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Daughter of late Joseph Sebastian Castellino and late Eulalia Castellino.
 Wife of late Peter Trinidad. Mother of late Patricia Trinidad. Affectionate friend of Regina Saldanha, loving aunt of Amy Saldanha/Domic Silveira. Doting nana of Gavin Silveira. Passed away on 21st March at her home in Calangute (Tivai Vaddo).
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Relatives & friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation.

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RETURNED TO THE LORD

ROSARIO GOMES
 Ex - Employee of Farmacia Salcete, Margao (AGALLI - FATORDA)

Husband of Antonieta Gomes, Son of late Francisco Gomes & late Rosa Piedade Cardoso, Father / Father-in-law of Jesmina / Francis Mendes, Natty / Sebastian Fernandes, Royston / Jenny / Anson / Hanisha. Loving Grandfather of Janosch, Flavis, Nynelshia & Riaan. Brother / Brother-in-law of late Nazario / Josephina, Santana / late Nicolau, Socorro / Milagrina, Jose / Francisca & Agnelo / Manuelina.
 Funeral cortege will leave his residence TODAY, 22nd March 2025 at 3.45 pm to St. Anthony Chapel, Agalli for Eucharistic Celebration at 4.00 pm followed by burial at Cristo Rei Cemetery, Sonsoaddo, Gogol.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

DEATH

VALENTINO CARDOSO
 (Ambelim, Assolna)
 Born: 28/10/1951
 Died: 21/03/2025

Son of late Silvester and Rosa Cardoso
 Beloved husband of late Elyc Cardoso
 Father / Father-in-law of Rosilve & Valerie, Edison
 Grandfather of Rayden & Veldryn
 Funeral Cortege will leave the residence on 22/03/2025, Saturday at 2:45 PM, for Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Ambelim for a Eucharistic celebration followed by burial at Regina Martyram Church cemetery, Assolna

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DEATH

Clara Luciana D'Souza
 Sonar Vaddo, Parra

Loving wife of late Romeo D'Souza
 Beloved mother of Melvyn, Malcolm, Joaquim.
 Mortal remains will be brought to St. Anne's Church, Parra on 22nd March, 2025 (TODAY) at 10 am for last respects followed by Eucharistic Celebration at 10:15 am and burial.

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Confidant 9881711706 Panjim

RETURNED TO THE LORD

JOAQUINA CARMELINA FERNANDES E FURTADO
 (ANNIE FURTADO)
 Mapusa, Goa

Beloved wife of Late Antonio Luis Francisco Joao Furtado. Loving Mother/Mother-in-law of Romaldisa (Ex G.M.C Matron) /Damian D'Souza/Late Dr. Carlos Barreto, Jose Gonzago/Micklin, Vera/Late Excelso Carvalho (Bicholim), Savia/Gustavo Silveira (St. Esteveam), Sr. Dianne A.C., Late Savio, Fr. Patrick Furtado S.A.C (Parish Priest of Sarzora) Loving sister/sister-in-law of Late Remedios/Lily, Late Michael/Elvira, Late Engracia/Hedwig. Everloving grandmother of Vanessa/Orlando, Elaine/Julius, Serena/Nicolaas, Kimberly/Alain, Kreislyn, Kenrick & Savio. Adorable great grandmother of Evan, Luke & Kate. Passed away peacefully. Funeral Cortege will leave her residence on Sunday, 23rd March 2025 at 3:45p.m. to St. Jerome's Church Mapusa for a Eucharistic Celebration at 4:00p.m followed by burial.

No condolence visits please
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India skips Pak day event, cites terror support as peace hurdle

PTI, NEW DELHI: For the second consecutive year, India skipped a national day reception hosted by the Pakistani high commission here even as it described Islamabad's "active" backing of cross-border terrorism as the "biggest roadblock" to peace.

New Delhi also slammed Pakistan for feting controversial Islamic preacher Zakir Naik, who is wanted by Indian authorities.

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came at the reception hosted by the Pakistani high commission last night.

Like last year, there was no representation from the Indian side at the event. It is not clear whether Pakistan invited Indian officials for the reception.

Asked whether the Pakistan high commission extended an invitation for the event, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said he didn't have information on it.

However, he added: "As for invitations, they depend on relationships, don't they? Acceptance of invitations depends on the

nature of the relationship."

In his remarks, Jaiswal also referred to his statement on Tuesday that was issued after Pakistan criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for certain critical remarks on Pakistan.

In the statement, Jaiswal said Pakistan should vacate Indian territory under its "illegal" occupation instead of "spreading lies".

