

Goan band Uzo ignites the music scene with 'Kallzant Pettla Uzo'

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Goa's vibrant live band, Uzo, is celebrating a significant milestone with the release of their debut original track, 'Kallzant Pettla Uzo', a Konkani love song that's as passionate as the band's name itself, which means 'fire' in Konkani. This six-member group comprises Axel D'Souza (male lead vocalist), Lumira Miranda (female lead vocalist), Rohit Nazir (lead guitarist), Joshua Fernandes (keyboardist), Reuben Rebelo (bassist), and Elton Fernandes (drummer). The track was recorded, mixed, and mastered at ReubenAudio in St. Cruz.

'Kallzant Pettla Uzo' tells a tender love story that was performed live and had its video release over the weekend at Down the Road, Panjim. "It's about someone who falls in love, confesses it, and they come together," says Axel D'Souza, a founding member. "It's a song about passion and fire in the heart, perfect for a first or final dance at a wedding."

The music video is available on YouTube and across Uzo's social media platforms, ensuring fans worldwide can tune in. "We wanted our first original to honour our roots, which is why it had to be a Konkani track. We're Goans, and we're proud of our language. This song is emotional. It's fiery. It's Uzo," Axel adds.

Reuben recalls listening to the demo, "The first time Axel played the demo, I had goosebumps. I knew straight away it was a perfect wedding song. In Goa, so many love stories begin on a bus ride, and the video captures that feeling. The song expresses a shared spark, unspoken, yet deeply felt."

For Rohit, who unexpectedly played



the lead in the video, the experience was unforgettable. "I've done a few shoots before, but this one was special, our first original release. There were challenges, but we pushed through as a team. It was tiring, but also so much fun. I was nervous, but proud." Time constraints were the biggest challenge during filming. "With a limited budget, we had to shoot everything in one day using only natural light," says Elton. "Changing outfits,

setting up instruments, and doing multiple takes was tough, but our incredible team pulled it off. A friend lent us their home to freshen up, a kind neighbour lent us a bus, and we approached the shoot like a picnic."

Lumira says, "The response has been phenomenal. To see people truly enjoying the song, is simply beautiful. We've heard how it gave them goosebumps and reminded them of falling in love for the first time. One comment even read, 'feels like Konkani is safe in your voices.' Since the release, we've been flooded with love, messages, and story shares from around the world. We're incredibly moved and so grateful."

Will the song feature in future performances? "Absolutely," says Joshua. "Kallzant Pettla Uzo" is a beautiful ballad that fits perfectly into our wedding sets. I hope other Goan bands around the world perform it too, it will be interesting to witness different renditions, voices, arrangements of the song. Seeing the crowd's reaction live has been incredibly rewarding." The song will be available on all platforms including Spotify, Apple Music and Tidal.

Holy Trinity Church, Nagoa celebrates São João

Holy Trinity Parish, Nagoa-Arpora-Baga, burst into joyful celebration for the Feast of São João, an exuberant tribute to Saint John the Baptist and the spirit of unity he inspires. This was the third edition of the São João celebration under the astute leadership of parish priest, Fr Rocklin D'Costa. Rooted faith and tradition, parishioners from all 14 wards came together to honour the saint through prayer, pageantry, food, and festivity. The day began with the Angelus at the stroke of noon, followed by a lively march-past. Each ward paraded under its unique flag and jersey, symbolising parish unity in diversity. Afterward, a delicious traditional Goan lunch was shared, with specialities like rice, Samareachi kodi, mergol,



and locally grown fruits delighting the senses. Cultural programs featuring dances by children and adults from selected wards kept the crowd enthralled, while Lui lifted the spirits with his infectious musical melodies. And as teatime drew near, a medley of traditional Goan sweets sweetened the celebration. With laughter in the air and community at its heart, this São João kept its promises to be a reminder of faith, joy, and the bonds that bless the Holy Trinity Nagoa-Arpora-Baga Parish



