

## Over 3.5k prisoners seek aid from SC legal services panel

PTI, NEW DELHI: Over 3,500 prisoners across India have sought legal assistance from the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee which is the process of offering its services, a press release said.

By May 5, around 3,800 inmates formally requested to receive legal assistance from the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC), it added. "Launched on January 10, 2025, in association with all state legal services authorities (SLSAs) and prison departments, the campaign aims to ensure access to justice for the inmates who remain unrepresented despite having viable legal remedies," the SCLSC said.

The campaign aimed to help the "legally vulnerable" inmates, particularly those requiring urgent legal intervention aside from prisoners who haven't filed appeals against conviction and those who failed to secure bail despite serving more than half of their maximum punishment.

The exercise would also aid those whose plea for remission or premature release was rejected and they failed to challenge it in the apex court.

"As a result of extensive coordination between the SCLSC, SLSAs, High Court Legal Services Committee (HCLSC) and prison authorities, 4,216 such inmates were initially identified, and on April 1, Justice Surya Kant convened a national-level virtual meeting with the chairpersons of HCLSCs and SLSAs, urging them to constitute special committees to visit prisons and actively encourage identified inmates to avail legal aid under the campaign," the release said.

"While a small number of inmates declined legal aid, citing reasons such as impending release, engagement of private counsel, or expectations of remission on Independence Day or Republic Day, the overwhelming response reflects the campaign's success," the release said.

## 31 Maoists killed in 21-day action in Chhattisgarh: CRPF

PTI, BIJAPUR (CHHATTISGARH): Central and state security forces have eliminated at least 31 Naxals in a 21-day-long comprehensive operation carried out in dense forests around Karregutta hills on the Chhattisgarh-Telangana border, security officials said Wednesday, asserting it is the "beginning of the end" of the Maoist menace.

Addressing a press conference, CRPF Director General GP Singh and Chhattisgarh Director General of Police (DGP) Arun Dev Gautam said during the 21-day operation that started on April 21, the forces have recovered bodies of 31 Maoists, of which 28 have been identified. "The eliminated Naxals identified so far carried a reward of Rs 1.72 crore on their heads. The forces have



Security forces, maintain a strict vigil at Karegutta Hills in Chhattisgarh amid ongoing anti-Maoist operations

also seized a massive haul of weapons and destroyed four technical units of Naxals that used to manufacture weapons and IEDs," Vivekanand, Additional DG (Anti-Naxal operations) of Chhattisgarh Police, said.

The officials said that after analysing facts and informa-

tion during the operation, it can be safely believed that many senior Maoist leaders have either been killed or seriously injured during the encounters.

"Whatever we had set out to do, we have achieved more than that. We are confident and happy that this is

the beginning of the end and we will achieve the target of completely eliminating Naxal violence from the country by March 31, 2026," Singh said in response to a question by PTI.

The security forces have not been able to recover all the bodies or arrest the injured because of extremely difficult terrain, the officials said. The forces have recovered 35 weapons and a huge quantity of ammunition including automatic, semi-automatic and country-made weapons as well, they said.

During the operation, 450 IEDs and a large number of detonators, explosive devices, besides 12,000 kilograms of other material, including medical supplies, electric equipment, Naxal literature, etc, have been seized, they said.

## Kuki group warns Meiteis from entering their areas during upcoming shirui festival

PTI, IMPHAL: A group in Manipur has warned Meiteis not to enter the Kuki-majority areas during a five-day festival to be held in Ukhrul district next week.

Ethnic clashes between the two warring sides in the northeastern state have left at least 260 people dead and thousands homeless since May 2023.

"We strongly advise all members of the Meitei community to refrain from entering or crossing our areas at any time. Any violation of this direction will be considered intentional, and individuals shall bear full responsibility for any consequences that may follow," the Kuki Zo Village Volunteer Eastern Zone said in a statement.

