

Ship wreck: Coast guard intensifies oil spill mitigation efforts off Kerala coast

PTI, KOCHI/NEW DELHI: As a Liberian cargo ship sank off the Kerala coast causing oil slick, the Indian Coast Guard has deployed offshore patrol

vessels for monitoring of the site while pollution response vessel Samudra Prahari has been mobilised as the ICG intensified surveillance and spill mitigation efforts. Authorities in Kerala on Monday said many of its containers have started to wash ashore, with some of those being found along the coasts of southern Kollam and Alappuzha districts.

"As there is a risk of the oil spill spreading, a high alert has been issued along the entire Kerala coast," according to a statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) earlier in the day.

Liberian container vessel - MSC ELSA 3 - sank off the Kochi coast early on Sunday, due to flooding. It went down with 640 containers, including 13 with hazardous cargo and 12 containing calcium carbide. It was also loaded with 84.44 MT of diesel and 367.1 MT of furnace oil, the Ministry of Defence said on Sunday.

The ministry in a fresh statement on Monday said



Containers from the ship MSC Elsa 3 that sank at the Kochi outer harbour drifted ashore, in Kollam, Kerala, Monday

hours after the container vessel sank, the Indian Coast Guard's surveillance aircraft detected an "oil slick" at the site, and the ICG has launched a "full-scale pollution response operation".

The ICG has intensified surveillance and spill mitigation efforts using aerial sorties and specialised dispersal equipment, the ministry said. "Two offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) remain on-site for round-the-clock monitoring, while pollution response vessel Samudra Prahari and additional OPVs have been mobilised

with large quantities of OSD (oil spill dispersant)," it said.

The ICG launched a "full-scale pollution response operation" following the sinking of the Liberian vessel, which sank approximately 15 nautical miles southwest of Alappuzha, Kerala, the ministry said.

"By late morning on May 25, the oil slick was spotted drifting east-southeast from the site of the sinking at a speed of 1.5 to 2 knots. Rough sea conditions and strong winds made response efforts more challenging.

Maoist with 5 lakh bounty killed in Jharkhand

PTI, LATEHAR: A member of the banned CPI (Maoist), who was carrying a bounty of Rs 5 lakh on his head, was killed in a gunfight with security forces in Jharkhand's Latehar district on Monday, a senior police official said. Another red rebel was also arrested during the operation, he said.

The encounter between security forces and Maoists broke out in a forest in Dauna under the Mauhaddand Police Station limits on Sunday night, he said.

"Manish Yadav, who was carrying a reward of Rs 5 lakh on his head, was killed in the gunfight with security forces. Another Maoist Kundan Kherwar was arrested," Palamu DIG YS Ramesh told PTI.

The operation was conducted barely two days after two Maoists, including JJMP supreme Pappu Lohra, who was carrying a bounty of Rs 10 lakh on his head, were killed in an anti-Naxal operation by security forces in the district.

12TH DAY REMEMBRANCE

Madhukar Vishnu Vaigankar
Calapur/St Cruz Goa

Fondly remembered by

Wife: Manda Madhukar Vaigankar.
Son: Samesh Madhukar Vaigankar
Daughter/Son-in-law: Prufa Prajyot Naik, Prajyot Naik Daughter: Adv Samiksha Madhukar Vaigankar
Grandson: Durvik Prajyot Naik Brother/sister-in-law: Nayani Naneswar Vaigankar, Sudham V Vaigankar, Akshata Anand Vaigankar, And from all Vaigankar family St Cruz Tiswadi Goa.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

MAXIMIN ANNA D'SA
(Nagoa, Bardez - Goa)

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of **Maximin on Wednesday, 28th May 2025 at 7.00 a.m.**, at **Holy Trinity Church, Nagoa**, followed by prayers at the grave.

Offered by her children Veronica/Diego Mendes and Raymond/Rita D'Sa and grandchildren Reagan and Rochelle.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Ever Loving Memory of

MARIO ROSARIO LUIS SEQUEIRA
Maina - Curtorim

Born: 07/09/1945 - Died: 28/05/2022

"Three years have passed, but the memories we made together are etched in our hearts forever. We will always remember your love and your kindness."

There will be Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **ROSARIO** at **6:45 a.m. on Wednesday 28th May, 2025 (TOMORROW)** at **St. Rita Church, Maina Curtorim** followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his beloved family.

Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.

One year with the Lord, forever in our hearts
Daddy & Mummy

"A year has passed since you left on your journey so vast. We miss you dearly, we call your name but silence answers and tears remain."

Abel Rebelo & Marta Carlota Rodrigues

There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **Daddy and Mummy** on **28th May 2025 at 8.00 am** at **Holy Trinity Church Benaulim** followed by prayers at the grave.

Offered by their sorrowful children: Mitsy/Eusebio, Malita/Alwin, Muriel/Clayton, Melisa/Johan, Alroy/Elirfa and their loving grandchildren.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

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REMEMBRANCE 38th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. John D' Costa
27th December 1930 - 27th May 1987

Founder and Visionary, M. D' Costa Group

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Remembering... Today and Everyday...

