

Art with a heart: Goan artists unite for a noble cause

In a heartfelt show of solidarity and compassion, some of Goa's most respected artists have come together for a cause that goes beyond canvases and creativity. Well-known names including Govind Silimkhan, Viraj Naik, Dilesh Hazare, Vinay Prabhu Mahambrey, Dr Sunil Kakodkar, and Dr Sharad Khot are exhibiting a stunning collection of landscapes and cityscapes, pledging a significant portion of the proceeds to help their friend, Dr Sahil Anil Dhuri, who is currently battling a serious medical condition.

The exhibition, curated by noted art commentator Naguesh Rao Sardessai, is being organised by Photographers & Videographers of Goa in collaboration with Artists United, with key support from organisers Oscar Chagas e Silva, Praveen Naik, and Sachin Naik. The show not only promises an enriching visual experience but stands as a testament to the healing power of art and community.

Vinay Prabhu Mahambrey, an engineer-turned-entrepreneur and self-taught artist, says, "Painting is a meditative experience that can heal or enhance a person. I truly love it when



viewers are transported down memory lane by my work." Vinay has showcased his works across Goa, Pune, Delhi, Hyderabad, Khajuraho, and even London. For him, contributing to this exhibition was a natural decision.

Also lending his brush to the cause is Dr Sunil Kakodkar, a retired

watercolourist in recent years. He says, "When I paint watercolours I have to be aware all the time about the water on paper, the quantity of pigment on the brush, getting the composition right and the timeframe needed. I get absorbed in the process focused only on the painting and that helps me calm down, with nothing else going on the mind. I feel happy & relaxed with the outcome."

From seasoned professionals to self-taught creatives, each artist brings a unique voice and vision to the show. Govind Silimkhan, with over three decades of experience in photography and art, is known for his watercolour finesse, while Dilesh Hazare's mastery in charcoal and watercolour has earned him recognition at national-level juries. Viraj Naik, another featured artist, continues to draw serious collectors and connoisseurs to his expressive, widely admired works.

The exhibition which will be held on May 24 and 25 from 10 am to 7.30 pm at Art Gallery, Kala Academy, Panjim, is not only a celebration of talent but also a powerful reminder of the human stories behind every brushstroke.



Occupational Health physician and former Ranji cricketer. Despite a long and accomplished medical career, Dr Sunil has developed a deep passion for

25th Annual May Queen Ball in Qatar



In a jubilant celebration of culture, music, and unity, the Goan Welfare Association (GWA) hosted its landmark 25th Annual May Queen Ball in Qatar, at the Giwana Ballroom, Radisson Blu Hotel, Doha. The event drew a vibrant crowd of Goans and fellow Indians from across the region, with guests travelling from as far as Australia, the United Kingdom, and Goa, as well as from neighbouring GCC states including Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE.

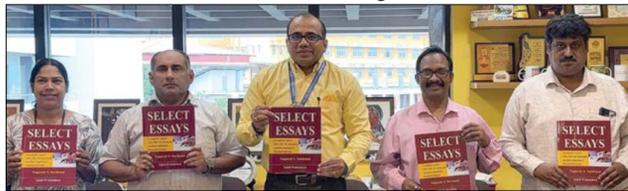
Presided over by GWA President Simon D'Silva, the silver jubilee celebration proved an unforgettable evening of music, entertainment, and cultural pride. The event was graced by the chief guest, Indian Ambassador to Qatar, His Excellency Vipul. The evening was emceed by Goa's renowned MC Updesh Swar, who kept the crowd engaged with his trademark energy. Adding musical flair to the event was Goa's leading entertainment band Raagas2Riches, whose blend of rhythm and melody kept spirits soaring. DJ Quency from the UK added further brilliance to the evening with her energetic sets. The highlight performance of the night came from the sensational Mark Revlon, whose electrifying stage presence brought the

audience to its feet. The most anticipated moment of the evening was the May Queen Contest, where several young women showcased their intelligence, poise, humour, and confidence, cheered on by an enthusiastic audience. Geetika Chopra, Cabin Crew at Qatar Airways, was crowned the 25th May Queen, winning prizes including a gold necklace, a couple's airline ticket Doha-Mumbai-Doha, a Desert Safari trip for two, an overnight stay with breakfast for two and gift hampers.

Sheena Martis, who recently completed a Master's in International Management from Trinity College, Dublin, was named first runner-up, receiving a diamond bracelet, an airline ticket Doha-Muscat-Doha, an overnight stay with breakfast for two, a desert safari trip, and gift hampers. The second runner-up, Nausheen Panali, a recent graduate in Cyber Security from the State University of New York, was awarded a gold ring, a Doha-Muscat-Doha airline ticket, an overnight stay with breakfast for two and additional prizes including a Desert Safari trip and gift hampers. The panel of judges included Azim Abbas (Qatar), Gerald Lobo (Australia), Sandra Ribeiro (Bahrain), and Cindy Fernandes (Kuwait).



Prof Naguesh S Sardessai's book 'Select Essays' released



The book 'Select Essays', authored by Prof Naguesh S Sardesai, was recently released by Principal Manoj Kamat. 'Select Essays' is a humble attempt to reach out to young minds preparing for competitive examinations conducted by the UPSC, GPSC, SSC, and similar bodies, where essay writing is an important component.

