

# Ex-MLA Lavoo dies after roadside brawl

Ex-Ponda MLA Lavoo Mamledar collapses and dies in hotel minutes after a fight with auto driver in Belagavi; accused arrested

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**BENGALURU:** A pall of gloom descended on Goa, as former Ponda MLA Lavoo Mamledar died shortly after an altercation with an auto driver, in Karnataka's Belagavi district on Saturday. He was 69.

Mamledar leaves behind his wife Shanti and two daughters.

It is learnt that he had gone to Belagavi and was residing in Hotel Srinivas Residency near Khade Bazaar.

The reason behind the former Maharashtra Gomantak Party (MGP) legislator's death could not



be immediately ascertained. However the police said the driver identified as 28-year-old Majaheed Shakeel Jamadar of Belagavi has been arrested.

Sources said the altercation between Mamledar and Jamadar occurred after the former's vehicle reportedly bumped into the auto near Srinivas Residency Hotel at around 1.30 pm.

Visuals of the incident captured on CCTV showed Mamledar and the driver locked in an argument, which later took a violent turn. Mamledar slapped the Jamadar with the latter

“Deeply anguished by the untimely and tragic passing of former MLA Shri Lavoo Mamledar in Belagavi today. His dedicated service to the State, both as an officer of the Goa Police and later as a legislator, will always be remembered with gratitude

– Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister in a post on X

“We are deeply saddened by the tragic demise of Lavoo Mamledar, former MLA of Ponda and a distinguished officer of Goa Police. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends, and well-wishers in this difficult time. Om Shanti

– Goa Police post on X

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## WHEN ALTERCATION TURNED FATAL

- The altercation between Mamledar and Jamadar occurred after the former's vehicle reportedly bumped into the auto near Hotel Srinivas Residency at 1.30 pm
- CCTV visuals showed Mamledar and the driver arguing
- Mamledar slapped Jamadar and he hit the

former in return

- People intervened and Mamledar later entered the hotel

- Hotel's CCTV visuals show Mamledar going up the stairs and suddenly collapsing

- He was rushed to a govt civil hospital, where doctors declared him dead

# Allahbadia says family getting death threats

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Popular YouTuber Ranveer Allahbadia apologised for his controversial remark again on Saturday but said he is scared as he and his family are receiving death threats.

Allahbadia, one of the most influential podcasters with over 16 million followers across social media platforms, landed in a major controversy over his comment on parents and sex at Samay Raina's comedy show "India's Got Latent" last Monday.

He apologised the next day but the controversy refused to die down with police complaints filed

“I'm watching death threats pour in from people saying that they want to kill me and hurt my family. People have invaded my mother's clinic posing as patients. I'm feeling scared and I don't know what to do. But I'm not running away. I have full faith in the police and the judicial system of India

– Ranveer Allahbadia on X

against him and those involved with the show. On Saturday, the social media influencer issued another apology on X and said he and his team are cooperating with the police and all other authorities.

“I will follow due process and be available to all agencies. My remark about parents was insensitive

and disrespectful. It is my moral responsibility to do better and I am genuinely sorry.

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do. But I'm not running away. I have full faith in the police and the judicial system of India,” he wrote.

Raina, on whose show Allahbadia made the comment, has already deleted all the 18 episodes of the show from YouTube, saying it was too much to handle for him. He also said he will cooperate with authorities.

Allahbadia's comment has been dominating the headlines for a week with the influencer and others on the show facing police complaints in Mumbai and Guwahati.

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# Cong dares CM on minister's mining scam link

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**PANJIM:** Congress has accused a senior Cabinet Minister in the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led government in Goa of being involved in a mining scam in Karnataka and dared Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to comment on the issue.

According to the Congress, a Special Court is expected to deliver its final verdict on February 24 and the party will wait till the

court's ruling. The court hearing the case is said to be dedicated to handling criminal cases involving elected MPs and MLAs.

The mining scam involves a total of 16 accused, including the mining firm owned by one of the accused from Hosapete, Ballari, Karnataka. The SIT, Karnataka Lokayukta, filed charges in 2016 and according to the prosecution, the accused – including the Goa Minister and his brother

– allegedly entered into a criminal conspiracy to illegally transport nearly 17 metric tonnes (MT) of iron ore from the lease area of M/s S B Minerals, Vyasnakere plot, and other mines. The ore was reportedly transported to Belekeri Port without proper permits from the Department of Mines and Geology and sold to M/s Eagle Traders and Logistics, allegedly bypassing legal royalty payments, TCS tax, and forest way

charges. The prosecution claims the scam caused a loss of over Rs 1.5 crore to the government and facilitated illegal profits for the accused.

The accused face charges under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, along with violations of the Karnataka Forest Rules, 1969. Of the 16 accused, three have reportedly died while the trial remains pending.

## SWEET TREAT



A teacher offers 'prasad' to a student before she appears for the CBSE board exam 2025, in Gurugram, on Saturday