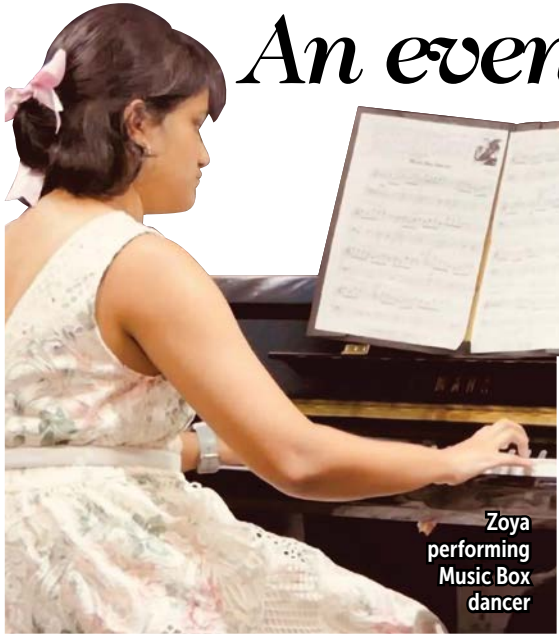


## An evening amidst the budding pianists of Margao



Zoya performing Music Box dancer



An ensemble of all the participants of the Piano Concert with Maria de Graça Reis

**R**enowned pianist and music teacher Sonia Reis, along with her daughter Maria de Graça Reis — also a well-known piano teacher and pharmacist — organised a student concert at The Black Box, Ravindra Bhavan. Their students performed pieces of Western classical music in a piano concert attended by proud parents, music lovers, and piano enthusiasts. The sound of the piano keys provided a soothing backdrop as 25 participants presented a total of 30 performances, including a final ensemble featuring all the performers.

Participants came from across Goa and represented a range of age groups, from 8 years old to over 30. Their repertoire included popular and classical

pieces such as 'Pop Goes the Weasel', 'Guantanamera', 'River Flows in You', 'Für Elise', and many more. Several of the

performers have earned piano grades and diplomas from the prestigious Trinity College London.



Music concert of piano teachers Sonia Reis and Maria de Graça Reis

Among the highlights were Anaaya Gonsalves's performance of Tchaikovsky's 'Valse Sentimentale'; Dr. Ana Soraya Monteiro's duet of 'Tico Tico' with Paula Reis; and Paula Reis's solo interpretation of 'The Blue Danube', a beloved piece by Johann Strauss II.

The concert was also attended by former High Court Judge F M Reis, along with several distinguished doctors, lawyers, and engineers from across Margao. Sonia and Maria de Graça Reis expressed their happiness at the turnout and their joy in reviving the annual concert — an important performance platform for their students that had been paused since the COVID-19 pandemic. The entire event was compered by Cintia da Costa.

## New book on Mandur's rich Christian heritage



in honour of his priestly milestone. The book was officially released by Br Malvino Alfonso, Carmelite Brother and noted writer, in the presence of Clarina Braganza, moderator of the Parish Pastoral Council, parishioners and well-wishers.

Br Malvino praised Fr Manuel for his continued contribution to documenting Goa's religious and cultural legacy. "This book is not just a written work; it is a living testimony of a village's faith—its people, its priests, its sacred places, and the deep Christian roots that have shaped Mandur through the centuries," he said.

Fr Manuel, currently serves as the parish priest of Our Lady of Amparo Church, Mandur. A scholar with a Licentiate in Church History and a Master's in Spiritual Theology from the Dominican University in Rome, Fr Manuel has authored 25 books to date, each exploring themes of history, faith, and Goan culture.

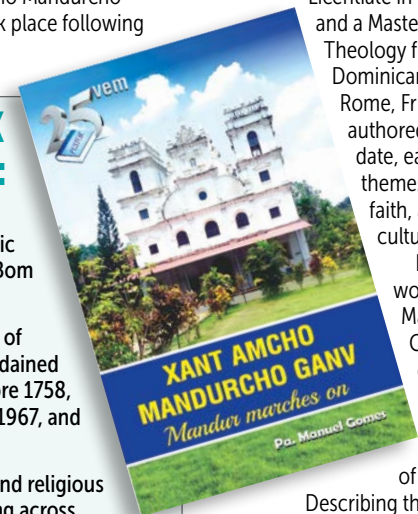
His newest work, 'Xant Amcho Mandurcho Ganv', is a detailed chronicle of the spiritual journey of Mandur.

Describing the book as a 'labour of love,' Br Malvino emphasised that it reflects Fr Manuel's deep personal bond with the village and his commitment to preserving its rich spiritual and historical fabric. "This is more than a historical record—it is the story of a community's journey of faith," he said.

'Xant Amcho Mandurcho Ganv' stands as a valuable resource for scholars, clergy, and all who cherish the legacy of Goa's Christian heritage. Fr Manuel Gomes expressed his sentiments of gratitude. Brenda Fernandes, secretary of the Parish Pastoral Council, anchored the book release ceremony.

