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CALANGUTE: A tourist from Bengaluru, Karnataka, was booked by Calangute Police on Friday for illegally driving his Mitsubishi Pajero sports car on the beach. The incident came to police attention at around 6.30 pm when the vehicle got stuck in the sand, and the driver, identified as Somnath Hanumaiaha, sought assistance to remove it. The vehicle has been impounded, and the driver is set to be produced in court on Saturday.

### LENTEN OPERETTA AT PILAR MONASTERY TODAY AT 7 PM

PANJIM: Society of Pilar will organise Lenten Operetta, Jivitachem Jivit Uzvaddacho Uzvadd at Pilar Monastery, on April 5, at 7 pm. The operetta will be musical with lights and sound. The entry is free.

### RESTRICTED WATER SUPPLY

Due to interconnection of 900mm via MS transmission main at Dabolim junction, there will be restricted water supply to entire Mormugao taluka i.e Cortalim, Dabolim, Vasco and Mormugao constituencies and part of Nuvem constituency, part of St Andre constituency on April 7 and 8.



MARGAO: On April 5, from 9 am to 6 pm. Affected areas are opposite Sanrit hotel, Kismat restaurant, opposite Railway station road, near Jama Masjid, hotel Nandini, near Bata showroom and surrounding areas.

PONDA: On April 5, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Panditwada and surrounding areas.

CURTORIM: On April 5, from 8 am to 3 pm. Pandicol will be affected areas.

## Ponda market fish vendors to operate from basement parking from Saturday

PMC agrees to demands of vendors, allots space according to their requirement

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son Anand Naik, the Chief Officer, the Municipal Engi-**PONDA**: The fish vendors from the Ponda market neer, and other municipal who had initially resisted inspectors. PMC has decided to dethe move of the municipal council to shift them molish the existing fish to a new place have finalmarket due to its deterioly agreed to relocate their rating condition. However, businesses to the basement fish vendors had initially parking area of the New refused to shift, citing con-Market Complex.

cerns over essential amen-The issue was sorted ities such as water and out after a meeting they electricity connections. Folhad with Ponda Municipal lowing their protest, a joint

Council (PMC) Chairpermeeting was convened, chaired by Naik, to address their grievances.

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Naik confirmed that the vendors' concerns would be addressed by the end of the day, ensuring a smooth transition to the basement parking area. "They will be allotted spaces

according to their requirements," he assured. Additionally, Naik em-

phasised that subletting of



fish vending spaces by loresenting the fish vendors, confirmed their willingness cal vendors would not be tolerated. to relocate, stating, "PMC has Advocate Rahul Shet, repagreed to our demands, and

genuine vendors and urged PMC to take strict action against the practice. With the vendors prepared to move, the demolition of the old fish market

is set to proceed, making way for the construction of a modernised fish market for Ponda's traders and customers.

we are ready for the shift."

He also highlighted that sub-

letting of fish selling spaces

leads to financial losses for

## **Goa-IDC** hosts AI workshop to empower SMEs

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PANJIM: The Goa Industrial Development Corporation (Goa-IDC), in collaboration with the World Economic Forum, successfully hosted the Empowering SMEs through AI Innovation workshop under the AI for India 2030 initiative. The event convened industry leaders, academia, civil society and government representatives to discuss AI's strategic impact and co-develop responsible governance frameworks.

for productivity, innovation, The AI for India 2030 and global competitiveness. initiative seeks to drive AI Distinguished speakers included Pravimal Abadoption across industries, particularly among SMEs, hishek, MD, Goa-IDC; Puwhich contribute over rushottam Kaushik, Head, one-third of India's GDP C4IR India; Ayushi Sarna, AI

and Data Policy Specialist, role in digital transformation and play a crucial role in employment and entrepre-C4IR India; Harsh Sharma, neurship. A key highlight of AI and ML Lead, C4IR India the event was the introducand Sambhav Kela, Fellow, phasised Goa-IDC's com-

> Boston Consulting Group. With participation from 30 SMEs across Goa, the workshop focused on: Assessing AI readiness and digitisation in SMEs, exploring high-impact AI solutions tailored to industry needs, addressing challenges in AI adoption, defining the government's

proval System (OBPAS) is set to expedite construction approvals. Goa-IDC prioritises AI

integration to enhance industrial productivity and competitiveness," he stated. "AI can revolutionise SMEs by fostering innovation and efficiency, enabling them to scale and compete globally." Purushottam

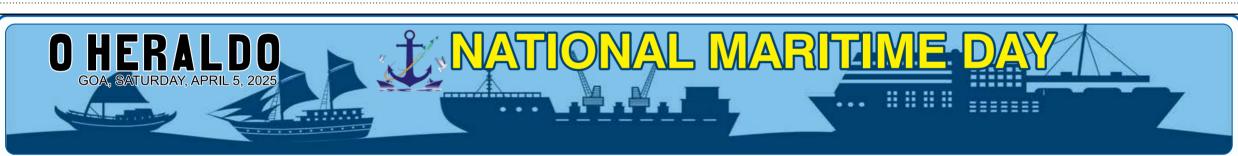
Kaushik Pravimal Abhishek emhighlighted the significance of cross-sector collaboration in AI adoption. He praised mitment to leveraging technology for industrial Goa-IDC's openness to partefficiency. The Ease of Donerships, stressing that AI ing Business platform now must reach grassroots businesses, including small enstreamlines processes like plot allotments and transterprises in remote regions. fers, reducing bureaucratic An interactive session led steps significantly. Addi-

by Ayushi Sarna engaged participants through live polls, gathering insights on

applications. Representatives from electronics, packaging, logistics, and manufacturing sectors, including Smart Link, Kineco Group, and SAIS Service Private Limited, attended. Notably, nearly 30% of respondents were involved in exports, underscoring AI's potential to streamline compliance and optimise supply chains. The workshop under-

industry challenges and AI

scored the importance of collaboration between government, industry leaders, and technology experts in shaping AI policies. Insights gathered will inform future initiatives, ensuring SMEs benefit from AI integration while maintaining ethical standards.



