

Know your Goa through stamps

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Goa Revolution Day is celebrated on June 18 to commemorate a public meeting held at Margao in 1946. The evening of June 18, 1946, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia, a prominent leader of India's independence movement, boldly defied the ban on public gatherings and the heavy censorship imposed by the Portuguese colonial regime. What followed was the launch of a Civil Disobedience Movement, one that would mark a turning point in the freedom struggle. This pivotal moment set the stage for Goa's liberation on December 19, 1961.

Over the years, philately has played a meaningful role in commemorating Goa's journey to liberation. Various freedom fighters, martyrs' memorials, and significant moments related to Goa's Liberation have been celebrated through the release of postage stamps and first day covers. These initiatives have helped preserve and promote the legacy of the struggle. However, there remains a noticeable gap in representation. More stamps are needed to honour Goan freedom fighters particularly those who stood shoulder to shoulder with national leaders like Dr Ram Manohar Lohia, such as Dr Julião Menezes and others. Recognising their contributions through philately would not only pay tribute to their sacrifices but also educate future generations about the lesser-known heroes of Goa's freedom movement.



MARTYRS MEMORIALS OF GOA

SILVER JUBILEE OF GOA LIBERATION

A special cover was released by the Department of Posts, to commemorate the Silver Jubilee celebrations on December 19, 1986, with the map of Goa and a burning torch and a broken chain depicting the freedom and a special cancellation of Azad Maidan cancellation of GOAPEX 1986.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF GOA LIBERATION

A First Day cover was released on December 19, 2011 by the Department of Posts, Government of India to commemorate the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Goa liberation.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A special cover to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Goa Liberation was released by PM Narendra Modi at the Shyamprasad Memorial Stadium, Bambolim, on December 19, 2021, with a Mystamp of Goa@60.

FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF GOA

Tristão de Bragança Cunha (2 April 1891 – 26 September 1958), was a prominent Indian nationalist and anti-colonial activist from Goa (then part of Portuguese India). He is popularly known as the 'Father of Goan nationalism', and was the organiser of the first movement to end Portuguese rule in Goa.



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VOICE OF GOA LIBERATION

During Goa's liberation movement, Libia Lobo used to run an underground radio service called 'Voz de Liberdade' in Portuguese, 'Goenche Sadvonecho Awaz' in Konkani and the 'Voice of Freedom' in English. The broadcasts started in 1955 from the jungles of Amboli bordering Goa.

GOAN STATEHOOD

Dr Jack de Sequeira is considered the architect of the 'Opinion Poll of Goa'. He was the president of United Goan Party and the first opposition leader in the Goa Legislative Assembly. He worked very hard to mobilize Goans to protect separate identity and prevent its merger with Maharashtra. The Opinion Poll held on January 16, 1967 decided the question of merger forever. When he died on October 17, 1989, Goa had already attained Statehood. A special cover was sponsored by Konkani Kala Mandir, Merces to commemorate his birth centenary on April 20, 2015 with a Santa Cruz place cancellation with a map of Goa and Opinion Poll Party symbol, two leaves.



Observing Goa Revolution Day at Agud Port and Jail Complex

On the occasion of Goa Revolution Day on June 18, the Agud Port and Jail Complex, invites all Goans to experience the powerful legacy of Goa's liberation movement. Entry to the Sinqerim-based heritage complex will be free to all Goans on production of a bona fide government ID. Visitors on the day can take the special opportunity to walk through the historic corridors of the Agud Port and Jail Complex that once bore witness to the courage and resilience of those freedom fighters who fought for the liberation of Goa. Venue: Agud Port & Jail Complex, Sinqerim

Date: June 18
Time: 10 am to 8 pm

Sitar classes

Kala Academy Goa invites applications from music loving candidates for admission in sitar for hobby classes in the faculty of Indian music and dance. The minimum age limit for getting enrolled is 10 years.

Venue: The interested candidates may collect the Prospectus from the Cash Counter of the office of Kala Academy Goa, Campal, Panaji Goa
Date: The last date for submission of the applications duly filled in, along with the Xerox copy of the birth certificate is June 19 up to 4 pm

Konkani book 'Kalchi Koddli' released at Monte de Guirim

On the feast day of St Anthony of Padua, 'Kalchi Koddli', a book on reflections penned and authored by journalist Pio Esteves was released at Monte de Guirim.

The book covering around 70 reflections was released by Valerian Ferrao, in the presence of Fr Seville Antao and Fr Alden Faleiro (Capuchin Fathers) after the



solemn mass, followed by the Trezena and blessing with the relic of St Anthony. 'Kolakar' and others.

The book carries varied incidents picked up from social media via Facebook and the short reflections that follow for a healthy way of life. The forward has been penned by Fr Roman Rodrigues, lecturer at the Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim. Pio has penned, published and released 18 Konkani books in the past, which include 'Lharam', 'Kupam', 'Sannam Vodde', 'Sorpotel', 'Patram',

Photography workshop held in Panjim



The Directorate of Art and Culture organised a technical and creative workshop on 'Art of Photography' for children between the age group of 10 and 15 years at Multipurpose Hall, Sanskruti Bhavan, Patto, Panjim. There were around 64 participants enrolled

for the workshop, and subjects covered at the workshop included the history of photography, details of the camera and photography, the art of framing, product photography, and how to use the art of photography in life. The resource persons included photographer Paritosh

Pai and assistant Ramaa Pai. At the end of the workshop, all the participants were provided with participation certificates. The cultural organiser, Radima Jogley of the Directorate of Art and Culture, coordinated the five-day event.

Women empowered through tailoring training in Udoim



A tailoring and stitching course launched under the Vishwakarma Kaushal Yojana Scheme has brought new hope and purpose to 40 women from the Udoim area in Aldona, equipping them with valuable skills and a newfound sense of confidence.

