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Biker injured in Verna crash with car
MARGAO: A 41-year-old motorcyclist from Cortalim, originally from Bihar, sustained injuries in a road accident at Birla Cross Junction, Verna. According to police, the rider, Pankaj Kumar, fell onto the road after his motorcycle was allegedly struck by a car driven by Ramkrishna Varik (74) of Fatorda. The car was reportedly driven rashly and took a sudden turn towards IDC Verna without caution. Kumar is currently receiving treatment at GMC, Bambolim.

Two injured in Mormugao collision
MARGAO: Two men were injured, one seriously, after their motorcycle was hit by a car near Chapheshwar Temple, Mormugao. According to police, Anil Ganachari (44) of Headland Sada, allegedly drove his car rashly and collided with a Hero Splendor coming from the opposite direction. The rider, Ajay Gupta (28), sustained grievous injuries and is undergoing treatment at GMC, Bambolim. The pillion rider, Raj Kumar Gupta (60), also from Headland Sada, suffered minor injuries and was discharged after treatment.

Injured woman rescued from Navelim flat
MARGAO: A 32-year-old woman was rescued from her locked flat on the 7th floor of D Block, Supreme Colmorod Apartments, near Easy Buy Mall, Navelim by the Margao Police. The police forced open the door and took the injured and unconscious woman to the hospital. In other incidents, a tree branch fell near Santosh Garage at Vidyanagar, Borda, obstructing traffic. Fire personnel cleared the branch. Additionally, a bathroom geyser caught fire in Flat No S-6, 2nd Floor, Ferrara Garden Phase II Apartment, near Apollo Pharmacy, Gogol, Margao.

Arpora-Nagoa panchayat bans plaster of paris idols for Ganesh Chaturthi
CALANGUTE: In a move to encourage eco-friendly celebrations, the Arpora-Nagoa Village Panchayat has announced a ban on the use of plaster of Paris (PoP) idols during the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi festivities. The decision was communicated during a recent meeting held with members of various temple committees in the village. Panchayat members highlighted the environmental damage caused by PoP idols, emphasising that these do not disintegrate upon immersion, thereby polluting ponds and other water bodies. "Using clay idols will help preserve natural water bodies and also promote traditional craftsmanship," said panchayat members, appealing to the public to support sustainable practices during the festival.

Govt invites applications for online cyber security courses
PANJIM: The National Academy of Cyber Security is accepting online applications from across India for its Government of India-certified Cyber Security and Ethical Hacking training programmes. Open to candidates with qualifications ranging from 10+2 to postgraduate level, the courses aim to enhance skills in the growing cyber security sector. Programmes include Cyber Security Officer, Diploma and PG Diploma in Cyber Security & Ethical Hacking, and a Master Programme. Course durations range from six months to one year. Successful candidates will receive a Government of India certificate, enhancing job prospects in roles such as Cyber Security Officer, Information Officer, and Security Analyst, with opportunities available both in India and abroad. Apply at: www.nacsindia.org

Youth exchange selection trials on July 10
PANJIM: The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs will hold selection trials for the Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme scheduled from July 23-26 in Kurukshetra, Haryana. Trials in Group Folk Dance, Folk Song, and Declamation will be conducted on July 10 at Institute Menezes Braganza, Panjim. Youth aged 15 to 29 are eligible. Application forms and eligibility rules are available at www.dysa.goa.gov.in. The last date for entries is July 9. For queries, contact Cinthya Sequeira at 9823393657.

Govt launches incentive scheme to boost job creation
PANJIM: The Union Government has approved the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme to promote job creation and social security. Under the scheme, first-time employees registered with EPFO can receive a one-time incentive of up to Rs 15,000 in two instalments - after six and twelve months of service—upon completing a financial literacy programme. Eligible employees must earn up to Rs 1 lakh per month. Employers hiring additional staff will receive incentives of up to Rs 3,000 per month per employee for two years, extendable to four years for the manufacturing sector. Establishments must hire at least two additional employees (for firms with fewer than 50 workers) or five (for firms with 50 or more) for at least six months to qualify. With an outlay of Rs 99,466 crore, the ELI Scheme targets over 3.5 crore jobs over two years and 1.92 crore first-time beneficiaries. The scheme is valid for jobs created between August 1, 2025 and July 31, 2027.