# **April 5: A tribute to India's shipping** heritage and economic strength

like Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Cambodia.

Colonial Era: European powers, in-

cluding the Portuguese, Dutch, French,

and British, controlled maritime trade,

leading to the rise of modern ports like

India's rich maritime legacy continues

to influence modern shipping, trade

policies, and naval strategies, making

the sector an essential part of national

Mumbai, Chennai, and Kolkata.

Ational Maritime itime history that marked Day is observed an- the beginning of self-reli-

**MARITIME HISTORY OF INDIA** 

tion of the AI Playbook for

SMEs, a framework guiding

businesses in leveraging AI

event. Celebrations across the country include award

tionally, the newly launched

Online Building Plan Ap-

▲ N nually on April 5 to honour India's maritime heritage and recognise the vital role of the shipping industry in the nation's economic development. The day commemorates the maiden voyage of SS Loyalty on April 5, 1919, a landmark event in India's marance in international shipping. First celebrated in 1964, the occasion pays tribute to India's entry into global shipping with the launch of SS Loyalty, the first Indian-owned vessel operated by The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd. The ship's historic

ACADEMY

wishes

all the Seafarers

on the occasion of

**62<sup>nd</sup> NATIONAL** 

**MARITIME DAY** 

**GOA MARITIME** 

**OFFICERS ASSOCIATION** 

**GMOA** 

Warm wishes To

All Goan Seafaring Community

HAPPY 62™ NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

**NUSI MARITIME** established trade relations with regions development. (Unit of NUSI/ITF Trust for Indian Seafarers) **CONTRIBUTION OF INDIAN MARITIME SECTOR** 

Indus Valley Civilization (2500 BCE):

Lothal, an important port city, had a

India's early engagement in sea trade.

Maurya and Gupta Empires: Indian

the Indian Ocean, reaching Southeast

Chola Dynasty (9th-13th Century):

The Cholas had a powerful navy and

Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

merchants expanded trade routes across

well-planned dockyard, indicating

The Indian maritime sector plays a crucial role in the country's economic growth and development. Here are some key contributions and initiatives: Ports: India has 13 major and 200 non-major ports. Handling Capacity: Annual capacity of 1,200 million tonnes of cargo.

journey from Mumbai to of the economy, handling over 95% of the country's London was a bold step towards breaking British domitrade by volume and 70% nance in maritime trade. by value. With a 7,500 km coastline, 12 major ports, National Maritime Day and over 200 minor ports, acknowledges the contributions of seafarers, India continues to expand shipbuilders, and port auits influence in global shipthorities, who play a cruping and logistics. Efforts cial role in sustaining the are focused on enhancing country's trade and comport infrastructure, inmerce through maritime creasing investments in routes. India's maritime shipbuilding and coastal sector remains a key pillar shipping, and promoting

seaborne trade (2019-20). Employment: 14 million jobs, with growth through Sagarmala. sustainability initiatives to

GDP Contribution: 5% of India's GDP

Trade: 95% of trade by volume, 70%

Foreign Exchange: \$690 billion in

(Ministry of Shipping 2020).

by value.

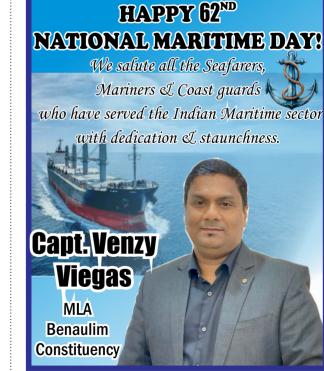
reduce carbon emissions and support green shipping. The theme for National Maritime Day 2025 has not yet been announced,

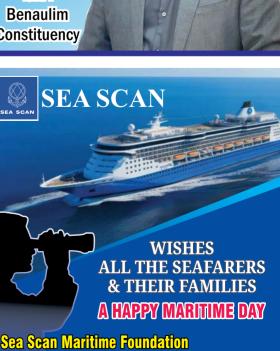
but each year's theme highlights sustainability, technological advancements, and safety in shipping operations. The official announcement is expected closer to the

ceremonies, where the prestigious 'NMD Award of Excellence' is conferred on individuals who have made significant contributions to India's maritime sector. Educational programmes are conducted in schools and colleges to raise awareness about India's maritime history and career opportunities in the shipping industry. Workshops and conferences bring together policymakers, industry leaders, and experts to discuss maritime advancements and future challenges, while port visits allow the public to understand the functioning of India's maritime sector firsthand.

The government has launched several initiatives to modernise the maritime sector and enhance global competitiveness. The Maritime India Vision 2030 aims to develop port infrastructure, shipbuilding, and digitalisation in the industry. The Sagarmala Programme is focused on port-led development, reducing logistics costs, and boosting coastal trade. Additionally, India is taking significant steps towards environmentally friendly maritime practices, including the introduction of low-emission vessels and eco-friendly port operations. Shore power systems are also being implemented to cut carbon footprints in ports.

As India prepares to celebrate National Maritime Day 2025, the occasion serves as a reminder of the nation's rich shipping legacy and its commitment to strengthening the maritime sector for future growth.





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