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MONTH'S MIND

In everloving memory of

Prof. Sergio Carvalho

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration in memory of our beloved **Sergio Carvalho**, on **Wednesday, 28th May 2025 at 7:45 AM**, at **Nossa Senhora dos Remedios Church, Betalbatim**. The Mass will be followed by prayers and blessings at the grave.

This service is offered by his wife, **Fatima**, children **Ryan/Daisy, Karla/Aditya**, and his adored grandchildren.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

LORD I AM COMING HOME

Born: 05/09/1945 Died: 25/05/2025

ALBERTO MARTINO CALISTO
Moll, Dhat, Opp. Nestle, Tisk, Usgao

Son of Late Joao Caetano Calisto & Late Maria Felicidade Brito
Beloved husband of **Robertina Assis Gomes**. Father/Father-in-law of **Jesus John Cajetan Calisto / Hycinthia Wilma Almeida & Joslene Calisto/Agnelo D'Cruz**. Doting Grandfather of **Angel Petra D'Cruz**.
Funeral cortege will leave his residence on **Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 09:45 am** to **Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, Par - Usgao** for Eucharistic Celebration at 10:00 am followed by burial.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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SAD DEMISE

BORN 01/07/1954 DIED 26/05/2025

DOMINGOS FERNANDES

Beloved husband of Late **Maria Conceicao (Dolly)**
Loving Father of **Tanito/Joel, Jennifer, Rachel and Leah**
Doting Grandfather of **Emily and Hailey**
Brother-in-law of **Grace/Late Edrich and Late Emilia**
Uncle of **Sabata/Courtney, Gary/Lisa, Kevin/Jamie**

Funeral Cortege will leave his residence on **28th May 2025 at 2.30 pm** to **St. Andrew's Church, Vasco** for the Eucharistic celebration at 3.00 pm followed by burial.

Relatives, Neighbours & Friends Kindly Accept this as the only Intimation

RETURNED TO THE LORD

Born: 11.12.1938 Died: 26.05.2025

Mariano Vicente Barreto
Muxiwaddo - Curtorim

Son of late **Domingos Joao Barreto/late Carlota Rodrigues**.
Dearest Husband of **Serolina Barreto**.
Affectionate father/father-in-law of **Alex/Justina, Marianita/Tony, Carlota/Francis, Doris/Lucas**.
Adorable grandfather of **Venoshka/Prannoy, Myriam, Canuto, Aaron, Tanya, Mauricio, Filbert, Mafancio, Docilla/Bartolomeu, Drizia, Walushka & Lizzie**.
Loving great grandfather of **Ava Grace**.
Brother of late **Maria Caroline Da Costa**.
Funeral cortege will leave his residence **TODAY 27th May 2025 at 3:00pm** to **St. Alex Church, Curtorim** for Eucharistic celebration at 3:30pm followed by burial.

Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation
BOOKIES 9822129657

SC to hear plea challenging proposed NEET-PG 2025 exam in 2 shifts

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a plea challenging a decision of the National Board of Examination to hold the NEET-PG exam in two shifts. The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for Postgraduate courses (NEET-PG), 2025, will be conducted on June 15, in two shifts on a computer-based platform. Its results will be declared by July 15. A bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gavi and Justice Augustine George Masih took note of the submissions of the lawyer and said that the plea will be listed for hearing soon.

On May 23, the bench had said that the plea will be listed for hearing next week and it was not. The lawyer pointed it out again on Monday.

"The bench said it would list the matter this week. It is extremely urgent. The admit cards will be issued on June 2," the lawyer said.

It will be listed in a day or two, the CJ said.

The bench had on May 5 sought a response from the NBE, National Medical Council, and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on the plea.

India unveils high-resolution weather forecasting model, will aid monsoon forecasts

PTI, NEW DELHI: India on Monday unveiled a home-grown weather forecasting system with a spatial resolution of six km -- the highest in the world -- that would enable the weather office to issue more localised and accurate forecasts. Developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), the Bharat Forecasting System (BFS) will be operational from this monsoon season and place India among the global leaders in weather prediction, Earth Sciences Minister Jitendra Singh said. The BFS will be the only global numerical weather prediction system in the world deployed at such a high resolution, representing a major advancement in India's forecasting capabilities.

The numerical global forecast models run by the European, British and US weather offices have a resolution between 9 km and 14 km.

"The tropical region is a chaotic region for weather. The change in weather patterns is unpredictable and higher resolution models are required to capture the spatial changes," M Ravi-

chandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences said.

"Earlier, we used to issue one forecast for four villages. The BFS will enable us to issue separate forecasts for each of the four villages," he said.

Singh said the BFS would boost monsoon tracking, aviation, cyclone monitoring and disaster management, agriculture, waterways, defence, and flood forecasting, and also support key ministries.

