

'They hit my wife; she still tried to save me' 'I pray the trauma won't leave a mark on our baby'

NACHINOLA COUPLE RELIVE THE ORDEAL OF BRUTAL ASSAULT NEAR MAPUSA; VOW TO FIGHT FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR THEIR YET-TO-BE BORN CHILD

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NACHINOLA, ALDONA: Five days after a brutal assault on them at the Mapusa-Bastora junction, the physical wounds may be healing slowly, but the emotional scars of the attack — along with the apathy of bystanders, who watched a mob of 15-odd people rain blows and kicks on Vivek and Shruthi Shirodkar — continue to haunt the couple.

"Just the previous day," Shruthi recalled, speaking to **O Herald**, "we were excited about going for our first scan to hear the first heart beats of our baby, little knowing that we would be victims of such a brutal attack." Shruthi is three months pregnant and it's a miracle that she did not suffer any serious injury apart from the bruises on her.

The incident reportedly began as a verbal altercation on a Monday afternoon but escalated quickly, leaving the young couple, married for just over a year after eight years of courtship,



Vivek Shirodkar, along with his wife Shruthi, whose bruises on her arm are still visible three days after the brutal attack

"I kept trying to reason out with them because I was worried about my wife and our baby. The blows did not matter, as their safety was more important"
— Vivek Shirodkar

"When they started hitting my husband, I flung myself in front of him and covered his head with my hands. It looked like they were going to kill him"
— Shruthi Shirodkar

battered and traumatised. According to Shruthi, "Initially, I did not understand what was happening, but

when they started hitting my husband, I flung myself in front of him and covered his head with my

hands. It looked like they were going to kill him."

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Ambergris worth ₹10 cr seized in Dabamol, 3 arrested

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SANGUEM: In a significant breakthrough, Sanguem Police arrested three individuals — Sainath Seth from Ponda, Ratnakant Karapurkar from Vasco and Yogesh Redkar from Sindhudurg — in Dabamol, Sanguem, on Thursday evening. The trio was caught attempting an illegal transaction involving 5.7 kg of ambergris, a rare and highly valued substance used in the perfume industry, with an estimated market value of Rs 10 crore. The police also seized a vehicle used in the operation.

Ambergris, often referred to as 'whale vomit', is a protected substance under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, and its trade is strictly regulated, requiring rare and difficult-to-obtain authorisation. This incident follows a similar case in February 2024, when two individuals from Kerala were arrested at Margao railway station in Goa for possessing 5.7 kg of ambergris, valued at Rs 5.6 crore.

The accused, none of whom are local to Dabamol, reportedly traveled to this remote location specifically to conduct the illicit deal.

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BENGALURU STAMPEDE

Police arrest RCB, event management company officials



Marketing and revenue head of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) Nikhil Sosale, centre in black, and DNA Entertainment Private Limited official, in black mask, Sunil Mathew, among others being taken to court after their arrest in connection with the stampede outside Chinnaswamy stadium, on Friday

PTI, BENGALURU: Four officials of RCB and event management firm DNA Entertainment Private Limited were arrested on Friday in connection with the stampede outside Chinnaswamy stadium that killed 11 people, police sources said. They were remanded to 14-day judicial custody.

Meanwhile, a complaint was filed by social activist H M Venkatesh against Cricketer Virat Kohli holding him responsible for the stampede during the celebrations of RCB's first ever IPL victory on June 4. However, no FIR has been registered on his complaint yet, police sources said.

The 41st Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate remanded Nikhil Sosale

(Head of Marketing and Revenue) of RCB and Sunil Mathew (Vice President, Business Affairs), Kiran Kumar (Senior Event Manager) and Sumanth (Ticketing Operations Lead) from DNA Entertainment Pvt Ltd to 14-day judicial custody. Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh confirmed that few arrests have been made over the stampede case.

"Few arrests have been made. Our teams are taking the case very seriously, and ultimately the case has to go to CID. So before going to CID, whatever legal formalities have to be done by our team, they are doing it," he said.

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Trump-Musk bromance: A MAGA meltdown

AFP, WASHINGTON: Americans considered the consequences Friday of the spectacular split between Elon Musk and US President Donald Trump, who threatened to strip the world's richest man of his huge government contracts.

Trump and Musk's unlikely political marriage exploded in a fiery public divorce Thursday.

The president said in a televised Oval Office diatribe that he was "very disappointed" after his former aide and top donor criticised his "big, beautiful" spending bill before Congress.

The pair then hurled insults at each other on social media — with Musk even posting, without proof, that Trump was referenced in

"Ditch the MOUNTAIN of DISGUSTING PORK in the bill... Either you get a big and ugly bill or a slim and beautiful bill. Slim and beautiful is the way"
— Elon Musk, Tech Mogul

"I'm very disappointed, because Elon knew the inner workings of this bill better than almost anybody sitting here... All of a sudden, he had a problem"
— Donald Trump, US President

government documents on disgraced financier and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

The row could have major political and economic fallout, as shares in Musk's Tesla car company plunged and the South African-born tech tycoon vowed that he would end a critical US spaceship program.

But Trump played down

the feud during an interview with Politico on Thursday, saying: "Oh it's okay. It's going very well, never done better."

A call with Musk has been scheduled by the White House on Friday in the hope of diffusing the situation, according to the outlet.

Speculation had long swirled that a relationship

between the world's richest person and its most powerful could not last long — but the speed of the meltdown took Washington by surprise.

"I'm very disappointed in Elon. I've helped Elon a lot," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office as visiting German Chancellor Friedrich Merz looked on silently.

"Elon and I had a great relationship. I don't know if we will anymore."

A hurt-sounding Trump, 78, said it had been only a week since he hosted a grand farewell for Musk as he left the cost-cutting Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

Trump later insisted he had asked the tycoon to leave because he was "wearing thin."

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Musk's Starlink gets licence for India ops Company to be granted trial spectrum in 15-20 days of applying for it

PTI, NEW DELHI: Elon Musk's Starlink has received a licence from the telecom department for providing satellite internet services in India, a key milestone that will take it closer towards launching commercial operations in the country.

Starlink is the third company after Eutelsat OneWeb and Jio Satellite Communications to get a licence from the Department of Telecommunications to provide satellite internet services in the country.

A fourth applicant, Amazon's Kuiper is still waiting for approvals. DoT sources confirmed on Friday

that Starlink has indeed received the licence, and said the company will be granted trial spectrum in 15-20 days of applying for it.

Starlink will now have to comply with the security norms such as providing access for lawful interception, before starting services.

The licence came hours after a huge public spat between Musk and US President Donald Trump.

The licence from DoT came nearly a month after the Starlink was issued a letter of intent (LoI) by the telecom department.

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