People from various parts of the state visit Ukhrul during the Shirui festival, to be held between May 20 and 24. The route from Imphal, where Meiteis are in the majority,

## 12 MILITANTS ARRESTED FROM THREE MANIPUR DISTRICTS

PTI, IMPHAL: Security forces have arrested 12 militants belonging to proscribed outfits and two arms dealers from Manipur, police said on Wednesday. All the arrests were made on Tuesday, they said. Four cadres of the banned People's Liberation Army, two members of Kangleipak Communist Party and one of Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup were apprehended near Yongkhul village in Tengnoupal district, a police officer said. Besides, two members of the outlawed KCP (PWG) were arrested from Lilong Nungei and Wangbal in Thoubal, and two cadres of PREPAK from Koirengai Kabui Khul Gate in Imphal East. Another active cadre of the proscribed United National Liberation Front (Pambei group), who is also an arms dealer, was held from Puhkhao Ahallup Makha Leikai in Imphal East, he said. The security personnel also nabbed two more arms dealers on Tuesday.

to Ukhrul passes through certain villages where Kukis are the dominant force. In Ukhrul district, however, the Naga tribal people are in majority.

Manipur DGP Rajiv Singh recently visited Ukhrul district to review the preparations for the annual festival held to honour the state

flower of Shirui Lily, found in abundance in the hills of Ukhrul district.

Popular Tangkhul Naga social worker Asang Kashar condemned the warning.

"This is directly a challenge to every citizen of Manipur and shows they (Kukis) are against peace," Kashar said.

## Delhi HC allows rusticated JNU students to write exams

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has directed Jawaharlal Nehru University to allow nine students rusticated on charges of sexual harassment to write their exams commencing Wednesday.

Justice Vikas Mahajan directed Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) not to take any coercive action against the students to vacate their hostels till May 28, when the matter would be heard next.

"Having regard to the submission of the counsel for the petitioners, more particularly to the fact that there is violation of principles of natural justice, the respondent university is directed to allow the petitioners to take their examination, till the next date of hearing and no coercive action shall be taken against them to vacate their hostels," the court said on May 13.

JNU passed separate orders against the students on May 5, rusticating them for two semesters and declared them out of bounds from the varsity campus with immediate effect.

## Maha mandates CCTV, staff scrutiny, and student counselling in schools

PTI, MUMBAI: The Maharashtra government has issued a set of guidelines mandating schools to install CCTV cameras with at least one month of data backup, report offences against students to the police, scrutinise its staff and conduct random alcohol tests on drivers of school vehicles, among others.

Providing counselling to students facing mental pressure or harassment and sensitising pre-primary and primary students about good touch and bad touch are also part of these guidelines.

These directions are included in the Government Resolution (GR) issued on May 13 by the state school education department, aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences

(POCSO) Act.

These guidelines aim to improve security at schools against the backdrop of sexual assault of two kindergarten students in the toilet of a school in Badlapur town of Thane district in August last year. There were allegations that the school administration and the police did not take timely action in the matter.

Akshay Shinde a sanitation worker at the school was arrested for the sexual assault on August. He was shot dead inside a police van while being taken to Kalyan from Taloja prison for a probe in another case. The GR defines every person under 18 years of age as a minor and mandates school authorities to report any suspected offences to the local police station or the special juvenile police unit.

## Miss World 2025 contestants immerse in Telangana's rich culture, heritage

PTI, HYDERABAD: The Miss World 2025 contestants embarked on a spiritual journey on Wednesday, visiting two of Telangana's most revered temples - the Ramappa Temple in Mulugu district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the famed Thousand Pillar Temple in Warangal.

The tour offered the contestants a deep cultural immersion, as they donned sarees and offered prayers at these historic sites.

Organised by the Telangana Tourism Department,

the guided tour began with a ceremonial welcome at the Ramappa Temple, also known as the Rudreshwara Temple.

The beauty queens were greeted with traditional Kommu Koya dances and other cultural performances arranged by the district administration, showcasing the rich heritage of the region.