### THE BOOK INCLUDES:

- The origins and legacy of the historic Nossa Senhora de Bom Sucesso Chapel.
- Detailed records of Diocesan priests ordained from Mandur—before 1758, between 1758 and 1967, and after 1967.
- Current priests and religious from Mandur serving across the Church.
- The role of Our Lady of Amparo School, the local music school, and other chapels in nurturing the faith community.
- Insights into legacy Masses, a local tradition of remembrance and devotion.
- A dedicated chapter on the present-day Mandur Church and its pastoral and social initiatives.
- A tribute to Diocesan priests who have served in Mandur through the years.



## 'Bhorvanxeachi Sanz' celebrated at Ponda



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**S**t Anne's Church, Ponda, along with the outstation chapels and communities organised a musical event under the banner 'Bhorvanxeachi Sanz - An Evening of Hope'. This event showcased cultural performances

such as traditional dances, singing and skits which highlighted the themes of love, peace and unity. Fr Francis Rozario, parish priest of St Anne's Church, Ponda, Fr Victor Ferrao and other dignitaries were present.



## Fr Faustino de Souza remembered by the Holy Family Sisters

Sr Molly Fernandes

**T**he solemn commencement of the devotion to Fr Faustino de Souza was observed with an Eucharistic celebration, as part of efforts to begin his process of recognition and encourage spiritual favours through his intercession. The Eucharistic celebration was held at the headquarters of the Holy Family Sisters, with the participation of the sisters' family members, parents, and boards.

The Holy Mass on the theme, "Like Fr Faustino, let us live in holiness and hope" was presided over by Fr Peter Fernandes, who delivered a heartfelt sermon on the life and legacy of Fr Faustino. Fr Peter's reflections illuminated Fr Faustino's spiritual journey and his impact on the community. Fr Peter also emphasised Fr Faustino's instrumental role in the founding of the congregation, upon his transfer to this village, which he began years before.

Following the Mass, all gathered at Fr Faustino's bust for a communal prayer. The prayer dedicated to Fr Faustino was



recited in unity, symbolising the collective hope and faith through his intercession. A candle-lighting ceremony further enriched the devotional atmosphere, where parents, sisters, and boards offered their prayer requests, adding a deeply personal touch to the gathering.

The program continued with a short program that included a sister sharing her testimony of receiving spiritual favours attributed to Fr Faustino's intercession. And an instant miracle that she asked

on his 50th death anniversary at Anjuna, St Michael's Church, just outside the cemetery when she prayed instantly for a miracle that day to prove his intercession was granted. As those present also witnessed this grave incident.

The performance of two songs commemorating his life and legacy, resonating with the theme of his spiritual influence were composed by Sr Myra Mendes and sung by her and the candidates.

## Utsovache Rong - Colors of Jubilee 2025

The vibrant village of Pilerne is set to come alive with Utsovache Rong - The Colors of Jubilee 2025, a dazzling three-day celebration of music, culture, and community spirit. The celebrations kick off with Kajucho Utsov - The Pilerne Thursday Heritage Market on May 1. Visitors will witness the time-honoured roasting of cashew seeds, savour authentic Goan cuisine, browse beautiful handcrafted wares, enjoy a vibrant game of housie, and sway to the sounds of music by one man band Agnelo.

On May 2, the spotlight turns to Goa's musical soul with Songitacho Utsov - The All-Goa Konkani Singing Competition. Talented singers from all corners of Goa will battle it out in the duet, duo, trio, and quartet/quintet categories for attractive cash prizes. Adding to the excitement, the upcoming sensational band Ginger Honey will deliver a high-energy performance. Interested participants can register now at <https://stjohnbaptistchurchgoa.org/songitachi-saanz-25th-april-2025/>.

The grand finale on May 3 will be Ekvottacho Utsov, grand fête and a live band night. The electrifying band Knight & Day will set the stage ablaze with their music.

**Venue:** St John the Baptist Church grounds, Pilerne  
**Date:** May 1 to 3  
**Time:** 6 pm to 10 pm



## Seminar on governing extraction

Xavier Centre of Historical Research, Porvorim will organise a seminar on 'Governing Extraction: Analysing environmental regulation and mining futures in Goa' by Abha Lal, PhD candidate, Department of Anthropology, Rice University, Texas, USA and Tarini Monga, PhD candidate, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany. As this is an academic seminar, registration is mandatory to attend the seminar. Participants will be required

to read and engage with a paper pre-circulated before the seminar.

