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OTT crime tactics feature in Colvale jail

Investigations reveal accused were trying to supply drugs to Manthan Chari & others accused in Devdi murder case

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PANJIM: The drug smuggling case at Colvale Central Jail has taken a new twist with the arrest of Manthan Chari, currently lodged in the high-security prison for his alleged involvement in the Ahmed Devdi murder case. Chari is suspected for coordinating the supply of ganja balls thrown over the jail wall earlier this week.



▶ The method used in the smuggling bid is rolling drugs into balls and throwing them over jail walls
▶ This tactic prominently featured in several OTT crime shows, including Netflix's 'Black Warrant' and other prison-based web series
▶ In these shows, drugs and mobile phones are shown being thrown over

prison boundaries during low-security hours, a method now being replicated in real life
▶ The incident has drawn attention to how criminals, even those already inside jails, may be picking up techniques from dramatised content available online, making it harder for authorities to pre-empt or detect such activities

“We have taken the custody of Manthan and have booked the accused under NDPS case. We are presently investigating the matter thoroughly and cannot reveal anything further at this point of time
— Sanjit Kandolkar, Colvale PI

“It's copy-paste from what you see on screen. They know where to throw, how to avoid CCTV zones, and how to coordinate from inside
— Senior police officer

“Prisoners having communication outside prison, can be or cannot be. We cannot say anything on it but we will take preventive measures to curb such activities inside and outside prisons
— Keshav Ram Chaurasia, Inspector General of Police

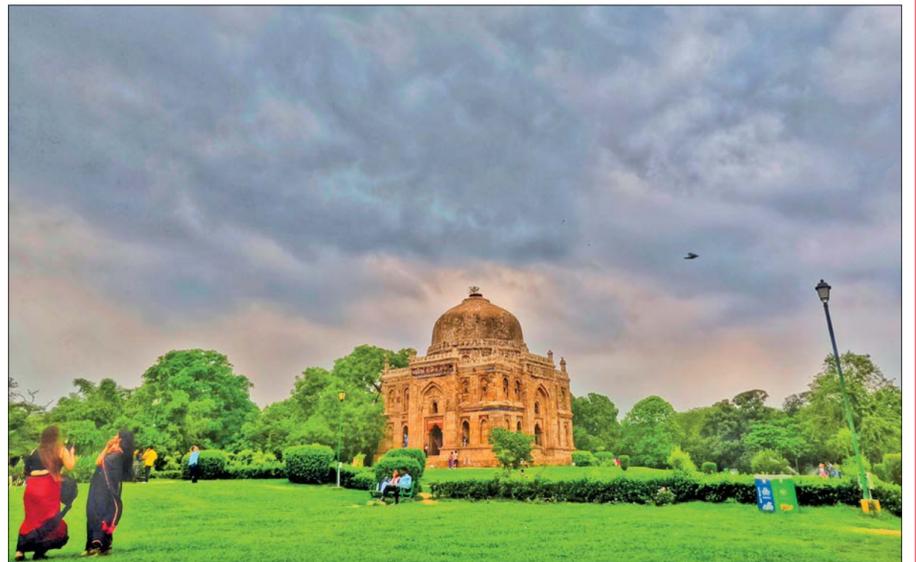
ganja-filled balls into the jail premises early Tuesday. The contraband was recovered from the passage between watchtowers 3 and 4, weighing 1.397 kg

and valued at Rs 1.40 lakh. Police investigations have revealed that the arrested group was attempting to supply the narcotics to Manthan and others accused in

the Devdi murder, indicating an organised attempt to sneak contraband into the jail from the outside.

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OVERCAST SKIES



Visitors at the Lodhi Garden on a cloudy afternoon, in New Delhi, on Saturday

Last victim of AI plane crash identified, death toll stands at 260

PTI, AHMEDABAD: More than two weeks after the Ahmedabad plane crash, the DNA test has ascertained the identity of the last victim, and the death toll in the tragedy now stands at 260, officials said on Saturday.

The mortal remains of the last victim were handed over to the family, they said.

The medical authorities had earlier pegged the fatality count at 270.