Before entering the temple, the contestants participated in a customary foot washing ritual, using elegant plates filled with water.

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**  
**MICHELLE LUCY D'SOUZA**  
 Bansai - Curchorem  
*You were loved by one and all, but God loved you the most.*  
 Beloved wife of Sanadu Collaso, Affectionate mother of Alryshka and Albyr, Daughter of late Paul Raj and Agnes D' Souza, Daughter-in-law of Victor Collaso & late Sebastiana Collaso, Loving sister/sister-in-law of Macquin/Liberata, & Zelia/Nelson Fernandes, Doting aunt of Kassandra & Kael.  
 The funeral cortege will leave her residence on **15th May 2025 at 3:45 PM** for the Eucharistic Celebration at **Guardian Angel Church Sanvordem, Goa** at **4:00 PM**, followed by the burial at the church cemetery.  
 Relatives, Friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

**RETURNED TO OUR LORD**  
**JOAO GRACIANO FARIA (JOHN)**  
 (Ex- MPT Signal Station)  
 Anand Residency Chicalim  
**23 May 1949 - 14 May 2025**  
 Beloved Husband of Florenca (Flora) Faria. Loving Father/Father in law of Crispino/Clinka. Funeral Cortege will leave his Residence on **Thursday 15th May 2025 at 03:30pm** to **Saint Francis Xavier Church Chicalim** for Eucharistic celebration and burial.  
 Relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation

**LORD I AM COMING HOME**  
**FELICIDADE DE SOUZA (FILSU)**  
 - Siridao -  
 Born: 08/02/1942  
 Died: 12/05/2025  
 Wife of late Antonio Rodrigues. Mother/mother-in-law of Francis (Polly)/ Maria (U.K.), Maria Isabel/ late Inacio (U.K.), Jose/Albertina (U.K.), Irene/Antonio (Charlie) (U.K.), Ivo/Reena (U.K). Grandmother of Meygan/Rowena, Mejol, Clifton/Jenny, Clinfa/Resley, Zeel, Ziya, Zac, late Blanca, Baron, Jason, Raisa, Raiona, Ineda.  
 Great grandmother of Leonel, Eleonai, Rafael, Russel and Reansa.  
 Funeral cortege will leave her residence on **Friday, 16th May 2025 at 3:30 p.m.** to **Our Lady of Rosary Church, Siridao** for Eucharistic celebration at **4:00 p.m.** followed by burial.  
 Relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation.

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**  
**MANUEL ANTONIO FERNANDES (EXCELLENT TAILORS)**  
 -: Mazilwaddo - Benaulim -:  
 Son of late Inacio Salvador & Andreza Fernandes  
 Beloved husband of Carmelina Rebelo (Ex Sarpanch, Benaulim)  
 Loving father/father-in-law of Valent Nicolous/Zina, Franky (Carnival Cruises), Rency  
 Doting grandfather of Valenia and Zoya  
 Brother/brother-in-law of late Maria P. Fernandes/late Rodolfo, Carmelina/late Assmucio, Benedita/Nicolao, Antonio Xavier/Lourdina, Sinforoza/late Joaquim Antonio, Filomena/John Gomes  
 Brother-in-law of Joao Francisco/Maria, Socorina/late Patrick, Manelinha/Johny & Seby/Socorina.  
 Funeral cortege will leave his residence on **Saturday, 17th May 2025 at 9:15 am** to **Holy Trinity Church, Benaulim**, for Eucharistic Celebration at **9:30 am** followed by burial.  
 Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
 In Cherished Memory Of Beloved  
**CRISPINO (DOMNICK) MIRANDA**  
 Vasco Da Gama / Siolim  
*"Time passed but memories stay, You are loved and remembered everyday."*  
 There will be a Eucharistic Celebration on **16th May 2025 at 8:15 am** in **St. Andrew Church, Vasco, Goa**. Offered by his Wife (Jasmine), children, grandchildren and family.  
 Kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
 Anticipated deep gratitude to those who participate in the celebration.

**THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
 In loving memory of  
**Menino Assumpcao Rebelo**  
 1st PALVEM - CHINCHINIM  
*Sweet is your memory, Precious your name, Deep in our heart, You will always remain.*  
 27.01.1946 ||| 16.05.2022  
 There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Menino on **FRIDAY, 16.05.2025 at 8:00am** at **Our Lady of Hope Church, Chinchinim** followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful family.  
 Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation  
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**MONTH'S MIND**  
 In Everloving Memory of  
**KENNETH AUGUSTINE TERRY**  
 (Gandaulim, Colva)  
 There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Kenneth on **Friday, 16th May 2025 at 7:00 am** at **Our Lady of Mercy Church, Colva**, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife Elvira Terry, children Edward/Rakhee, Edna/Jerson, Savio/Sonia, grandchildren Eden, Shennon, Edra, Charles & Cyrus.  
 Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
 In Everloving Memory of  
**SANTO ZACARISTO DEMELO [ZACARY] (NEURA)**  
 There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **SANTO ZACARISTO DEMELO** on **Friday, 16th May 2025 at 8.00 am** at **St. John The Evangeisto Church, Neura**, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave. Offered by his sorrowful wife: **Beleza Picardo** and children **Brian, Ruben/Anifa Anes**.  
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

**THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
 In Loving Memory Of  
**REMETINA FERNANDES (Primavaxe, Benaulim)**  
 There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **Mai** on **16th May, 2025 at 7:45 am** at **St. John the Baptist Church Benaulim**, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by her sorrowful **Children**.  
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**THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
**MARIA ELVINA PINTO e MENEZES**  
 AGASSAIM / SANTA CRUZ  
 There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **Maria Elvina Pinto e Menezes** at **8:00 am on 16th May 2025** at **Santa Cruz Church**, followed by prayers at her grave.  
 Offered by her family.

**MONTH'S MIND**  
 In Loving Memory Of  
**HAZEL REBELLO**  
 Bahrain/Old Goa  
*"I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance & I have kept the faith"*  
 There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our dear **Hazel** on **Friday 16th May 2025 at 7:15am** at **St Peter's Church, Bainguinim, Old Goa** followed by blessing of the grave offered by her sorrowful husband **John Rebello**, children **Melroy/Seema, Melissa/Francis, Melinda** & grandchildren **Starlette & Starlon**.  
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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**In Loving Memory**  
 It is with deepest sorrow that we announce the passing of **Agnelo Norberto Pereira De Araujo** born on 6th June 1941, who left us on 11th May 2025 at GMC Hospital in Goa.  
 Beloved husband of Irene, father of Cajé and Clyde, grandfather of Alessio, Lucas, Nele and Louis, father-in-law of Sabine and Carla, brother of Antonio, Venancio, Romeo, Neita and Angelica was known for his kindness, generosity and love for family.  
 Everyone he touched is invited to his funeral at **4 pm on Friday, 16th May** at **Santa Cruz Church, Goa** followed by his burial

**MONTH'S MIND**  
 In everloving memory of  
**THADDEO A. V. M. JOE PEREIRA**  
 Born: 12/09/1957  
 Died: 16/04/2025  
 Aquem-Baixo / Nagmodem, Navelim  
*"A million times we've needed you, A million times we've cried, If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died, In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still, In our hearts you hold a place, no one else can ever fill, It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, Part of us went with you, the day God called you home."*  
 There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **Joe** on the **16th of May 2025, tomorrow, at 8:15 am**, at **Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim**, followed by prayers at the grave.  
 Offered by his sorrowful wife **Maria Marcela Ferrao**, affectionate daughters **Joella & Jessica**, son-in-law **Kevin**, adorable grandchildren & family.  
 Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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