What began as a casual interest for many has quickly turned into a transformative journey. Remarkably, the oldest participant is 75 years old.

One participant shared, "I didn't expect to learn so much in just one month. The course runs for two months, but today I can proudly say I stitched the churidhar I'm wearing. I'm excited to learn even more in the coming weeks."

The course is led by tailoring instructor Suvidha Viraj Shinde, whose patient and hands-on approach has earned widespread appreciation from participants.

The initiative was spearheaded by ward member Nataline Colaco, who played a key role in organising the programme and encouraging local women to enrol.

Another trainee said, "I joined without much thought, but I've learnt so much in such a short time. We started stitching from day one, and now we're already creating various styles of dresses."

Trainer Suvidha Shinde expressed her joy at the enthusiasm shown by the women. "I'm very happy to see so many women coming forward to learn tailoring. They grasp the lessons quickly and are always eager to learn more. Every day, I teach them something new, and they attend with genuine interest," she said.

The course places a strong emphasis on practical learning, with

participants working directly with materials and tools. Within just one month, they have acquired a range of stitching techniques and completed several garments, many of which were proudly showcased in a recent exhibition.

For these women, the training is more than just acquiring a skill, it's a path to empowerment. Many now believe they can use their knowledge to earn a livelihood or even start their own tailoring businesses.

As the Vishwakarma Kaushal Yojana continues to reach deeper into rural communities, the Udoim tailoring course stands as a shining example of how grassroots initiatives can stitch together self-reliance, opportunity, and a brighter future for women.

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Herald Gaming Console

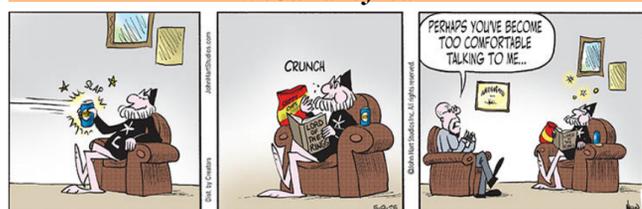
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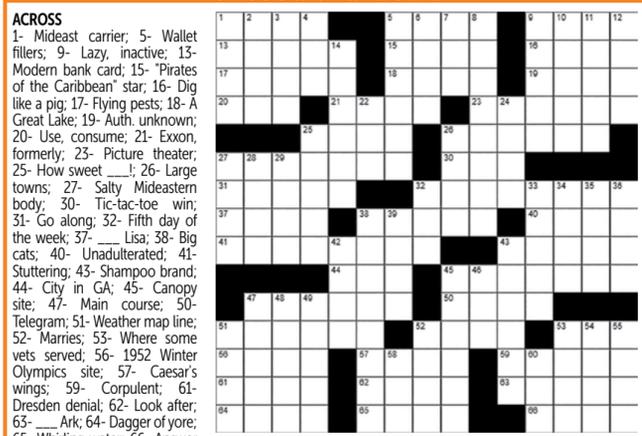
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ACROSS
1- Mideast carrier; 5- Wallet fillers; 9- Lazy, inactive; 13- Modern bank card; 15- 'Pirates of the Caribbean' star; 16- Dig like a pig; 17- Flying pests; 18- A Great Lake; 19- Auth. unknown; 20- Use, consume; 21- Exon, formerly; 23- Picture theater; 25- How sweet ___!; 26- Large towns; 27- Salty Mideastern body; 30- Tic-tac-toe win; 31- Go along; 32- Fifth day of the week; 37- ___ Lisa; 38- Big cats; 40- Unadulterated; 41- Stuttering; 43- Shampoo brand; 44- City in GA; 45- Canopy site; 47- Main course; 50- Telegram; 51- Weather map line; 52- Marries; 53- Where some vets served; 56- 1952 Winter Olympics site; 57- Caesar's wings; 59- Corpulent; 61- Dresden denial; 62- Look after; 63- ___ Ark; 64- Dagger of yore; 65- Whirling water; 66- Answer to a charge;

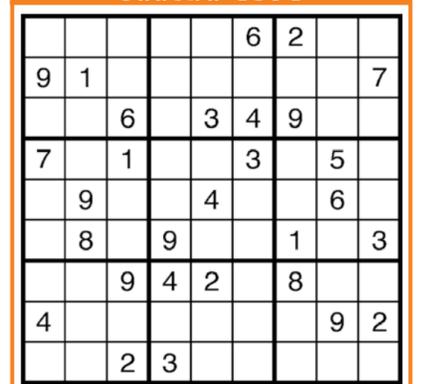
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1- Advantage; 2- Singer Horne; 3- Like ___ out of hell; 4- Ignited; 5- Black Sea port; 6- Emperor of Rome 54-68; 7- Prefix with center; 8- Not genuine; 9- Teheran native; 10- Gift recipient; 11- Weaving machines; 12- European erupter; 14- Deadly fly; 22- Sprechen Deutsch?; 24- Like ___ not; 25- Perfect; 26- Mindy of 'The Facts of Life'; 27- Moist; 28-

Swelled heads; 29- 'Artaxerxes' composer; 32- Male turkey; 33- Binge; 34- Musical composition for two; 35- Woody's kid; 36- Quick sharp bark; 38- Able to read and write; 39- Land in water; 42- Zhivago's love; 43- Individual; 45- Like a professor's jacket; 46- Purge; 47- Ruhr city; 48- Honest; 49- Steakhouse order; 51- Charged atoms; 52- Magic stick; 53- Actress Patricia; 54- Tennis great Arthur; 55- Arizona city; 58- Was ahead; 60- Hit on the head;

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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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3	1	8	4	9	7	6	2	5
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4	5	7	3	6	8	1	9	2
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