3rd All Goa Inter School Tiatr Competition 2025

Tiatr Academy of Goa in collaboration with Ravindra Bhavan, Baina, Vasco will organise the 3rd All Goa Inter School Tiatr Competition 2025. The inaugural function will be held on July 4 at 3.15 pm. The Rosary High School, Cujira, Bambolim will stage 'Kalliz Rodtta' by Austin Socorro Rodrigues/Santosh Shetkar on July 4, Our Lady of the Rosary High School, Dona Paula will perform 'IQ Nhoi, EQ Zai' directed by Antonet De Sousa on July 5. Vidhya Vihar High School, Cortalim will perform 'Sukh Monje

Kitem?' directed by Purushottam Mardolkar on July 7. St Xavier's High School, Velim will perform 'Covid,' directed by Lenoy Gomenes and Fr Warren Britto Pereira on July 8. Our Lady of Carmel High School, Curtorim, will perform 'Vell' on July 9, directed by Fr Milagres Dias. St Rock High School, Tollakannto, Velim will perform the tiatr, 'A.I', directed by Fr Doel Dias on July 12. Venue: Ravindra Bhavan, Baina, Vasco Date: July 4 onwards

INAUGURAL MASS OF BICHOLIM PARISH YOUTH HELD



The youth of Our Lady of Grace Church, Bicholim, gathered in faith and fellowship to mark the beginning of their journey for the year 2025 with a spiritually enriching inaugural Mass. This special Eucharistic celebration took place as presided over by Fr Selwino Pereira.

To symbolise the start of a new chapter and the election of the new youth committee for the year, the theme for the celebration was 'Let Us Be the Light - The Fire Full of God's Love. Being the Messengers of Hope.' The celebration began with a meaningful and symbolic procession, where the youth walked into the church along with the priest, each carrying a sticker shaped like a flame. These stickers bore the names of the youth and were placed on a specially prepared board featuring a cross. This act served as a reminder of their commitment to be bearers of Christ's light and



memento, symbolising their mission to spread Christ's love and hope throughout the year. The celebration concluded with a joyful get-together where the youth spent time bonding, sharing laughter, and creating memories. It was a beautiful and spirit-filled start to what promises to be a meaningful year ahead for the Bicholim Parish Youth.

messengers of hope in their communities. The Holy Mass commenced with active and heartfelt participation from the youth, who took part in the readings, singing, and prayerful reflection. Following the liturgy, the newly elected youth committee and members came forward to solemnly take their oath of service, pledging to work together in unity and faith for the betterment of the parish and the community.

After the Mass, a group photograph was taken to capture the special moment with all the youth members and Fr Selwino Pereira. As a token of encouragement and blessing, Fr Selwino presented each youth member with a small

The Society of Pilar celebrates its Re-organisation Day

Fr Eusebio Gomes

July 2 is a red-letter day for the Society of the Missionaries of St Francis Xavier popularly known as Society of Pilar. In 1939 on the feast of the Visitation of Our Lady, the Society of Pilar was re-organised into a new missionary society by six priests and two lay brothers: Fr Conceicao Rodrigues from Betalbatim, Fr Francisco Sequeira from Saligao, Fr Remedios do Rosario Gomes from Chandor, Fr Manuel Jose Barreto from Cansaulim, Fr Joseph Albuquerque



from Bastora, Fr Teodolindo Cabral from Verna, Br Peter Mascarenhas from Siolim and Br Paixao Lacerda from Chinchinim. The eight Re-organisers were called the Second Founders of the Society of Pilar. The Re-organised Society of Pilar of 1939 is canonically, the continuation of the same Society founded in 1887.

Fr Bento Martins from Orlim, was a priest of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman and the founder of Pilar Society. Moved by the plight of the abandoned Christians in the New Conquests, who had no priests to minister to them, Fr Bento expressed his desire to the Archbishop to start a new missionary Society. By 1835, the Portuguese government had suppressed all the Religious Orders in Goa. In this difficult circumstances, Fr Bento established a new indigenous missionary society. On September 26, 1887, at a time the last Carmelite died in Pilar, a new Society was born in Agonda in Canacona Taluka.

In 1890, the Patriarch gifted the abandoned monastery at Pilar which eventually became the mother house of the Society of Pilar and a home to the sacred relics of Venerable Fr Agnelo de Souza and a pilgrim centre. The monastery had



as its patroness Our Lady of Pilar, a devotion prevailing in Saragosa, Spain that was brought to Goa by the Franciscan friars. After shifting the headquarters of the Society from Agonda to Pilar, the Society adopted Our Lady of Pilar as its patroness.

