

Gospel song 'Jezu Tunch Amcho Rai' to be released



As AOC Musicals celebrates its 10th anniversary, the group marks this milestone with a soulful tribute in the form of a Konkani devotional song titled 'Jezu Tunch Amcho Rai'. Scheduled for release on the Second Sunday of Easter—also known as Mercy Sunday—the song is described as a "priceless gift" to the group, according to Fr Noel Menezes, spiritual director of AOC Musicals.

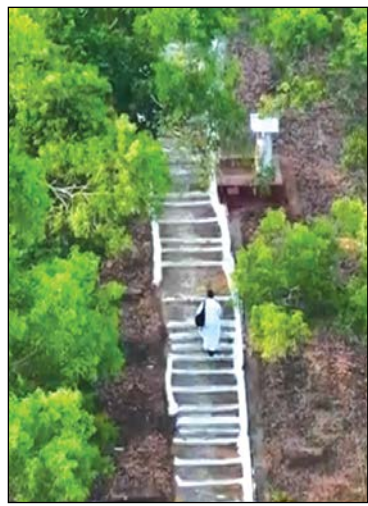
The group's name, AOC Musicals, is derived from the biblical phrase 'Ambassadors of Christ,' a term coined by St Paul in reference to the early Christian community. Informally formed by Anthony Gomes (manager), Melina Maria

(secretary), and Fr Noel Menezes (spiritual director), the trio brought together a vision rooted in faith and inclusivity. As Fr Noel explains, "The abbreviation AOC which was suggested by Anthony Gomes, was chosen to reflect their desire to collaborate broadly within the Christian community."

Despite personal obligations and the challenges of everyday life, the group has remained active, driven by sheer passion and spiritual purpose. Over the years, they've organized numerous gospel shows, musicals, and choirs across Goa, each project infused with their deep-rooted devotion.

"Jezu Tunch Amcho Rai" is a heartfelt tribute to Jesus Christ, the 'incomparable King of Kings,' says Fr Noel. "The song turned out to be a mind-blowing expression of faith," he adds, expressing gratitude to Alfin Fernandes for his exceptional work in mixing, mastering, and arranging the music. Alfin's live trumpet arrangements lend a majestic quality to the composition, which was composed by Fr Noel himself and recorded at Magic Masters Studio in Benaulim.

Interestingly, the song wasn't part of any grand plan. "It was unintended. It came to life during our 40-day Lenten



journey. I simply want to credit God, who brought us all together for this," says Fr Noel.

The accompanying music video was filmed at the iconic Miraculous Cross, a popular pilgrimage site that draws people of all faiths and backgrounds. The location, with its 320 steps and the 14 Stations of the Cross, leads to a 20-foot-tall image of the crucified Christ atop the hill, offering breath-taking panoramic views and a tranquil atmosphere for reflection.

Additional scenes were filmed at St Michael's Church in Anjuna. The cinematography is by Roque Monteiro, with assistance from Cyprian Pereira and Sophia Monteiro. The project was brought to life at Monteiro Photo Art Studio in Guirim.

The video also features a group of young people and parishioners reverently honouring Christ the King, further capturing the spirit of faith and community that lies at the heart of AOC Musicals' mission.

When 'Question Mark' wins an award

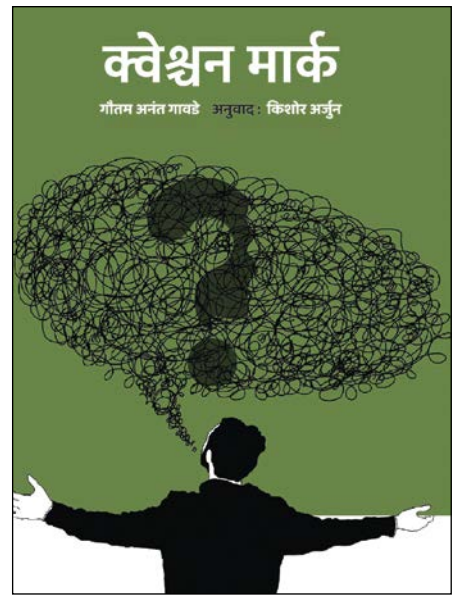
The All India Marathi Publishers Association recently announced Kishor Arjun as the recipient of this year's Author-Publisher Award for his Marathi translation of the acclaimed Konkani play 'Question Mark'. The award also recognises Sahit, the publishing house behind the release. This year, over 630 books from across the country were submitted for consideration in various categories.