Applications open for Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2026
PANJIM: The Government of India is accepting online nominations for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2026, which honours individuals and institutions for exemplary work in disaster management. Applications opened on May 1, 2025 and will be accepted until September 30, 2025, through <https://awards.gov.in>. The award is announced annually on January 23, commemorating the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

'Suyog' yoga camp promotes rhythmic breathing for healing and wellness
MARGAO: The Peace and Bliss Association, Margao, recently held its "Suyog" Yoga Retreat Camp, focusing on holistic health and the therapeutic benefits of yogic practices. A major highlight of the retreat was a live demonstration of the Rhythmic Breathing Technique by Prof Venkatesh Betagiri, who emphasised its potential to aid individuals suffering from neurological conditions such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease. He also noted its effectiveness in preventing lifestyle-related ailments, including diabetes, hypertension, and stress disorders. The camp featured a practical session by Vishwanath Swar, a Ministry of AYUSH-certified yoga teacher, who guided participants through micro-exercises aimed at relieving common ailments like neck, back, and knee pain—providing simple, daily tools for physical well-being.

Finally, Ponda cloth vendors to be relocated to new market mezzanine floor

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Various issues being discussed at the Ponda Municipal Council meeting held on Thursday

PONDA: Cloth vendors operating in the dilapidated fish market building in Ponda received a long-awaited relief on Thursday, as the Ponda Municipal Council (PMC), in its meeting, approved their relocation to the mezzanine floor of the new market complex. The decision comes following the intervention of Chief Minister Pramod Sawant. Previously, the PMC had proposed shifting the vendors to Palika Market, but the vendors strongly opposed the move, citing a lack of customer footfall in that location. Seeking redressal, they had approached the Chief Minister, after which a meeting was held with the PMC. The Council then decided to shift them to Palika Bazaar, and now, following

Thursday's resolution, they will instead be accommodated in the mezzanine floor of the new market complex. In addition, 40 vendors currently operating at Palika Bazaar will also be relocated to the same space. The Council meeting, chaired by PMC Chairperson

Anand Naik, also deliberated on several civic and development-related matters. Naik stated that, with support from the Department of Animal Husbandry and veterinary doctors, the PMC will organise a sterilisation camp to neuter 1,000 stray dogs within Ponda city. The cam-

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land in Bاندora To enhance the town's green cover, PMC will launch a tree-planting drive across open spaces, starting with the proposed Riverfront Project near the Council office. A proposal will also be forwarded to the Director of Municipal Administration (DMA) to recruit drivers for heavy vehicles, where several posts remain vacant. Further, the Council decided to remove a gadda (stall) operating at the bus stand in front of the Zareshwar Devasthan premises. A decision on the extension of Vishal Mega Mart's licence will be made after receiving a committee report. Naik also confirmed that a pay parking system will be introduced soon. On the issue of subletting business spaces by fish vendors, he assured that action will be taken against such practices.

Five arrested for assaulting restaurant employee in Anjuna

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PANJIM: The Anjuna police have arrested five individuals for allegedly assaulting a restaurant cook following an altercation over the relocation of a pedestal fan. The accused have been identified as Rohit Kambli (23), Kiran Kambli, Kiran Pawar (23) and Vikram Chaudhary (20) - all from Canca and Aditya Manolkar (24) from Valpoi. According to police, the complainant, Manoj Kumar (25), a native of Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, and employed as a cook at the Fishermen Village Restaurant in Anjuna, reported that the incident occurred after a dispute regarding the movement of a standing fan from the entrance of his accommodation room. Kumar stated that Rohit Kambli and Aditya Manolkar began a verbal alter-

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Stray cattle cause traffic chaos on Chandor-Xelvona route

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MARGAO: Stray cattle roaming freely along the Chandor-Xelvona road are causing serious traffic congestion and posing a safety hazard to commuters, say concerned locals. Residents report frequent sightings of cattle obstructing traffic, especially near Xelvona junction and Chandor, where animals are often found sitting in the middle of the road or wandering among moving vehicles. The traffic woes in the area have been worsened by ongoing pipeline work, which has left roads dug up and narrowed in several places. With the increased number of vehicles and poor traffic management, the presence of stray cattle has only exacerbated the problem. Madhu Naik, a resident of Xelvona, said, "Cattle ly-

ing on or moving across the roads not only block traffic but also put commuters at risk." Another regular commuter, Dinesh Shet, added, "Senior citizens and school-going children especially find it difficult to navigate the road safely due to the cattle menace." According to sources, the cattle are often brought out for grazing by their owners, but once left unattended, they tend to occupy busy roads, causing frequent traffic disruptions. On Monday, a group of stray cattle was seen blocking the main road at Xelvona, bringing traffic to a complete halt. Despite continuous honking, the cattle did not move. A truck driver eventually had to get down and physically drive them away. By then, a long line of vehicles—cars, trucks, and two-wheelers—had piled up on both sides. Traffic finally resumed once multiple drivers stepped in to clear the road. Residents have urged local authorities and the veterinary department to take immediate steps to address the growing stray cattle issue, which they say is turning into a daily nuisance and potential accident risk.

