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LOCAL

Panaji: ASI Nilesh Shriram Fogere Honored for 30 Years of Distinguished Service in Goa Police



Panaji: Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Mr. Nilesh Shriram Fogere was honored with the prestigious 'Swabhiman – Goa Police Award' for his 30 years of distinguished, honest, and dedicated service to the Goa Police Department. The award was presented to him at a ceremony held on November 14, 2026, at the Darya Sangam Art Academy in Panaji.

Mr. Nilesh Shriram Fogere is a resident of Saaleli, Sattari village. He was appointed as a police constable in the Goa Police Department on March 1, 1996. He successfully completed his basic training at the Police Training School in Valpoi. Subsequently, in 1997, he underwent commando training at the Police Commando Training School in Port Bahadurgarh, Patiala (Punjab).

He was promoted to the rank of Head Constable in 2015, and in June 2026, he was promoted to Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI).

During his service, he has held various responsibilities at the GRP Camp in Altino; the Tourist Police Department in Panaji; the Old Goa Police Station; the Traffic Department in DichoLi; the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) in Panaji; and currently at the DichoLi Police Station.

While serving with the ATS in Panaji, he played a crucial role in the arrest of a Bangladeshi citizen who was residing in India without a valid visa. During his tenure at the DichoLi Police Station, he made significant contributions to the investigation and resolution of serious cases involving theft, rape, murder, attempted murder, and offenses under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

Mr. Fogere has discharged his duties with integrity, discipline, loyalty, and dedication throughout his entire career. He possesses good knowledge and practical experience in the areas of crime prevention and investigation. He has fulfilled every responsibility with complete proficiency and accountability.

In recognition of his outstanding services, efficiency, and sense of duty towards the Goa Police Department, he was honored with this prestigious award.

— sudesh mayekar

POLITICS

Panaji: Goa CM Pramod Sawant Honors Over 40 Police Officers with 'Goa Swabhiman Awards'



Panaji: Goa Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant honored more than 40 officers and staff members of the Goa Police by presenting them with the 'Goa Swabhiman Awards' at a ceremony held in the Darya Sangam Auditorium of the Art Academy in Panaji.

On this occasion, police officers, jawans, government prosecutors, and Home Guard members were recognized for their dedication, courage, and outstanding service.

The event also celebrated the historic achievement of the Goa Police receiving the prestigious 'President's Colours.' This honor symbolizes the force's discipline, professionalism, and dedicated service to the nation.

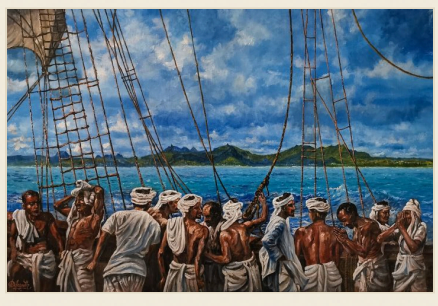
Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant congratulated all the award recipients. He also acknowledged the contribution and sacrifice of the families of police personnel.

The Chief Minister stated that his government is placing special emphasis on modern technology, better infrastructure, employee welfare, and enhancing efficiency to further empower the Goa Police. The government is committed to ensuring the safety of every resident of Goa.

— sudesh mayekar

JOBS & CAREER

New Labour Rules Make Grievance Panels Mandatory in Workplaces



The Ministry of Labour and Employment has issued new labour regulations ordering the establishment of grievance panels in all workplaces in India. This step is intended to provide employees with a structured process to register their complaints and seek timely resolution.

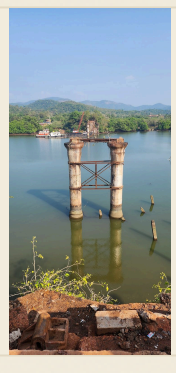
Under the new rules, each panel must have at least three members: a senior manager, a human resources representative, and an independent external expert. Employers are required to publish the panel's composition, procedures, and complaint resolution timelines on their intranet or notice

Industry associations have appreciated the clarity but indicated that small enterprises may face difficulties in implementation. Meanwhile, trade unions have welcomed the move as a safeguard for employees' rights and have demanded swift implementation and regular audits.

The effective date of these rules has been set for the first day of next month, with a six-month transition period granted to all organizations for compliance. Non-compliant institutions may be subject to penalties under the Labour Code.

LOCAL

Pipeline leak in Borim causes water supply issues in Ponda and Margao



Residents of Ponda and Margao in Goa are facing water supply issues following a pipeline leak in Borim. The leak has disrupted water supply in several areas, leaving residents without access to this essential resource. Local officials are working to locate the source of the leak and repair the damaged pipeline.