"In that particular statement, we had, among other things, mentioned that the world clearly knows that the real issue is Pakistan's active promotion and sponsorship of cross-border terrorism," the spokesperson

said.

"In fact, this is the biggest roadblock to peace and security in the region," he said.

India has been maintaining that it desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan while insisting that the onus is on Islamabad to create an environment free of terror and hostility for such engagement.

Modi in a recent podcast said that every attempt to foster peace with Pakistan was met with hostility and betrayal and that he hoped wisdom would prevail on the leadership in Islamabad to improve bilateral ties.

"And obviously, it shows the kind of approach his hosts have and what it means for us, and what it means in terms of giving so much support to a person who is wanted here," he said.

Negotiations with US underway for trade-deal framework: India

PTI, NEW DELHI: With just 11 days left for US President Donald Trump's tit-for-tat tariffs to kick in, India on Friday said its negotiations with Washington are underway to build a framework for a bilateral trade pact that would address issues relating to levies and market access.

India remains engaged with the US administration at "various levels" to arrive at a mutually-beneficial trade agreement, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said at his weekly media briefing.

Jaiswal, however, did not directly respond to queries on whether India is expecting some kind of a waiver from Trump's reciprocal tariff that comes into effect on April 2.

The US president indi-

cated on Wednesday that Washington will not spare India from the new tariff regime, saying he has a "very good" relationship with New Delhi and has a "problem" with its tariff structure.

"India and the US are in the process of taking bilateral trade negotiations forward," Jaiswal said.

"The two governments are actively working to build a framework for the BTA, which would aim to expand trade, enhance market access, reduce tariff and non-tariff barriers and deepen supply-chain integration," he said.

"In this endeavour, our minister of commerce and industry visited the US from March 3 to 7 and held discussions with the US secretary of commerce and US trade representative," he added.

Muzaffarpur bandh passes off peacefully

PTI, MUZAFFARPUR (BIHAR): The Muzaffarpur bandh called by right-wing outfits against the alleged demolition of a temple, located inside the railway station premises, passed off peacefully in the district on Friday with no report of any violence, officials said.

A large number of security personnel were deployed at all sensitive places in the district. Muzaffarpur District Magistrate Subrata Sen told PTI, "The bandh passed off peacefully. No untoward incident was reported from any part of the district."

Several right-wing outfits called for a shutdown and took to the streets in protest against the recent demolition of a temple, located inside the premises of Muzaffarpur railway stations.

Illegal international call exchange busted in UP, four arrested

PTI, MEERUT (UP): Meerut Police has busted an illegal international telephone exchange operating from a house, which was allegedly being used to convert international VoIP calls into local voice calls, causing significant revenue losses to the Indian government, officials said Friday.

Four men have been arrested, while three others are absconding. Over 200 SIM cards, SIM boxes, and other communication equipment were allegedly recovered, police said.

Superintendent of Police (Rural) Rakesh Kumar Mishra said the illegal exchange, running from the upper floor of Junaid's house in Lakhapura, was exposed during a raid led by Lisadi Gate SHO Subhash

Chandra Gautam and SWAT team in-charge Arun Kumar Mishra. The arrested individuals have been identified as Junaid, his brother Shakib, Aris, and Asif, while efforts are underway to apprehend the absconding accused Shahruckh, Zeeshan, and Haji Irfan.

According to police, the accused had been illegally converting international VoIP calls into regular voice calls, making it difficult to trace caller identities and resulting in financial losses to the exchequer. The gang allegedly earned Rs 20,000 to Rs 25,000 daily through this operation.

Investigations revealed that Junaid and Zeeshan allegedly hatched the plan and secured an investment of Rs four lakh from Haji Irfan, who was promised

60 per cent of the profits. They then roped in Asif, who set up the exchange for Rs 3.45 lakh with the help of Shahruckh, who provided SIM cards, SIM boxes, and technical expertise, the officer said.

The exchange was initially tested at Rizwan's house in Dehradun before being shifted to Meerut in November 2024, he said.

A case has been registered against the accused at Lisadi Gate police station under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Indian Telegraph Act, and the IT Act.

Police said the operation posed a serious national security threat, as it masked caller identities and made it difficult to track suspicious communications.