Spa gutted in major fire at Calangute

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CALANGUTE: A massive fire broke out at Gold Touch, a luxury Thai spa located at Naikawaddo, Calangute, on Thursday morning, gutting eight small rooms on the first floor. Fortunately, no casualties were reported. According to Pilerne fire station officials, smoke was first noticed around 8 am from the closed premises, prompting an emergency call by 8.15 am. Firefighters rushed to the scene on the busy Calangute main road and launched operations immediately. "The first floor was ablaze when we arrived. Due to heavy smoke, three fire fighters entered the structure to ventilate the building by opening windows and doors. The fire spread quickly due to the presence of towels, bed sheets and mattresses," officials said. Preliminary reports suggest a short-circuit in the air-conditioner as the likely cause, possibly triggered by continuous rainfall since

Wednesday. "The damage is substantial, but the owner has not yet provided an exact estimate," officials added. An additional fire tender was summoned from Ma-

pusa to assist. The Pilerne fire crew included sub-officer Sunny Phayde and fire fighters Dinesh Gawade, Pritesh Mahaldar, Shrikant Sawant, Rajkiran Pednekar and Prahlad Kotkar.

Goa launches tribal empowerment drive under Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan

25 villages selected for full scheme saturation under national initiative

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SANGUEM: The Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan, part of the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, was launched at Sanguem Municipal Council Hall to mark the 150th birth anniversary of tribal icon Bhagwan Birsa Munda. The initiative aims to extend State and Central government schemes to 25 identified tribal villages in Goa. The campaign, organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, is part of a national outreach across 597 districts to ensure comprehensive coverage of welfare schemes in tribal areas. Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant announced that 18 departmental schemes will be implemented in the selected villages. He highlighted the restructuring of the Tribal Department and the formation of the Tribal Commission and Goa State

Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation. Goa's first Tribal Research Centre has been established in Sanguem to address tribal health and cultural concerns, while a Tribal Museum at Farmagudi is nearing completion. He further informed that 3,500 forest right sanads have been issued so far, with a target of full distribution by December 19, 2025. A dedicated marketplace for tribal products like Kunbi sarees, shawls, and jackets has also been created. The upcoming Kunbi Village in Sanguem is expected to be ready in three months at a cost of Rs 10 crore. Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram said Rs 79,000 crore has been allocated over three years for the Abhiyan, with 18 Union ministries working collaboratively. The scheme will address infrastructure, housing, piped water, electricity, solar energy, educa-

tion, health, mobile connectivity, sustainable agriculture, and fishery development. "There will be no shortage of funds," he assured. Speaker Ramesh Tawadkar said the government's approach is based on Antyodaya, Gramodaya, and Sarvodaya, ensuring the upliftment of even the most marginalised. Minister Subhash Phaldessai reiterated the government's commitment to mainstreaming tribal communities, while MP Sadanand Tanavade praised the strong public response and called for inclusive development as India moves toward Viksit Bharat. On the occasion, benefits under 15 Central and State schemes were distributed to beneficiaries. Health check-ups, cancer detection, and dental screening camps were conducted, and two buses funded through the District Mineral Fund were flagged off to provide free transport for students.

APPOINTMENTS

Diocesan Society of Education's ROSARY HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL Navelim, Salcete - Goa			
requires the following Staff on Contract/Lecture Basis for the academic year 2025-26			
1.	Teacher Grade - I in Economics Qualification: M.A. in Economics, B.Ed.	1 post	Contract basis
2.	Teacher Grade - I in Hindi Qualification: M.A. in Hindi, B.Ed.	1 post	Contract basis
3.	Teacher Grade - I in French Qualification: M.A. in French, B.Ed.	1 post	Contract basis
4.	Teacher Grade - I in Accountancy Qualification: M.A. in Accountancy, B.Ed.	1 post	Lecture basis
5.	Laboratory Attendant / MTS Qualification: S.S.C.	1 post	Contract basis
Walk-in-interview on Monday, 14.7.2025 at 10:00 a.m. along with the application and testimonials.			
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