

Most important travel documents for your trip

If you thought that passengers traveling with the incorrect documentation was a minor issue for the world's carriers, think again. The travelers turned back at destination or transfer points by immigration authorities each year cause stressful and frustrating situations for travelers. They also cost the world's airlines a substantial amount of money in fines and associated costs.

Whether it is rules implemented at a short notice or papers presented in the wrong format or language, passengers and airlines can struggle to keep up with ever changing requirements. This is why it's more important than ever to be well prepared for your trip and to make sure that you have the correct travel documents, especially when traveling internationally.

What documents do you need when traveling to another country?

The travel and health documents required for your trip can vary based on your itinerary and personal situation. This is why it is important to prepare in advance. Rules and regulations change on a daily basis. Nonetheless, you can be certain that these documents will be useful for any trip:

Passport, travel visa and national ID card

Proper identification is the foundation of international travel. As a result, you should ensure to always have an official identification document with you. You can even consider having multiple documents

such as your passport, national ID card, the Aadhaar card or driver's licence. If you don't feel comfortable bringing several documents, you can consider bringing copies. These can be especially useful if you lose your passport and must take steps to prove your citizenship at your country's embassy or consulate.

When traveling abroad, it is also essential to have a valid passport. Many travelers don't realise that most countries apply rules in regard to the passport expiration date. For most countries, visitors must have a valid passport for six-months after they plan to arrive at their destination, however this period can vary. Either way, if you are planning a trip abroad, always make sure to check the passport validity requirements and the expiry date of your passport. This will help avoid unfortunate issues at the airport or at immigration at your destination country.

Health travel documents

Health travel documents are not new to international travel. Certain countries have long lasting entry requirements such as yellow fever vaccination certificates, however this was limited to specific



countries whereas the Covid-19 travel document entry requirements are still enforced by some countries around the world. It's still important to check the latest rules before your departure as some might be implemented at a short notice.

Travel itinerary details

Flight ticket details, accommodation reservations, car rental confirmation, all are important for your trip. Keeping up with all your reservations can be difficult and having copies of your itinerary and reservations with you can make your trip go much smoother. It can help sort out any issues during check-in at the airport or hotel and it's a simple way of helping you keep track of your travel plans. You can have these as printed copies or use one of the several Travel Planner apps or tools that you can find online. You can even set yourself a reminder to do your check-in or to book a taxi to the airport in advance.

Medical and travel insurance proof

Unforeseen situations can occur and they can be especially stressful when you are abroad. That is why travel insurance is important. Travel insurance can be summed up in two main categories:

- Insurance for medical expenses
 - Insurance for trip cancellations
- It is important to have a copy of your travel insurance certificate with you. Insurance companies often provide a printer-friendly card or summary that includes emergency contact details which you should always have with you or you can use their mobile app so that you have all the required information at your fingertips. It is also recommended to contact your insurance provider to verify what exactly is covered under your insurance plan.

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A humble serving of pez to celebrate a feast

The village of Siridao celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Annunciation traditionally known as Pejechem Fest. The feast was celebrated at Our lady of Annunciation Chapel, Siridão which comes under the Our Lady of Rosary Church, Siridão. The Feast Mass was celebrated by Fr Leo Fernandes, secretary of the Pastoral Institute St Pius X, Old Goa and concelebrated by five other priests including Fr Joseph Salema of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Siridão.

The Eucharistic celebration concluded with a procession. After the Mass, devotees headed to the stall that was serving pez, which traditionally gives the name to the feast as 'Pejechem Fest'. The pez or boiled rice gruel is cooked in seven big pots (Moddkeo) and there is no limit to the servings. The pez is served, keeping in



mind all the traditions. Right from 6.30 am, devotees will have their bowls filled to the brim with piping hot pez.



Holy Family Chapel to be inaugurated at Borda

What began as a vision rooted in faith is now becoming a sacred reality. The Holy Family Chapel at Housing Board, Gogol, Borda, Margao, will be blessed and inaugurated on Friday, May 2 at 9 am by His Excellency Bishop Simão Purificação Fernandes, Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Goa and Daman.

This long-awaited moment is the fruit of prayer, unity, and tireless effort by many devoted individuals. Special recognition goes to Fr Simon D'Cunha, chaplain of St Joaquim Chapel, and Fr Jovial Fernandes, whose unwavering dedication played a crucial role in the construction and completion of the chapel. The occasion will also be graced by Fr Amândio Valadares, parish priest of Holy Spirit Church, Fr Franky Fernandes, and many other priests from across the Archdiocese, who will join the faithful in this joyous celebration. The construction

was ably overseen by Engineer Pascoal Noronha, whose technical expertise and commitment were vital in bringing the chapel to completion.