The book contains 15 essays covering a wide range of contemporary topics. These include 'There is no shortcut to success', 'Time

management', social security and welfare, India: A new space power, Swachh Bharat Mission, Freedom of speech, Religion and politics, The politics of populism, Global warming, The role of media in a democracy, Digitalisation in India, Indian Republic @75, National Education Policy, Atmanirbhar Bharat, and The sporting revolution in India. Each essay offers thoughtful insights intended to help readers build strong, relevant arguments—an essential skill for success in competitive exams.

Music launch of Mog Asum

Flowing Mandovi Films in association with RS Creations will host the music launch of Konkani feature film, 'Mog Asum'. From the makers of 'Nachom-ia Kumpasar', this film is an ode to enduring love, resilience, and the sometimes-absurd way healing unfolds. The music, composed to echo both its emotional and magical tones, plays a central role in shaping

the world of 'Mog Asum'. Mukesh Ghatwal, a renowned music composer and producer from Goa will be the chief guest for the music release, followed by the screening of the film. **Venue:** ESG Theatre, Maquinez **Palace, Panjim** **Date:** May 21 **Time:** 4.30 pm

Silver Jubilee Celebration of Srs Rita Fernandes and Alzira D'Souza

The Silver Jubilee of Srs Rita Fernandes and Alzira D'Souza, members of the Congregation of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Sancoale, was celebrated with joy and thanksgiving at St Alex Church, Calangute. The theme, 'Twenty-five years with Jesus, a journey of hope, thanksgiving to God', reflected their faithful service and deep spiritual journey.

The Eucharistic celebration, presided over by His Lordship Simiao Purificação Fernandes and 18 concelebrating priests, was solemn and grace-filled. In



his homily, His Lordship highlighted the transformative power of love and selfless service, recalling Mother Teresa's act of compassion when she found a beggar in the gutters, cleansed them, and witnessed their profound transformation, leading them to say, 'I came as a beggar, but now I will die as an angel.'

Connecting their journey to the Emmaus experience, His Lordship emphasised that Srs Rita and Alzira have walked faithfully with Christ, sometimes in uncertainty, yet always guided by His presence. Their 25-year pilgrimage of service reflects the disciples' recognition of Christ and their mission of hope and renewal.

Sr Alzira expressed her deep gratitude through a prayer of thanksgiving, acknowledging God's companionship. Before the final blessing, Sr Rita shared her heartfelt appreciation, recognising God's presence, the support of her sisters, congregation, and family, and

thanking everyone for making the event a moment of renewal and fellowship.

A joyful gathering followed, with cake-cutting and warm wishes, and a traditional Goan Mando composed and sung by the parishioners of Calangute, honouring the Jubilarians. The event was coordinated seamlessly by Sr Precilla, with melodious hymns sung by the parish choir. In the absence of the parish priest, Fr Jovito D'Costa, the curate, conveyed warm wishes, reaffirming the parish's appreciation for the jubilarians' dedicated service. Parishioners of Usgao and Sanguem, expressing their gratitude and admiration.

Felix Fernandes, Sr Rita's brother, expressed heartfelt gratitude, acknowledging God's blessings upon his sister, the congregation's support, and appreciating her warm and engaging interactions that uplift and connect with people.

Herald Gaming Console

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YOU DID THIS WRONG. I DID IT THE WAY YOU TOLD ME TO DO IT. I THINK YOU MISUNDERSTOOD ME. I THINK YOU WERE UNCLEAR. CAN WE AGREE THIS IS SOMEHOW YOUR FAULT? YES, THAT FEELS AS IF IT WOULD SAVE TIME.

Garfield

I MADE VEGGIE LASAGNA WITH TOFU, CHEESE AND KALE. JUST TAKING A PICTURE OF THE CRIME SCENE. CLICK!

Wizard of id

I NEED TO SEND THE KING A THANK-YOU CARD.

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ACROSS
1- Kind of wrestling; 5- Pieces of ___; 10- Coop group; 14- Took advantage of; 15- Killed; 16- End in ___ (draw); 17- Movie theater; 18- Green pasta sauce; 19- Moon goddess; 20- Annoyance; 22- Dressing choice; 24- Triple ___; 25- Fit to ___; 26- Native of the 50th US state; 30- Scope; 35- Volcanic output; 36- Novelist Rand; 37- Model; 38- Spire; 41- Arm coverings; 43- Use a soapbox; 44- Elton's john; 45- Connecticut collegian; 46- ___ your life; 47- Cosmos; 50- Sick as ___; 53- Peg used on the first in golf; 54- Dangerous snake, familiarly; 58- More spine-tingling; 62- Dutch export; 63- Provide food for; 66- Inactive; 67- Dreadful; 68- Hard to call; 69- Incline; 70- Ollie's pal; 71- Late bloomer?; 72- Bush alma mater;

DOWN
1- Parting is ___ sweet sorrow; 2- Voice of America org.; 3- Department store department; 4- Black Sea port; 5- Exceptional; 6- ___ du Diable; 7- Xenon, e.g.; 8- Command to the band; 9- Govt. security; 10- Auditorium; 11- Decorative case; 12- 1492 vessel; 13- Playwright O'Casey; 21- Hawaiian necklace; 23- Hawk's home; 25- Arbor; 26- Is wearing; 27- The Jetsons' dog; 28- Cereal grain; 29- Answer to a sea captain; 31- Summer quaff;

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TRAENIAS GALAS
LETS EDIT ELENA
KNIT RAIRES STEIN

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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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