"A proud marker of our rise as the world's fourth largest economy under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this unique forecast system promises to supplement India's economy by saving on potential losses and simultaneously adding on potential gains," Singh said.

The new forecasting model, developed by researchers, including Parthasarathy Mukhopadhyay, was made possible due to the installation of the new supercomputer Arka at the IITM campus last year with a capacity of 11.77 petaflops and storage capacity of 33 petabytes.

"The previous super-

computer 'Pratyush' used to take up to 10 hours to run the forecasting model. Arka performs the same data-crunching within four hours," Mukhopadhyay told PTI.

Ravichandran said the BFS provides insight into weather events likely to take place in a grid of 6 km by 6 km against the earlier models that gave predictions for a 12 km grid.

He said the data from a network of 40 Doppler Weather Radars from across the country will be used to run the BFS model that would enable the weather office to issue more localised forecasts and nowcasts.

Gradually, the number of Doppler radars will increase to 100, which would allow the weather office to issue nowcasts - weather forecasts for the next two hours - across the country.

The BFS can provide 6 km resolution forecasts for the tropical region that falls between 30 degrees South and 30 degrees North Latitudes. The Indian mainland extends between 8.4 degrees north and 37.6 degrees north latitudes.

Himachal receives hoax bomb threat, security tightened

PTI, SHIMLA: An email claiming that a bomb had been planted at the Himachal Pradesh State Secretariat here sent security forces into a tizzy. Nothing suspicious, however, was found during a search, officials said.

On Sunday, after information about the explosive was received, bomb disposal and dog squads rushed to the state secretariat and conducted a thorough search of the premises, officials said.

Though the threat turned out to be a hoax, security was tightened at the secretariat as a precautionary measure, they said.

According to officials, efforts are being made to identify the source of the email.

This is the second time that the secretariat has received a bomb threat email this year. In April too, there was a bomb hoax at the secretariat.

RETURNED TO THE LORD
"If we live, we live for Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord, Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God."-Romans 14:8

AGOSTINHO BARRETO
Bondir - Cortalim

DOB: 17/12/1962 DOD: 24/05/2025

Son of late **Teotonio Barreto / Rosalina Fernandes**; Husband of Any Coutinho
Father / Father-in-law of **Asife / Effie, Joyce / Rosario, Oswin**
Brother / Brother-in-law of **Esperanca / Late Peter, James / Remedina, Carmilina / Menino**; Grandfather of **Erion Barreto**.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on **Tuesday 27th May, 2025 at 3.30 pm** to **St. Philips and St. James Church** for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Rosario Rodrigues Undertakers - 744715640 / 8805744490

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In everloving memory of

SANTANA CORREIA (Santui)
(Coddeavaddo - Chinchinim)

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved father Santui on **Wed. 28/05/2025 at 8.00 am** at **Our Lady of Hope Church, Chinchinim** followed by prayers & blessing of the grave.

Offered by his sorrowful wife: **Cristalina Correia**, Children: **John/Remy, Camy/Elva** & Grandchildren: **Cavin, Clayton** & family.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

Wings Were Ready, Our Hearts Were Not

Fatima Rosetti Pereira e Menezes
Ex teacher of New Goa's G.S. Amonkar Vidyamandir

Cherished wife of **Camilo Matias Menezes (Farmacia Joao De Menezes, Mapusa)**
Beloved daughter of **Late Barbara/Late Oliver Pereira / Late Bruno Fernandes**.
Daughter-in-law of **Late Joao Matias de Menezes/Late Gertrudes Berta de Souza e Menezes**.
Loving mother/mother-in-law of **Christabel / Dr. Jose Pinto, Sonalia / Angelus Botelho, Darien / Meeta Menezes**.
Doting grandmother of **Ahren, Aadita, Aalia and Angelina**.
Sister/sister-in-law of **Late Diego Luis Anthony / Dr. Diana Pereira, Raynor / Late Elesbao Pereira, Lavinia / Cyril Jacques, Late Mervyn, Norma / Dr. Agnel Caetano, Late Dr. Bonny / Jennifer Pereira, Blossom / Savio Messias, Branca / Elwyn Carvalho, Dr. Olavo Alex / Late Dr. Ethel/Avita Fernandes, Elizabeth Pinto**.
Beloved sister-in-law of **Late Maria Regina (Marita) / Late Timoteo Jacques, Dr. Aleluia / Janet Menezes, Late Maria Celia / Antonio Vas, Maria da Luz (Malusha) / George Fernandes, Late Noel / Holly Menezes**.
Loving aunt of all her nieces and nephews.
Her mortal remains will be brought to the residence on **Wednesday, 28th May 2025 at 2:30 pm**.
The funeral cortege will leave at 3:15 pm for **St. Jerome's Church, Mapusa** for the Eucharistic Celebration and burial.

NO CONDOLENCES VISITS PLEASE
In lieu of flowers, donations can be given to **The Good Samaritan Fund of St. Jerome's Church, Mapusa**.