**Venue:** Xavier Centre of Historical Research, Porvorim  
**Date:** April 30  
**Time:** 10 am



## Summer camp

Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim, is organising a Summer Camp on Fitness and Exercise, Dance & Movement, Art, Chess & 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. For further details, email: [principal@rosarycollege.ac.in](mailto:principal@rosarycollege.ac.in) / [counsellor@rosarycollege.ac.in](mailto:counsellor@rosarycollege.ac.in)

**Venue:** Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim  
**Date:** May 2 to 13  
**Time:** 8.30 am to 12.30 pm



## Herald Gaming Console

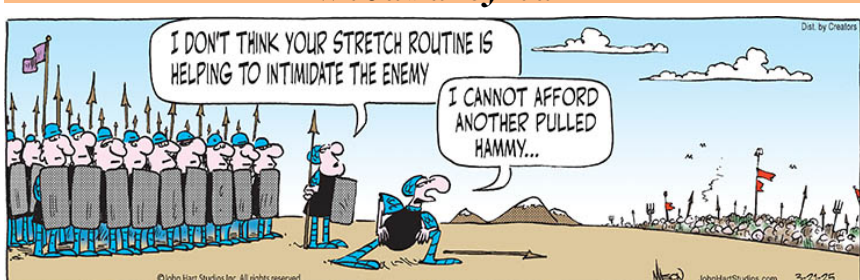
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### Garfield



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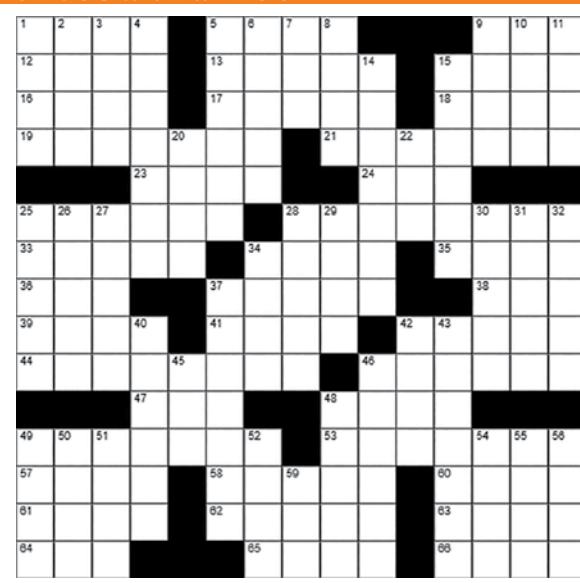
### crossword 4832

#### ACROSS

1- The closest one to us is the sun; 5- 'Dancing Queen' group; 9- Begley and Wynn; 12- Land of Molly Bloom; 13- Wynonna's mom; 15- Length x width, for a rectangle; 16- Foliage unit; 17- Emollient-yielding plants; 18- Evens the score; 19- Cloths; 21- Anonymity; 23- Oratorio highlight; 24- Levi's rival; 25- Director's shout; 28- Joyance; 33- Rodeo horse; 34- Held on to; 35- Busy as \_\_\_\_; 36- Publicize; 37- Burn a bit; 38- Dusk, to Donne; 39- Pinto or lima; 41- Zeus's wife; 42- Pub pastime; 44- Stickum; 46- Stealthy walk; 47- Abby's twin; 48- Breakfast chain, for short; 49- Make sure; 53- Pink and lacy, perhaps; 57- Use a surgical beam; 58- More pleasant; 60- On the ocean; 61- Envelope abbr.; 62- Flying pests; 63- Bator; 64- Sheepish comment; 65- Med. school subj.; 66- Reading rooms;

#### DOWN

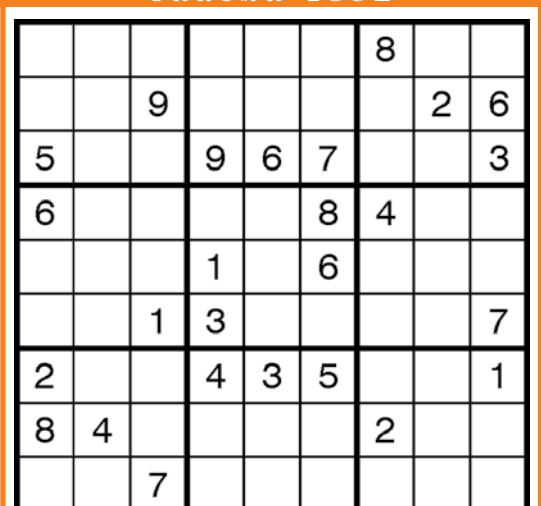
1-Ego; 2- \_\_\_\_ yellow ribbon.; 3- Yemeni, for one; 4- Chorus; 5- Aleve alternative; 6- Model airplane wood; 7- Halloween greeting; 8- 'So be it'; 9- Pennsylvania city; 10- Antlered animal; 11- Freelancer's encl.; 14- Quarantine; 15- Goddess of wisdom; 20- High-performance Camaro; 22- Marry; 25- Addis \_\_\_\_; 26- Wept;



### solution 4831

27- Synagogue scroll; 28- Style; 29- Annika Sorenstam's org.; 30- Movie critic Roger; 31- Look after; 32- \_\_\_\_ and Sensibility; 34- Ukrainian capital; 37- Gleaming; 40- Tidy up; 42- Designer Christian; 43- Clap; 45- \_\_\_\_ cone; 46- Need for liquid; 48- Kick Out of You; 49- Thick piece; 50- I could \_\_\_\_ horse!; 51- It is in Spain; 52- Ike's ex; 54- Part of an archipelago; 55- Playwright O'Casey; 56- Author \_\_\_\_ Christian Andersen; 59- Tin;

### sudoku 4832



### 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

### solution 4831

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