Originally written in Konkani by young playwright Gautam Gaude, Question Mark is an experimental theatre piece that has garnered critical acclaim in both the Konkani and Marathi State Drama Competitions in Goa, winning multiple awards. Kishor Arjun's Marathi translation, along with its publication through Sahit, has now earned national recognition for its literary and cultural contribution.

Kishor Arjun is a writer, journalist, translator, publisher, screenwriter, and director, with a growing body of work spanning multiple languages. This award marks his first national recognition for translation, adding to his previous accolades for cover design and book production.

The winners were selected by a distinguished jury comprising Vinayak Ranade (Kusumagraj Pratishthan, Nashik), Vasudha Kulkarni (renowned Artist), and Nandprasad Barve (eminent printer). The awards ceremony will be held in Pune at a special event organized by the Publishers Association in the coming weeks.

Kishor Arjun says, "The All India Marathi Publishers Association is the apex body for Marathi publishers across India. For a translated work from Goa's experimental theatre scene to be honored by such an organization is a proud moment for all of us. Konkani literature has a rich legacy, and through Sahit, we're committed to bringing its finest works to a wider audience through translation. This recognition has deeply encouraged me as a writer, translator, and publisher."



WHAT IS 'QUESTION MARK'?

Question Mark, an experimental play originally written in Konkani, has been drawing attention in the regional theatre world for its bold story and sensitive take on mental health. The play was written, directed, and performed by Gautam Gaude, and was first staged at the Konkani Drama Competition organized by the Goa Kala Academy. Kishor Arjun translated it into Marathi and also published both the Marathi and original Konkani versions. The Marathi version kept the emotional depth and connected well with audiences across language lines.

The story follows a group of college students working on a project together. As things progress, they find out that one of them has schizophrenia. The play gently explores the changes in this character, how the others

around him respond, and how it makes everyone think differently.

'Question Mark' was performed at the State Drama Competition in both languages and received several awards, including writing.



Candlelight Rosary and prayer service held for Pope Francis at Fatorda

A solemn candlelight reflection on the life and ministry of Pope Francis along with the offering of the Holy Rosary was held at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Fatorda. The service was organised to honour his life, legacy and deep spiritual contribution to the Church and the world.

The prayer service was animated by parish priest Fr Daniel Pereira with collaboration from assistant parish priest Fr Lourenco Dias, Deacon Elidio Noronha and Deacon Jason Fernandes. The spiritual service commenced with a thanksgiving prayer, acknowledging the gift of Pope Francis' life and his devoted service to humanity. Fr Daniel led the congregation with the reflection on the Word of God and delivered a heartfelt sermon reflecting on the Pope's values



and his unwavering commitment to the poor and marginalized.

The congregation lit candles and recited the Holy Rosary. Pope Francis

will be remembered not only as a leader of the Church but as a humble servant of God whose life touched millions including us.

Co-existing with snakes

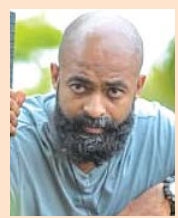
As part of City Nature Challenge

Goa 2025, the session, 'Co-existing with snakes' by Benhail Antao, wildlife rescuer

and conservationist, will help better understand the role of snakes in our ecosystem, bust common myths, and learn how we can safely and respectfully share our spaces with them.

Whether you fear them or find them fascinating, this talk is for anyone who wants to build awareness and coexist peacefully with these incredible reptiles and how you can document them for the City Nature Challenge.

Venue: WWF Goa Office, Miramar
Date: April 24
Time: 4.45 pm onwards



Summer camp at Navelim

Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim is organizing a Summer Camp on fitness and exercise, dance and movement, art, chess and public speaking for the children in the age group of 7 to 15 years. The camp focuses on providing hands on training in developing innate skills in children. A nominal registration fee will be charged. For further details, contact: principal@rosarycollege.ac.in

Venue: Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim
Date: May 2 to 13
Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

'Stories of Goa' Opens at Mercês



The much-anticipated opening of the solo exhibition, 'Stories of Goa' by Marcio Fernandes at Sadhana Dell'Arte, Mercês, took a respectful turn following the unfortunate news of the Pope's passing. As a gesture of mourning, the scheduled brass band performance for the inauguration was cancelled.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Fr Dr Bolmax Pereira, following a minute of silence observed in honour of Pope Francis. A traditional lamp-lighting ceremony was held in the presence of Esme Lobo, owner of Sadhana Dell'Arte; Mahindra Chodankar, head of the Painting department at Goa College of

Art; and acclaimed artist Clarice Vaz. Curator Lina Vincent offered thoughtful insights into the themes and vision behind the exhibition. The evening was compered by Jovita Fernandes. Held at Sadhana Dell'Arte in Mercês, this marks Marcio's debut solo exhibition. The exhibition will remain open to the public until April 30, from 12 pm to 8 pm.