Hence, it is called the Society of Pilar and the confreres of the Society as Pilar Fathers. After administering the Society of Pilar for 9 years, Fr Bento left the world on August 16, 1896 at Pilar. By 1938, the Society came to the verge of extinction with the lone surviving member of the Society, Fr Remedios do Rosario Gomes.

Fr Agnelo de Souza, the saintly member of the Society, a year before he died, had predicted, "The Society

will not die, the finger of God is here." Fr Remedios joined the re-organising team. Incidentally in the same year, the mortal remains of Ven Fr Agnelo were transferred to Pilar monastery from Rachol cemetery on January 10, 1939.

The Society of Pilar was raised to the status of Pontifical Right in 2010. With 387 priests and 7 lay brothers, it serves in 32 dioceses of India and in 12 dioceses of nine countries. The Holy See appointed three members of the Society of Pilar as bishops in three dioceses in India, Rt Alex Dias, Bishop Emeritus of Port Blair, Rt Theodore Mascarenhas, Bishop of Daltonganj and Rt Sebastiao Mascarenhas, Bishop of Baroda.

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ELON MUSK MADE AN OFFER TO BUY OUR COMPANY.

THE BOARD PLANS TO REJECT IT BECAUSE THEY THINK THE COMPANY IS WORTH TWICE AS MUCH AS THE OFFER.

HOW MUCH DID HE OFFER? THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

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Garfield

I PLAN TO START EATING HEALTHY AND EXERCISING, AND I NEED YOUR HELP.

OKAY...

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

TALK ME OUT OF IT!

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HEY, RODNEY! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

I'M GOING TO PLAY TENNIS WITH THE KING

I THOUGHT YOU HATED TENNIS

I HATE IT EVEN MORE NOW

YOU POOR SOUL...

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ACROSS

1- Gin flavoring; 5- For fear that; 9- Freeway exit; 13- Covers; 14- TV studio sign; 16- Great Lake; 17- Prepare a book or film for release; 18- Make ___ for oneself; 19- Windshield option; 20- Activist; 21- Penpoint; 22- Slush; 24- Simians; 26- Wedding cake feature; 27- Speeder spotter; 29- Commonplace; 33- Pave over; 34- Canadian First Nation; 35- Eyelid irritation; 36- Clean air org.; 37- Attempts; 38- Old vitamin bottle abbr.; 39- Architect Saarinen; 41- Author ___ Christian Andersen; 42- Twisted expression?; 44- Footsie; 46- Guide; 47- Like some chocolate; 48- Informal greeting; 49- Beliefs; 52- Service charge; 53- Forum wear; 57- State firmly; 58- Lock of hair; 60- Miscalculates; 61- Part of a bird's beak; 62- You can get a rise out of it; 63- Foul mood; 64- Trampled; 65- Bailiwick; 66- Singer Braxton;

DOWN

1-Hill toy; 2- Adriatic resort; 3- "Garfield" drooler; 4- Erik of "CHIPS"; 5- One that lends; 6- Bandleader Skinnay ___; 7- Swedish import; 8- Russett of "Meet the Press"; 9- Comes back; 10- Desertlike; 11- Chinese dynasty; 12- Sneaky guy?; 15- Dwells; 23- Hawaiian necklace; 25- Average; 26- Woody inhabitants of forests; 27- Beat back; 28- Video game pioneer; 29- Rubber gasket; 30- ___ Grows in Brooklyn; 31- U-Haul competitor; 32- Age unit; 33- Coral habitat; 34- Turn; 37- Parched; 40- Commanded; 42- Eye infection, pig house; 43- Most orderly; 45- Rat-a-___; 46- Middy nap; 48- "Steppenwolf" author; 49- Diplomat's forte; 50- Always; 51- Sleuth Wolfe; 52- Phobia; 54- Yes ___?; 55- Broad smile; 56- Italian wine city; 59- "Michael Collins" actor;

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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

solution 4885

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