RELIGION

Chhath Puja held in Goa for the first time



Chhath Puja, primarily celebrated in Bihar and Jharkhand, has found a new home in Goa. The festival, which involves fasting, prayers, and offerings to the Sun God, was marked by devotees gathering at various locations along the coast. The unique blend of ancient traditions and Goa's vibrant culture created a memorable experience for participants.

WEATHER

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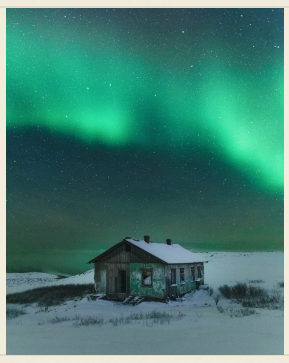


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TRAVEL

Two Passengers Caught Drinking Alcohol on Flight to Goa



Airline staff on a flight to Goa spotted two passengers drinking alcohol and took immediate action.

Staff stated that only alcohol served by the airline may be consumed on board, and unauthorized drinking is against the rules.

The cabin crew isolated the passengers and informed them of potential fines or reporting to the aviation authority.

The incident highlights the strict enforcement of in-flight rules to maintain flight safety and tranquility.

Staff further stated that strict penalties will be imposed for such violations in the future, and the flight arrived in Goa on schedule.

AIFF Elections: Chave's Name Missing from State Football Association's List



Elections for the All India Football Federation (AIFF) are approaching, and the race for leadership positions is intensifying. The state football association has submitted its list of candidates for the elections, but a notable absence has raised questions. The name of former Indian footballer and coach Chave is not included in the list presented by the state football association. This exclusion has sparked speculation regarding Chave's potential candidacy and the factors influencing the state football association's decision.

LOCAL

Ponda Market Fire System Non-Functional, Officials Reveal



A recent safety inspection at Ponda, a commercial hub in Goa, revealed that the market's fire safety system is currently non-functional. Inspectors recorded failures in the testing of the main fire hydrant and pump system.

Due to this malfunction, several shops and nearby stalls are deprived of immediate means to control fires, causing concern among traders regarding safety.

The municipal corporation has been informed of the defect and has assured that repair work will begin as soon as possible. In the meantime, they have advised shopkeepers to remain vigilant by keeping portable fire extinguishers on hand.

This incident highlights the need for regular maintenance of emergency equipment in public markets across the state.

LOCAL

Village Police Directs Calangute-Saligao Traffic Through New Elevated Underpass



Village police have instructed the Public Works Department to divert traffic between Calangute and Saligao through the new elevated underpass.

This step was taken following repeated complaints of congestion on the coastal road, particularly during peak tourist season.

major infrastructure improvement project, allowing cars and buses to bypass the congested surface road, which is expected to reduce travel time by approximately 15 minutes.

Officials hope that this change will enhance safety and make travel smoother for both tourists and locals.

LIFESTYLE

3,000 Participate in Maritime Safety Campaign in 50 Days



A dedicated maritime safety campaign has completed its 50-day run, with a total of 3,000 participants taking part. The campaign aimed to raise awareness about maritime hazards and promote safe practices in coastal water areas.

The high level of participation indicates a strong public response to the safety messages disseminated during this period. Organizers noted that the initiative helped educate a large number of individuals about critical safety protocols.

However, preliminary reports did not provide specific details about the exact location or the organizing body, but the scale of participation highlights the significance of such community-based safety efforts in India.

SPORTS

India aims to improve in second friendly after heavy loss to New Zealand



India suffered a heavy defeat in the first friendly against New Zealand, prompting the team to regroup immediately. The loss exposed gaps in both batting and bowling, leading the coaching staff to reassess strategies before the next match. The team is ready for the second friendly at the end of the week, which will offer a chance to address the shortcomings seen earlier. While the squad has not yet been finalized, selectors may give opportunities to new players to earn a place in the upcoming series. Cricket analysts believe that focusing on field placements and a more balanced batting approach could restore confidence and better prepare the team for the competitive series. The next encounter will be a key gauge of the team’s readiness.

New Menu on Bengaluru-Goa Vande Bharat Express: What Passengers Will Get



Indian Railways has introduced a new food menu on the Bengaluru-Goa Vande Bharat Express. The change aims to provide greater variety to passengers by including both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options, along with local flavors from Karnataka and Goa.

The new menu is available across all classes, offering breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and beverages for passengers ranging from Executive Chair Car to AC Chair Car. Passengers can also pre-order meals via the IRCTC app at the time of ticket booking, ensuring timely onboard service.