Cipriano De Souza, president of the Holy Family Chapel, along with the Chapel Committee and the parishioners of Holy Family Chapel, have shown unwavering commitment throughout the journey. This new chapel stands as a testament to the strength of community and the power of faith.

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Drawing competition organised on water conservation



YUVA successfully organised a drawing competition at Mahalaxmi Temple Hall, Panjim. The event saw enthusiastic participation from young artists across two age groups – 7-10 years and 11-14 years – on the very important theme of water conservation. The competition was judged by noted artists Nagesh Rao Sardesai and Rajat Naik, who appreciated the creativity

and awareness shown by the participants.

The first prize for Group 1 (Age 7-10 years) was won by Yohan Pednekar, second prize was awarded to Manasvi Palekar and third prize to Triveni Sutar. The consolation prizes were awarded to Sahana Bhaip, Arya Arun Amonkar and Sparsh Mohan Kauthankar.

In Group 2 (Age 11-14 years), the first prize was won by Sharmika Golatkar, second prize was awarded to Sanit Sanjiv Shirodkar and third prize to Suman Kumari. The consolation prizes were awarded to Arya Gaurish Govekar.

Neha Ravindra Deulker and Hesh Satish Sawant. The chief guest, Mangaldas Naik, along with the manager of Shree Mahalaxmi Temple, Bhavanidas Manerkar, YUVA office bearers Shashank Sukhthankar, Diksha Shetye, Akhil Prabhu Verlekar and Harsh Desai and Krish Naik, encouraged the young participants and distributed the prizes.



Crowning of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at Siolim

The traditional crowning of the life-size statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be held. On the occasion, a young maiden from the Vaddo is chosen to crown the statue - usually a prospective bride. This year, Joana Fernandes will do the honours of crowning Mother

Mary's statue. Dr Fr Ramiro Luis will be the main celebrant at the Eucharist, along with the Chaplain Fr Sebastian.

Venue: Courtyard of Mãe de Deus Chapel at Gaunsavaddo-Siolim
Date: May 1
Time: 5 pm

Film screening

Cinephile Film Club will host

the screening of the Jean-Pierre Melville masterpiece 'Army of Shadows'. One of the greatest WWII suspense drama films, it is based on the book by Joseph Kessel. The story revolves around a small group of Resistance fighters in Nazi-occupied France. This is not a war film, it is about the state of mind of the fighters.



The film was released in the US only in 2006 and made it to the top ten lists of the best films of the year in most publications. Last year, it was screened at the Cannes Film Festival in the 'Cannes classics' section.

Venue: Maquinez Palace, Old GMC Complex, Panjim
Date: May 1
Time: 6.30 pm

Muddasachem Fest

Laudato Si Organic Farm in Valpoi, Sattari, will host the Muddasachem Fest—a vibrant, community-led celebration on International Workers Day, curated by Festacar Marius Fernandes. The festival is hosted by Fr Santan Gama, parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes church,

and Fr Felix Lobo, manager of Diocesan properties, along with the spirited participation of Valpoi villagers. The event is free to all.

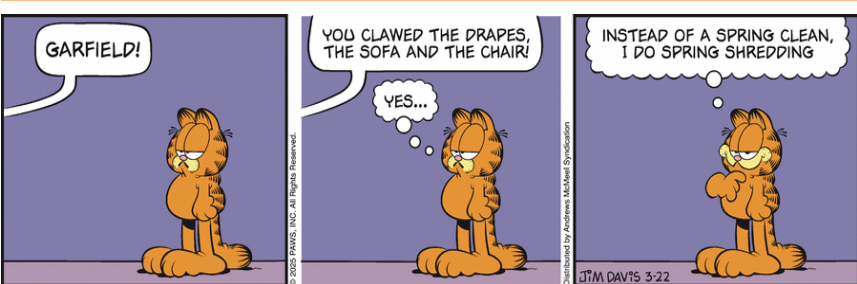
Venue: Laudato Si Organic Farm in Valpoi, Sattari
Date: May 1
Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Herald Gaming Console

