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Laughing out loud in Goa with the best punchlines



As **World Laughter Day** is celebrated today, on the first Sunday of May, Café takes a look at how stand-up comedians are finding a new audience in Goa

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What makes us laugh? A funny quip that helps us understand that we are not the only ones with these shared humorous experiences. With stand-up comedians from all across the country travelling to Goa for small as well as auditorium full shows, it goes to confirm that Goa is ready for a good laugh. Each artiste comes with his/her own individual style and thanks to social media that gives ten seconds of laughter doses, the audience is familiar with their content, making it easier to book tickets for the latest laughter riot in town.



Sunil Grover performing at Kala Academy, Panjim

NURTURING HOMEGROWN TALENT

Mosaic Johnson is leading one of the best companies that provides premium comedy experiences in Goa which recently completed a year on the first of May. From bringing in big acts like Sunil Grover, Jamie Lever and more recently Pavitra Shetty and Satyajit Ramdas Padhye, his goal is on creating a platform for Goan artistes. "One of our vision of our company is providing a bigger platform for Goa and we want to find talent in Goa. There are hardly any Goan comedians that have gone out and made a name for Goa itself. We want to raise Goan comedians who can go out and make Goa proud. All outsiders are coming and performing. We have found couple of young kids who are really passionate about comedy and we are nurturing them," says Mosaic.

team does careful research on each artistes. "We do thorough research on the artiste, their content and how we can present the content for everybody and not just for one genre and are clear of any controversies. We have some really faithful members of the audience that we don't even have to tell them about the next show. The moment they see on our Instagram that somebody is coming, they just go straight away and buy tickets," explains Mosaic.

COMEDIANS WHO HAVE PERFORMED IN GOA:
Sunil Grover, Jamie Lever, Gautham Govindan, Abish Mathew, Daniel Fernandes, Inder Sahani, Aakash Mehta, Zakir Khan, Pranit More

A LAUGH FOR EVERYONE

Warren Viegas leads a company comedy club that holds shows in a popular hall in Goa since 2017 and has been bringing artistes to Goa ever since. "As artistes' social media followings have gotten bigger, based on their following and distribution, they sell more tickets. "We planned not just shows in Goa, but we do shows across India and globally as well. From my perspective, sense of humour is sort of

A GOAN VHANNI LEADING THE STAND-UP COMEDY SCENE

Shraddha Shirodkar has come a long way from in comedy by making a houseful audience laugh their hearts out. The young artiste dresses like a Goan Hindu housewife with a twist. Her character is further enhanced with sunglasses, her favourite crocs and rustic shopping bag. She first created a O Vhanni Fanpage and then an Instagram account that has a fan base of over 78,000 following. The character, which means sister-in-law, is become so iconic in the past year that it is now helping her create an entire two hour programme right on the spot. "In the last seven months, I have performed for 20 shows. I am the only Goan woman who do stand-up comedy in Konkani and I was so overwhelmed with the response to all the shows," says Shraddha, who has performed at Margao, Vasco, Ponda, Colvale, Arabe and even Canacona. "My wish is to perform to a packed audience at Kala Academy, Panjim," she adds.



Shraddha Shirodkar

subjective. Some people like satire, some people like darker humour, some people like it to be purely clean and family-friendly. So each type of humour has their own audience. So what do they look forward to? The main core of coming to a comedy show is to laugh and relate to the jokes," says Warren.



PROVIDING A PLATFORM FOR LAUGHS

A small café in Anjuna has also transformed into an upcoming stand-up comedy platform with nearly a performance per week. Qais Huseini, who heads the operations feels that

the comedy scene took a backseat during the recent Kunal Kamra controversy but it is important to have conversation.

"The response for the shows varies from artiste to artiste. Pranit More was able to do two double shows with a total of 90 people. We usually put out a poster about a week

before the show because the attention span of people is quite short. We're doing about three shows a month almost just after the whole Habitat issue happened in Bombay. The comic scene went inactive then," says Qais.

He further adds, "The idea is to create a platform for artistes and stand-up comedy is a way of communicating today's conversation. We try to avoid heavily politicised or any of those touchy subjects. We feel that an artist has a tendency or has a history of going towards that, we sort of try and avoid hosting them here right now because we're still in a very foundational level stages of this space. The café is three years old, but we've been doing comedy for the past year and a half."