Railway officials stated that this change is part of a broader effort to enhance the passenger experience on premium trains, emphasizing hygiene, quality ingredients, and regional dishes.

The Bengaluru-Goa Vande Bharat Express, which commenced operations earlier this year, is now serving this updated menu on its daily runs, benefiting both business and leisure travelers.

FOOD

Mini Holige and Paneer Curry Served on Bengaluru-Goa Vande Bharat



Indian Railways' Bengaluru-Goa Vande Bharat train has now introduced a menu showcasing regional flavors. Passengers can now enjoy mini holige, a traditional sweet, and paneer curry prepared with local spices. Along with these, other Konkani and Karnataka dishes will be served, highlighting the culinary heritage of both states.

The menu was featured in a video report by Asianet Newsable, which captured the train's kitchen and the presentation of the dishes. Railway officials said the initiative is aimed at providing passengers with a more comfortable and culturally enriched travel experience.

The inclusion of these dishes aligns with Indian Railways' broader strategy to promote regional food in its premium services, allowing passengers to taste local cuisine without leaving the train. The Vande Bharat, known for its speed and modern amenities, is now adding a culinary dimension to its appeal.

WOWS Film Market to Hold 20th Edition Alongside 57th IFFI in Goa



The WOWS Film Market is set to hold its 20th edition this year in Goa, coinciding with the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

The event will bring together filmmakers, distributors, and industry professionals from around the world, offering a platform for networking, film screenings, and business deals.

By coordinating with IFFI, the market aims to leverage international visibility and attract a broader audience.

The 20th edition will be held in Goa, aligned with the IFFI schedule, and is expected to showcase a diverse selection of Indian and international films.

TRAVEL

Goa's Palolem Beach Ranks Sixth in the World



Palolem Beach, located on Goa's southern coast, has been ranked sixth in a global ranking released by News18. The list places the Indian beach alongside several major international shores, highlighting its popularity among both domestic and foreign tourists.

The report states that the beach's natural beauty, calm waters, and relaxed atmosphere played a significant role in securing this high position. While the exact methodology of the ranking was not detailed, the recognition elevates Goa's coastal attractions on the global stage.

News18 also listed six key experiences to be had in Palolem, including water sports and sunset views. These suggestions aim to help travelers enjoy both relaxation and adventure at the renowned shoreline.

Experts believe this global ranking will boost tourist numbers, as travelers increasingly seek destinations that offer a blend of beauty and quality experiences.

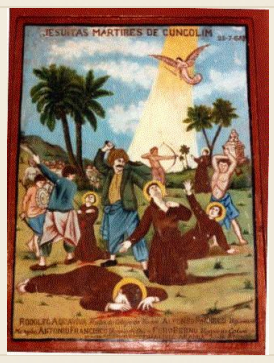
POLITICS

Goa Forward Party Denies Demanding Seats for Alliance



Vijay Sardessai, a leader of the Goa Forward Party, has denied allegations that the party demanded six seats for a potential alliance with other political parties in Goa. Sardessai described the claims as false and baseless, emphasizing the party's commitment to ethical and transparent political practices.

Kankolim Labour Market Shifted to Open Space, Easing Traffic and Boosting Trade



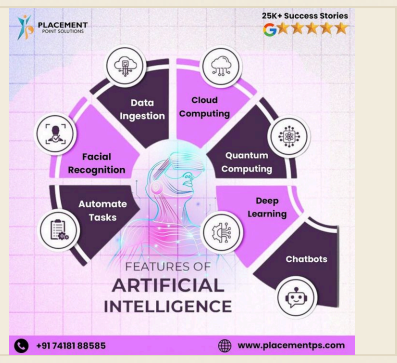
The labour market located in the Rokda area of Kankolim has been relocated to a designated open space. This is a significant change for the local commercial hub, which previously faced challenges due to its crowded conditions.

Local traders have expressed relief at this move, stating that it provides better access to their businesses and a more organized environment. The shift aims to reduce the congestion that affected vehicle movement and ensure smooth traffic flow during peak hours.

The administration's decision to relocate the market to an open space is expected to enhance the trading experience for both vendors and buyers. Moving away from crowded spots has created better space for commerce and easier access in and out of the market.

This development is regarded as a positive step for urban planning and traffic management in the area, striking a balance between commercial needs and public convenience.