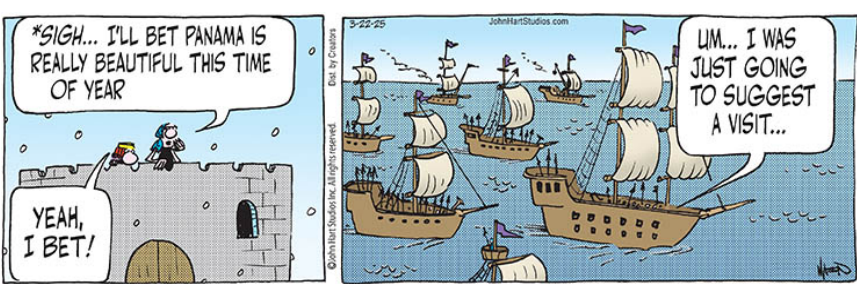
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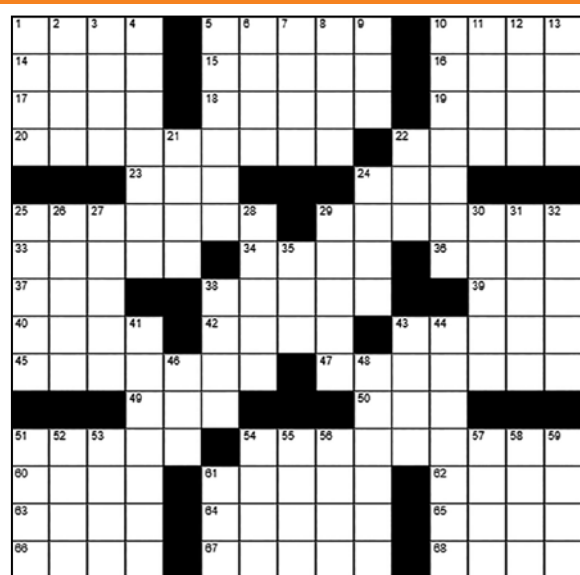
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1- 'Pirates of the Caribbean' star; 5- Hotelier Helmsley; 10- Caustic solutions; 14- From the U.S.; 15- Register; 16- Bush alma mater; 17- Calamitous; 18- say more?; 19- Arrow poison; 20- Breeding stallion; 22- Ire; 23- Swiss river; 24- Fall back; 25- Colonized; 29- Radiators; 33- Personal quality of material belonging; 34- That's haven't heard; 36- Not closed; 37- This stickup!; 38- Fauna's partner; 39- One of the Gabors; 40- Zhivago's love; 42- Dynamic introduction?; 43- Get ready to drive; 45- Methods; 47- Dons clothes; 49- Golf gadget; 50- Cornerstone abbr.; 51- Actress Taylor; 54- Lunchroom; 60- Streetcar; 61- The Hilton, e.g.; 62- Consumes; 63- Wyatt of the West; 64- Architectural piers; 65- Fail to hit; 66- Sports figure?; 67- Listened; 68- Type of machine found in Las Vegas;

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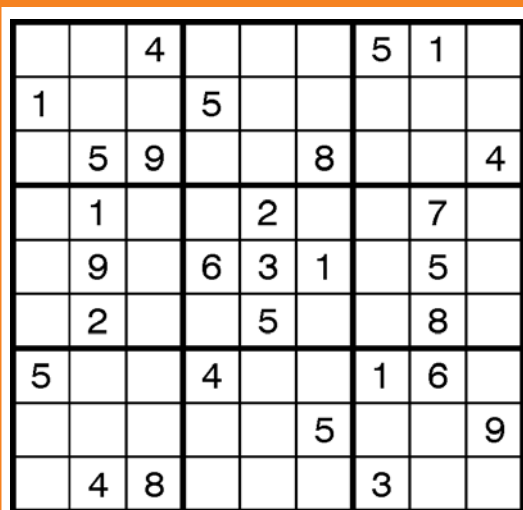
1-Pops; 2- Send off; 3- South American country, famous for Machu Picchu; 4- Precede in time; 5- 'The Raven' maiden; 6- Cabinet dept.; 7- Minerals; 8- Lymph; 9- The Greatest; 10- Deceiving; 11- Positive principle; 12- Waiting for the Robert; 13- Prophet; 21- Sentry's shout; 22- Bond rating; 24- 'Star Wars' princess; 25- Leaves port; 26- Blue book filler; 27- Autocrats;



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28- Bob and Elizabeth; 29- Biblical king; 30- Fencing blades; 31- Variety show; 32- Ginger cookies; 35- Neither's partner; 38- Fortune's partner; 41- Try; 43- Exam used to measure aptitude or intelligence; 44- Values highly; 46- Wide shoe width; 48- Staggered; 51- QED, suggestions; 52- Part of QED; 53- Japan's first capital; 54- Pine fruit; 55- boy; 56- Phobia; 57- Racetrack fence; 58- Wishing won't make; 59- Type of D.A.; 61- Fat chance!

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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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3	6	4	5	1	2	8	7	9
7	1	9	8	4	3	5	2	6
5	2	8	9	6	7	1	4	3
6	3	5	7	9	8	4	1	2
4	7	2	1	5	6	9	3	8
9	8	1	3	2	4	6	5	7
2	9	6	4	3	5	7	8	1
8	4	3	6	7	1	2	9	5
1	5	7	2	8	9	3	6	4