40 DAYS REMEMBRANCE
 In Loving Memory of
TAJODIN SAID (TAJ)
 (Ex. Bankman of Federal Bank)
 -:- SERAULIM :-:-
 Born: 10.12.1958 - Died: 14.02.2025

Fondly remembered by his sorrowful
 Wife: **CRUZINHA SILVA (Zeenat-bi Sayeed)**
 Sons: **TABREZ & ISSAC**; Daughter-in-law: **SONIA**
 Granddaughter: **INNAYA SAYYED**

Relatives and friends accept this as the only intimation

Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao 9823022194

Condolence

Dilip D. Naik

We deeply mourn the sad & untimely death of our friend.
 As he departs, may the beautiful memories he leaves behind serve as a source of comfort & strength to his beloved wife and family.

May His Soul REST IN PEACE

Deeply Mourned By
AVERTANO FURTADO & FLY
 EX-MLA NAVELIM CONSTITUENCY

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Murdered woman returns home; four accused still in jail

PTI, MANDSAUR: A woman believed to have been murdered sometime in September 2023 returned safe to her home in Madhya Pradesh's Mandasaur district a few days ago, even as four men arrested for the supposed killing continue to be in prison.

The story of Lalita Bai (35), resident of Navali village, is stranger than fiction, or a film script.

A case was registered for her "murder" at Thandla town in Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh in September 2023, days after her

family reported that she had gone missing from Gandhi Nagar area of Mandasaur.

Her relatives even identified the body of a woman with her head crushed as Lalita Bai, said Gandhi Nagar police station in-charge Taruna Bharadwaj.

So imagine their surprise when Lalita Bai returned home on March 11, safe and sound.

According to her, she left home on her own with one Shahruckh and travelled to Bhanpura.

There, without her knowledge, he 'sold' her to

another person, also named Shahruckh, for Rs 5 lakh, Lalita Bai told police.

The second man took her to Kota in Rajasthan, where she stayed with him for nearly 18 months.

"However, as soon as I got the opportunity, I ran away and came back," Lalita told PTI Videos.

"I do not have a mobile phone, so I was unable to contact my family members," she said.

"After we had filed a missing person report, Thandla police informed us about the recovery of

a woman's body with her head crushed. We went there and identified it as the body of our daughter on the basis of a tattoo and a black string tied around her leg. We performed the last rites too," Lalita's father Nanuram Banchhada said.

Police, meanwhile, arrested four men including Shahruckh who had allegedly lured her away.

After her return, her father took her to the Gandhi Nagar police station, and informed the officials that she was very much alive.

CBI files 3 FIRs in Rs 9000-crore Noida Sports City Project scam, conducts raids

PTI, NEW DELHI: The CBI has registered three cases related to alleged irregularities in the allotment, development and sanction of Sports City projects in Noida between 2011 and 2014 which turned into a

Rs 9000-crore 'scam', officials said Friday.

Acting on the orders of the Allahabad High Court, the agency registered the FIRs against real estate firms Logix Infra Developers Pvt Ltd, Xanadu Estates Pvt Ltd

and Lotus Green Constructions Pvt Ltd, their directors and some unnamed officials of Noida Authority, following it up with a search operation, they said.

No immediate reactions were available from the companies.

According to an official, the Noida Sport City Project was aimed to develop world class sport facilities with residential and commercial areas in the sector 78, 79 and 150 of Noida.

"It was alleged that... after the allotment of projects, the related conditions were allegedly breached multiple times by the allottees/sub-leasees, in connivance with Noida Authority officials causing suspected financial loss to the State exchequer at approximately Rs 9000 crore and undue advantage to certain developers at the State expense," the official said.

The CBI has alleged the authorities took no remedial measures even after the CAG report pointed out irregularities in the massive project.

LORD I AM COMING HOME

ESCOLASTICA PEREIRA
 FRANCISCO COSTA WARD, UTORDA - MAJORDA

There are some who bring a light so great to the world.
 That even after they have gone, the light shines

Beloved Wife of Late Sebastian Pereira; Loving Mother/ Mother-in-law of Maria/Menino, Floriano/Lodovina, Gabriel/Fiona, Leonora/Eulogio; Affectionate Grandmother of Manisha/Agnelo, Mayola/Haysten, Kimberly, Sweedle, Darius, Shaunna, Chris & Michelle and Adorable Great Grand mother of Amryl, Amiel, Kaylen & Zaylee.

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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" - 2 Timothy 4:7

Duncan Paul Watkinson
 29th August 1947 - 17th March 2025

We the employees of TURBOCAM, extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of our beloved Managing Director and Co-Founder of Turbocam India, who was not only a visionary leader but also a mentor and a source of inspiration for us all. His dedication, compassion, guidance, and unwavering commitment to the company and its employees will always be cherished.

Duncan created an environment of integrity, employee growth and respect for all. His legacy will continue to inspire us in the years to come.

With much love,

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