienced in Sales) Call on 9920060153.

2025007041

Required Indian cook, utility & male cashier with computer knowledge in reputed restaurant in South Goa freshers can also apply incl. Food & accommodation contact 8888897876

2025007043

engageHR is Hiring for the Hotel, Construction & Manufacturing Industries. All departments & all levels for North & South Goa. Freshers & Experienced personnel may apply. Connect on WhatsApp- 8956645723 or Email resume to career@engagehrindia.com

2025007044

Wanted Cooks, Experienced Waiters, Dishwasher, Kitchen Helper for Gomantak Bar and Restaurant, Fatorda. Contact: 9623966634

2025007048

Wanted Accounts Assistants For Tax Consultancy Firm Margao. Preferably having Knowledge of Income Tax & GST returns Filing. Call- 9822176269

2025007051

Hiring Field Sales Executives for a Water treatment Co. Porvorim! Salary Rs. 20,000- 25,000+ Incentives & Fuel Allowance. Sales experience & own vehicle preferred. Freshers welcome! Call/ WhatsApp: +91 8390960001/02

2025007057

Account Assistant needed having 2-5 years experience in accounts and billing for a firm in Panjim. Send resume @: hrdsccs2003@gmail.com or Whatsapp on 8208664206.

2025007059

waiter & supervisor with good experience wanted for a restaurant In South Goa. Good Salary. Food & Accommodation provided. Call 9657719242/ 7499406765

2025007060

Wanted QC officer/ incharge: Qualified person, having min. experience 8 years, preferably in the manufacturing industry of corrugated box. Well versed in quality tools like PFMEA, GBD, control plans, RAR etc and ISO compliance. Send resume at info@sahilpackaging.com walk in interview on 10 to 13.03.25 at Verna Industrial estate from 9 am to 4 pm. Contact 8380017934

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SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted Accounts Assistant: B Com with knowledge of Tally, having min 5 years experience. Walk in interview on 10 to 13.03.25 at Verna Industrial estate from 9 am to 4 pm or send resume at info@sahilpackaging.com Contact 8380017934

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Wanted production Supervisor & Marketing Assistant: Having min 5 years experience in respective area. Walk in interview on 10 to 13.03.25 at Verna Industrial estate from 9 am to 4 pm or send resume at info@sahilpackaging.com Contact 8380017934

2025007064

Caravela Café requires Store keeper for their Panjim outlet for immediate employment. Attractive salary offered. Contact: 9860089254, 9730231732, 9890192254. Email: msgoan hospitality@gmail.com

2025007069

Rosary HSS. Navelim, Salcate requires Teacher Grade-1 in Biology on Leave Vacancy. Qualification: MSc. (Zoology, Botany & Bio Technology). BED. Walk-in-Interview on Saturday 08 March 2025 at 10:00am alongwith testimonials.

2025007070

Wanted office girl in Anjuna Bar- dez Goa. Contact: 9370042265

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Wanted in Porvorim, chogum road experienced waiters, Room boys ,Night Receptionist salary 12000/- to 14000/- . With food and accommodation plus service charge. Konkani, marathi, Hindi speaking boys preferred, age group below 30 years with 12 th passed. Contact urgently, kishore 9823137349/ 92842 92450

2025007082

Wanted Account Assistant for Construction Company office based in Margao, having experience of Tally, GST & TDS. Send your CV to roommakersrealtors@yahoo.com / 8996889296

2025007085

Require an office boy for an construction company in Verna Can handle indoor and outdoor work. Computer literacy should be must. Education Qualification 10/12th 2/4 wheeler licence compulsory. Kindly contact /whatsapp resume. 9049766795 /9673132632

2025007088

Wanted driver to drive eco and delivery for shri ganesh laminates arlem circle Margao contact 8087100521

2025007091

Urgent Hiring for billing Clerk/Ca- shier for restaurant in Colva Contact or WhatsApp 9822121221/8669888989

2025007092

MNC Firm looking for Office Ex- ecutive, Tele-Caller, Back office Staff For Margao Corporate Office. Earn up to 20,000pm Interviews on 7th/ 8th March. Contact - 9022973685

2025007094

SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted For a Liquor Supermarket /Wineshop in Colva and Margao South Goa Store incharge/Sales staff Call whatsapp 9881811310/ 9326103411

2025007096

Wanted Immediately Accountant Bcom with 1 year experience. Contact: Dhanashree Builders Pvt Ltd near Carmel College, Nuvem-Salcete-Goa. 9823147974 / 9370428783

2025007097

Wanted Data Entry / Cashier for Supermarket in Colva. Salary: 15,000/- . Call/ Whatsapp: 7757947309. Fresher can apply.