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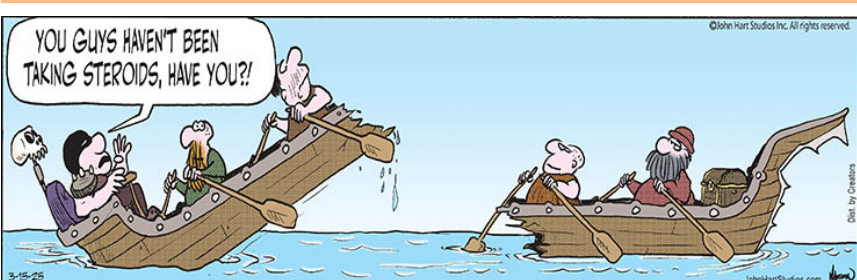
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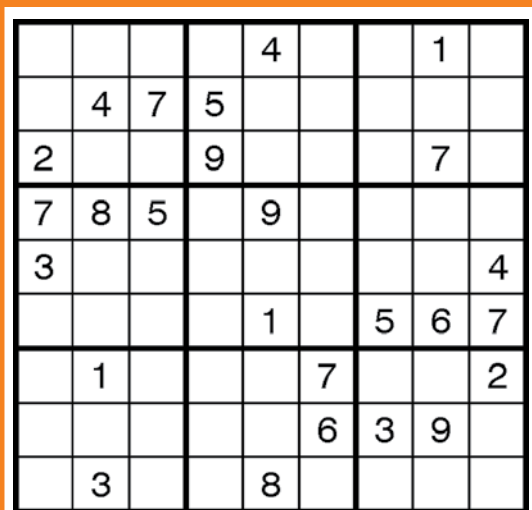
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1- Hey, you!; 5- Congers; 9- Mouthpiece of a bride; 12- Arabian Nights; 13- Tend a fire; 15- Prophet; 16- Auctioneer's cry; 17- Stories; 18- First name in architecture; 19- Comfortable; 21- Literate; 23- Actor Cobb; 25- Dick Tracy's love; 26- Medic; 29- Prayer ending; 31- Singer Kitt; 35- GI mail drop; 36- More current; 38- Showed again; 39- Gyro meat; 41- Bus station; 43- Take a meal; 44- Packing heat; 46- Toit; 48- High craggy hill; 49- Roma's land; 51- Capital city of Peru; 52- Acapulco aunt; 53- Actress Anderson; 55- Denier's words; 57- Casual coatlike garment; 61- Scan again; 65- Margarine; 66- Hinder; 68- Contest, ethnicity; 69- Gather; 70- Jack Sprat could ___ fat; 71- Columnist Bombeck; 72- A mouse; 73- Cat sound; 74- Secluded spot; 30- Sherpa's home; 32- Country singer Travis; 33- Capital of Vietnam; 34- The end of ___; 37- Redbreast; 40- Hotel attendant; 42- The day following today; 45- Designer Christian; 47- Charge per unit; 50- Battery pole; 54- Girder; 56- Like some vbs.; 57- Drill a hole; 58- Out of the wind; 59- Durable wood; 60- Kitchen addition; 62- Jurist Warren; 63- Wile E. Coyote's supplier; 64- College bigwig; 67- Rock producer Brian;

DOWN
1-Galileo's birthplace; 2- Smoke deposit; 3- Boot bottom; 4- Wave-related; 5- Highly regarded; 6- JFK posting; 7- Hang loose; 8- Shooting sport; 9- Ale, e.g.; 10- Able was ...; 11- Walked heavily; 14- Cosmetics; 15- Goes ballistic; 20- Actor Connery; 22- Russian ruler; 24- Gem; 26- Lama lead-in; 27- Dizzying designs; 28- Punctuation

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Instructions for Sudoku

9 x 9 letter: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes

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