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# Cong, Kala Rakhonn Mannd demand Gaude's removal over 'supari' remark

Accuse Min of insulting artistic community; say he has stooped low by casting aspersions on veteran actor's character

### **Team Herald**

**PANJIM**: The Opposition Congress and cultural body Kala Rakhonn Mannd have demanded the immediate dismissal of Art and Culture Minister Govind Gaude, condemning his offensive remarks against veteran actor Sharad Ponkshe and accusing him of insulting the artistic community.

"It is absolutely disgraceful and condemnable that Minister Gaude has stooped to such a low level by referring to renowned actor Sharad Ponkshe as a 'Supari Baaz'. Such undignified language from a cabinet minister reflects not just his

BJP government's broader institutions has no moral contempt for the art and culture fraternity," said Pranav Parab, general secretary of stated. the North Goa District Congress Committee and a thea-

echoed these sentiments, calling the Minister's actre artiste himself. Parab further criticised cusation that Ponkshe had Gaude for failing to take taken a "supari" (conresponsibility for the tech-

tract) against him not only nical failures during the baseless, but reckless and performance of the acshameful. "It is an insult to claimed play Purush at the every artiste who speaks Kala Academy on April 13. truth to power," said Cecille "Instead of accepting re-Rodrigues, secretary of the sponsibility for this techorganisation. nical disaster, he chose Rodrigues pointed out to hurl insults. He should

that Ponkshe had raised have apologised to the envalid concerns over the techtire team of the play and nical failures that disrupted the people of Goa. A perthe Purush performance, son who insults artistes yet showed grace and propersonal arrogance, but the and fails to protect cultural fessionalism by apologising

to the audience despite right to continue as Ministhe disruptions being beyond ter for Art and Culture," he his control. "Rather than acknowl-The Kala Rakhonn Mannd edging these systemic

issues and committing to resolve them, Gaude launched a verbal assault with accusations and personal attacks." Rodrigues said.

Calling his conduct dangerous, she added, "His behaviour seeks to silence those who dare to demand accountability. The Minister's outrageous accusations, coupled with his appalling language, cannot be brushed aside." Both organisations

have demanded that Chief Minister Pramod Sawant act in public interest and immediately remove Gaude from his Cabinet position.

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PANJIM: The Old Goa police on Saturday arrested Shambu Paswan, a native of Bihar, and booked Shubham Dubey and Bablu, both hailing from Mumbai, for operating an online betting racket on Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket matches from a flat in Alto Santa Cruz, Tiswadi.

The raid resulted in the seizure of a laptop, routers, playing cards, documents, a MacBook, and a Maharashtra-reg-

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candidates However. holding degrees or diplomas in computer-related fields, as well as those certified as programming assistants

from recognised Industrial

Training Institutes (ITIs), will be exempted from this requirement.

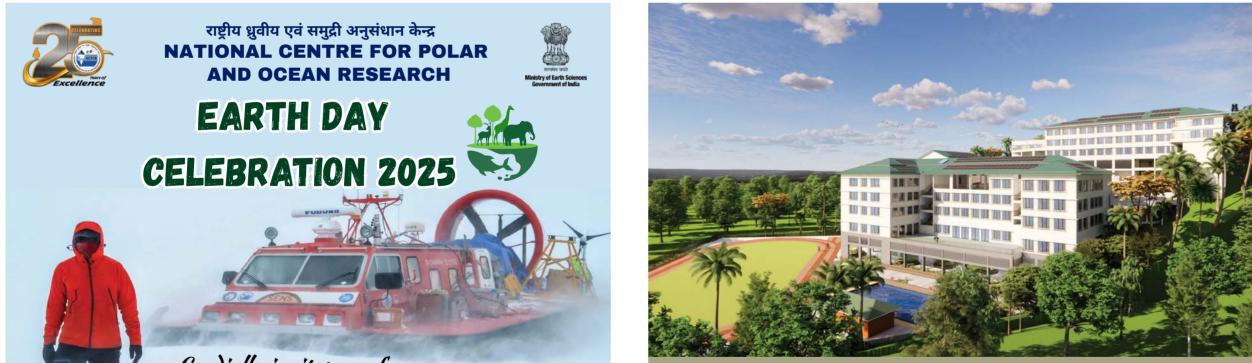
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