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Wanted Receptionist, allrounder cook Contact 9049209100 Utoroda 2025007105

Female candidate knowing Hindi + English having computer knowledge required for firm at Tivim for ticket booking etc 9845540408

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Wanted Marketing Executive for FMCG in Margao and surrounding area. Candidate should have experience in similar job. Contact: 7507112244

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Wanted a househelp, preferably Goan, for a couple with a 4 year old child in Margao to cook and clean. Timings from 8am- 6pm. Sunday will be a holiday. Please call or send a WhatsApp message on 9920060683/7350433344

2025007113

Job Offer for Perfumes Co. in Goa. Sales Assistant required. Min. 10th pass. English and computer knowledge preferred. Hard working attitude and a 2 wheeler is a Must. Chance to earn very good incentives with the salary. 7709409796

2025007114

Wanted Truck Driver, Lighting & Video Technician, Event Executive & Event Helper in Panaji. Interested contact 8806014400

2025007124

Wanted Receptionist with basic knowledge of accounts, house-keeping staff for hotel at Calangute. food, accommodation provided. call: 9822154009, 9823033586, 9765354009

2025007127

For Senior Citizen Offer Singapore Malaysia + Bangkok 9N 10 Days All Inclusive, From Goa, All meals, Starting From May/ June first week, 125000/-Per Person. Contact- 7248913648 Varad travels Panaji Goa

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VEHICLES AVAILABLE

TATA Ace Gold, petrol year Jan 2024, 1500 kms single owner, Rs 4.10 lakh Contact No : 7522952770

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2 lady driven Alto Ixi 2009 Silver driven only 15008km & 75708km 22kmpit p/steering, cd, c/locking new tyre rot passing 2029 call 7066811804.

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ALLAHBADIA, APOORVA APPEAR BEFORE NCW, EXPRESS REGRET

The Commission had taken serious note of the vulgar and offensive remarks made by Allahbadia, Makhija, Raina, Jaspreet Singh and Ashish Chanchlani on the show and summoned them as well as Poojari and Bothra.

Several FIRs were lodged against Allahbadia, popularly known as BeerBiceps, for the comment on parents and sex on Raina’s show.

However, the Supreme Court has granted Allahbadia interim protection from arrest over his comments on the show while calling it ‘vulgar’ and saying he had a ‘dirty mind’ which put society to shame.


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DEATH
FRANCISCO BARRETO
~ Katebag - Poinguinim ~
Born: 23/12/1943 - Died: 06/03/2025
Husband of Severina (Rosy) Barreto.
Father/father-in-law of Blacian Barretto/late Ubaldo L.S. Fernandes and Joanita Barretto / George Salazar Monteiro.
Grandfather of Preston, Franz, Alrich Monteiro and Alifa/Sevino.
Funeral is on the 07th March 2025 (Today) at 10:00 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church, Galgibaga, Canacona.
Relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation.



THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Everloving Memory Of
MARIA IVONE (YVONNE) CORREIA E GRACIAS
(Tontem - Morod Cansaulim)
It's been three years, but feels like yesterday. We still miss you, we still love you and we still remember every moment with you.
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for our Yvonne at 8.45 am on Saturday, 8th March 2025 at St. Thomas Church, Cansaulim offered by the sorrowful family. This will be followed by prayers and blessing at the grave.
Relatives, Neighbours & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.



FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In everloving memory of
JULIO BENEVENETO PEREIRA (BENNY)
Pixem Dongri Vasco
" You have always kept the family tied with love, care and affection, we pray to almighty that he may give you eternal peace in return"
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Julio B. Pereira (Benny) on Saturday 8th March 2025 at 8.15 am at St. Andrews Church Vasco da Gama followed by prayers and blessing of the grave offered by his sorrowful Wife: Maria, Children : Mariano, Melvin/Kenisia and Family.
Relatives and Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation



THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In loving memory of
MARIA ANUNCIACAO FERNANDES COMBA, PARICOTTO - CUNCOLIM
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Maria on 8th March 2025 (Tomorrow) at 7:30am at Our Lady of Health Church, Cuncolim, followed by prayers & blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful husband Antonio Clemente Fernandes, children Lannie / Daisy, Swella, grandchildren Canacy, Cayden, Vevlin and family.
Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.