A London-bound Air India flight crashed into a hostel complex in the Meghanagar area of Ahmedabad moments after taking off from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in the city on June 12, killing 241 on board and several others on the ground. One passenger miraculously survived.

“The DNA matching of the last body of the Air India plane crash victim has been done. The victim's mortal remains have been handed over to relatives,” Superintendent of Ahmedabad Civil Hospital Dr Rakesh Joshi said.

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Security guard held in Kolkata law college gang rape case

Four persons arrested so far; SIT formed amid growing outrage

PTI, KOLKATA: Kolkata Police on Saturday arrested a security guard of a law college here in connection with the alleged gang rape of a first-year student of the institute earlier this week, an officer said.

The total number of arrests has now reached four in the crime that took place inside the guard's room on the college premises on June 25.

The city police also formed a five-member special investigation team (SIT) led by an assistant commissioner rank officer, to probe the case, even as



outrage over the incident continued to grow.

Meanwhile, tensions flared up as the police stopped a BJP protest march to the college and detained the party's West Bengal unit chief Sukanta Majumdar and several other leaders.

The BJP accused the West Bengal government of failing to ensure campus safety and demanded swift action against the culprits in the alleged gang rape incident.

The college guard, who was detained by the police for questioning, was arrested later, the officer said.

“The security guard was arrested this morning after we found that his replies were incoherent. His presence at the college has been captured in the CCTV installed on the college premises,” he said.

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Talpona river flooding puts ryots' livelihood at stake

Farmers blame poor water retention & improper silt removal as main reasons behind the crisis

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CANACONA: Farmers cultivating along the banks of the Talpona River in Cotigao, Poinquinim and Canacona, are staring at an uncertain future as sudden flooding and collapsing riverbanks have begun to threaten their age-old agricultural practices.

What was once fertile land nurtured by the gentle flow of the Talpona is now at the mercy of unpredictable water levels. Local farmers blame poor water retention, decaying riparian vegetation, improper silt removal, and neglected infrastructure as the main reasons behind the crisis.

“Even a little rainfall in the hills now causes the river to rise dangerously. There's no proper holding of water in the upper areas like before,” said Shyam Desai, a farmer from Cotigao who has been cultivating along the Talpona for over three decades.

According to villagers, nearly two decades ago, bandharas (small check dams) were constructed after the monsoon to help retain water for year-round farming. However, over time, this intervention seems to have created new problems.

“The water stored after the monsoon has allowed unwanted vegetation to grow rapidly. The natural riverbank plants that protected us are now decaying, and that is causing the banks to collapse,” explained Prashant Velip, another farmer from Cotigao.

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— Shyam Desai, farmer from Cotigao

“We have carried out physical and digital surveys of the river Talpona right from the origin of the river till end at the Arabian sea. The report is with the Government for further instructions. We are expecting a formal decision so that we can work out to prevent further damages
— Dhanajay Nagvekar, Assistant Engineer of WRD-Canacona

Farmers also pointed fingers at the Water Resources Department (WRD) for failing to properly manage the annual desilting work.

“Every year, public money is spent on so-called silt removal, but the work is done without proper planning or concern for the people. The officers are wasting funds, and our lands are getting destroyed,” alleged Prasad Velip, highlighting the frustrations of the farming community.

Residents are now united in demanding that the State government commission a thorough study of the Talpona river basin, the underground water table, and water retention measures.

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Committee seeks debate in House on unplanned structures at Old Goa

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Save Old Goa Action Committee (SOGAC) has appealed to the Opposition MLAs to take up the issue of unplanned and irregular constructions in and around heritage sites and to protect UNESCO World Heritage Sites at Old Goa in the upcoming Monsoon Session of Goa Assembly.

After meeting the Leader of the Opposition Yuri Alemoa and few others, SOGAC coordi-

nator Peter Viegas said that the world heritage sites at Old Goa are under threat of destruction due to unplanned and irregular constructions carelessly forced upon the fragile areas in Old Goa.

The delegation requested legislators to take up the issue of preparation and implementation of a Master Plan as per the UNESCO and the National Monuments Authority (NMA) guidelines.

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