State to Launch AI Training for Students and Professionals



The state government has announced plans to provide comprehensive training in Artificial Intelligence (AI) to students, professionals, and job seekers. The program aims to bridge the skill gap in the rapidly evolving AI sector by providing participants with the knowledge and expertise necessary to succeed in the industry. Details regarding the training curriculum, eligibility criteria, and registration process will be released shortly.

WEATHER

Goa's Water Crisis Attributed to Factors Other Than Rainfall



The Week published an opinion piece stating that Goa's persistent water crisis cannot be attributed solely to a lack of rainfall. The article notes that despite recent monsoons, the state continues to face difficulties in meeting water demand. The commentary emphasizes the need to focus on fundamental issues such as infrastructure and resource management, rather than blaming rainfall alone. The authors have urged policymakers and local authorities to address these systemic factors to ensure a reliable water supply for residents.

The article does not present new data but highlights that directly linking the water problem to rainfall patterns oversimplifies the situation. By shifting the discourse to the broader aspects of water governance, the authors are calling for a review of current strategies.

how long-term planning and efficient distribution can mitigate the recurring water shortages in Goa's coastal and inland districts.

AGRICULTURE

Farmers in Canacona, Goa, Demand Relief After Wild Animals Damage Crops



Farmers in the coastal town of Canacona, Goa, have reported that various wild animals have entered their fields, causing widespread damage to their crops. As a result, several small-scale farmers have suffered significant losses and have demanded immediate relief. Affected farmers have contacted local agricultural officials and urged the state administration to take preventive measures and provide compensation. Officials are expected to assess the situation and implement steps such as installing fencing, deploying wildlife deterrents, and offering financial aid. This incident highlights the increasing conflict between wildlife habitats and agricultural land in the region.

SPORTS

Chanmari Beats Dempo with a Stoppage-Time Goal



Chanmari secured a surprising victory over Dempo by scoring a goal in stoppage time. Both teams played evenly during regular time, but neither side could take the lead.

In the final minutes of the match, Chanmari scored a decisive goal that determined the outcome of the game. Dempo was unable to find an equalizing opportunity before the final whistle.

This victory highlights Chanmari's resilience and ability to fight until the end, while Dempo was left to face disappointment.

Tribal Groups in Sangui, Goa, Protest Delay in ST Quota, Outline Next Steps



Tribal leaders and community representatives gathered in Sangui, located in southern Goa, to discuss the delay in the implementation of the Scheduled Tribe (ST) quota. At a meeting held on Saturday, representatives from several tribal villages expressed deep disappointment over the government's failure to fulfill its promises.

They stated that the uncertainty surrounding the implementation of the quota is hindering access to education and employment opportunities, which are critical for these communities.

At the end of the meeting, all participants decided to present a formal petition to the Goa government demanding a clear timeline for the implementation of the quota. Additionally, they planned further action in collaboration with civil society organizations and legal experts.

AUTOMOBILE

Proposal to Ease Address Proof Rules for Commercial Vehicle Registration Blocked



The Times of India reported that the government has blocked a proposal to relax address proof document requirements for commercial vehicle registration. This move halts plans designed to simplify paperwork for fleet operators.

The proposed changes would have allowed for a wider acceptance of address proof documents, thereby reducing the administrative burden on transport businesses. Due to this decision, the existing verification process will remain in effect.

Officials have not specified a timeline for reviewing this initiative, and industry stakeholders are awaiting further clarity.

Karekhajan Farmers to Cultivate Peanuts on 15 Hectares



Farmers in the Karekhajan area are planning to cultivate peanuts on 15 hectares of land. This decision reflects a growing trend towards promoting crop diversification and increasing local food production. Peanuts, known for being nutrient-rich and capable of growing in various soil conditions, are expected to thrive in the region's climate. This initiative is expected to benefit both farmers and the local community by providing a sustainable source of income and ensuring food security.

ENTERTAINMENT

Actress Ishaita Datta Enjoys Family Vacation in Goa



Actress Ishaita Datta, known for her role in the film "Drishyam," was seen enjoying a vacation in Goa with her husband and two children. Photos published by NDTV Profit showed the family strolling along the beach and relaxing at a seaside resort.

In the pictures, Ishaita is seen in casual summer attire, accompanied by her husband, while the children play near the sand dunes. The family is taking a short break from their busy schedules to enjoy this trip to the western coast.

Neither the actress nor her representatives have made any official comments about the trip; the available information is based solely on the published photos.

This trip highlights the trend among Bollywood stars of choosing Goa's coastal destinations for short family getaways, where they can relax with less public attention.

NDTV Profit used the photo gallery to showcase the beautiful coastline of Goa and the family's pleasant atmosphere.