SWIPE RIGHT

Angelina to star in 'Anxious People' movie adaptation

Black Bear and Hope Studios announced Academy Award-winning actress **Angelina Jolie** is officially set to star in the upcoming movie adaptation of 'Anxious People', based on the bestselling novel. The film will be directed by Marc Forster, who recently was behind the camera behind for 2022's Tom Hanks film 'A Man Called Otto', and also directed the blockbuster 'World War Z'. The film is based on the #1 New York Times bestselling novel by Fredrik Backman, and follows the story of an investment banker (Jolie) who is at an open house when a bank robber takes the entire home hostage. Black Bear is set to negotiate for distribution rights at the upcoming Cannes Film Festival.



Shah Rukh Khan is the world's fourth richest actor



Shah Rukh Khan ranks fourth among the world's richest actors in 2025. His estimated net worth is reported to be \$876.5 million. Topping the list is Arnold Schwarzenegger with \$1.49 billion, followed by Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson at \$1.19 billion, and Tom Cruise at \$891 million. George Clooney takes the fifth spot with \$742.8 million. The other Hollywood icons in the list includes Brad Pitt, Tom Hanks, Jackie Chan, Robert De Niro and Jack Nicholson. Shah Rukh Khan was last seen in the 2023 film Dunki, directed by Rajkumar Hirani. The actor will be next seen in Sujoy Ghosh's 'King'.



Tina Knowles joined Beyoncé and granddaughters, Blue Ivy and Rumi on stage at Cowboy Carter Tour in the US as they celebrated Tina becoming a New York Times bestseller after memoir 'Matriarch' tops the hardcover nonfiction list.

Keeping the family together with sweetness

Tiatr: 'Dudhant Sakor'
Cast: Candida, Patricia, Prakash Marathe, Ramson, Denver, Meena, Aurelio, Lino, Steven, Juvenile
Director: Roseferns
Band: Alloy (trumpet), Jayne (saxophone), Ivo (drums), Jamiston (keyboard), Elvis (bass)
Stage/Lights: Anthony de Ambaji, Saniyo



Pio Esteves

The story revolves around the head of the family (Roseferns), his son Edwin (Prakash Marathe), who is a police officer, and daughter-in-law Debbie (Candida), a social worker and daughter Ezny (Patricia). Denver (Denver) is a close aide of Debbie, who regularly visits her residence. But he is observing Ezny as well, who does not show much

interest. Debbie hates her sister-in-law and makes every attempt to break proposals coming Ezny's way. But Ezny's dad is very supportive and defends his daughter in every way. Finally, Ezny finds a match with a businessman, Lenny (Ramson). But during one of their courtships in a garden, Denver in disguise of a policeman makes his presence felt and taking advantage of the situation, rapes Ezny.

Tiatr Review DUDHANT SAKOR

After the gruesome incident, the world around Ezny crashes down. Lenny is lost and does not know how to handle the prevailing condition. But Ezny's father stands firm and is positive about the future of his daughter.

Despite being raped and her name being tarnished on social media, will Lenny accept Ezny as his future spouse? What is Denver's fate? Will he escape the jaws of truth and justice and roam scot-free? What awaits Ezny and Denver at the end?

Roseferns' 106th production 'Dudhant Sakor', is a family melodrama that highlights the bitter ties that sometimes prevail in families. And when you reach

out to others' needs, how your gesture can serve as sugar to the milk, adding sweetness to it has been highlighted in the drama. The other side of life where negativity reigns and its dire consequences is also portrayed.

Roseferns stands tall as the father, who will fight for justice and truth. He is ably supported by Prakash, Candida, and Ramson. Patricia wins sympathy for her sober character. Denver is a new entrant

on the commercial stage, but has shown potential in a villain's role.

In the comic acts, comedians Aurelio, Meena, Lino, Steven and Juvenile come together for laughter and they carry decent comedy under their sleeves.

Check out the episode of the report card and the expectation for a promotion.

In the section of songs, Ramson comes on stage rendering the opening song, followed by solos from Rons, Roseferns and Steven. There are other songs from Aurelio and Candida, Rons and Sweetie, Candida, Meena and Patricia on inter-religiousness and Olga and Ramson highlighting the ill effects of smoking and drinking. A political song from Olga receives an encore from the audience. Another song by Aurelio, Meena and Lino titled 'Kitem Chol'lam?' also evokes good response from the spectators. The musical band offstage led by Alloy and team provides good music, thus supporting the singers. The stage sets are by Anthony de Ambaji and Saniyo has handled the lights effectively.