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LOCAL

Goa CM attends Registration Day event, announces expansion of marriage registration services



Goa Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant attended the Registration Day ceremony organized by the Registration Department of the Goa government at the multi-purpose hall of the Directorate of Art and Culture in Pato, Panaji. The occasion highlighted the government's commitment to modernizing registration services in the state and providing better facilities to citizens.

The Chief Minister, while briefing on key reforms, stated that the expansion of marriage registration facilities, the proposed pre-marital counseling centers, improvements in marriage certificates, and the development of new registration offices in Bicholim, Valpoi, and Kakora are underway. These reforms will benefit citizens by saving time and increasing convenience in registration processes.

The event was attended by Civil Supplies Secretary Shri Sanjeev Gadkar, IAS, along with officers and employees of the Registration Department. Together, they discussed plans for the better management of registration services and citizen satisfaction.

— sudesh mayekar

ENTERTAINMENT

Sakoli: Organizing committee meets to finalize preparations for state-level Tripuri Purnima Mahotsav in Vitthalapur



Sakoli: A meeting of the organizing committee for the state-level Tripuri Purnima Mahotsav, to be held on November 24 in Vitthalapur, Sakoli, was held under the chairmanship of Minister of Art and Culture Shri Ramesh Tawadkar.

The meeting was attended by Maye MLA Shri Premendra Shet, Sarpanch of Karapur-Sarvan Panchayat Shri Yogesh Pednekar, Director of the Department of Art and Culture Shri Vivek Naik, and officers from various departments.

The festival, which features a boat race on the banks of the Valvanti River, is famous not only in Goa but also in neighboring states. The main attraction of this festival, attended by thousands of devotees, is the traditional boat race. It was decided to include the maximum number of boats in this year's competition.

The state-level festival is organized under the joint aegis of the Tourism, Art and Culture, Information and Publicity Departments, and the Vitthalapur Deepavali Festival Committee. Attractive and eco-friendly boats will be given the opportunity to participate in the competition. Boats made of thermocol will not be allowed to participate.

Significant increase in prize money

With the aim of encouraging young artists in Goa and the art of traditional boat building, the state government has decided to make a significant increase in prize money, honorarium, and participation allowance this year.

Maye MLA Shri Premendra Shet, while moving a proposal in this regard, said that young artists and amateur boat builders in Goa construct attractive boats with immense hard work, imagination, and precision. It is necessary for the government to provide more financial assistance to encourage their creativity and talent.

A demand was made to increase the prize money and other financial incentives to raise the level of the competition and promote quality participation.

After detailed discussion on the proposal in the meeting, a decision was taken to amend the prize money.

Amended Prize Money

Place Old Amount New Amount

First Prize ₹35,000 ₹60,000

Second Prize ₹30,000 ₹50,000

Third Prize ₹25,000 ₹40,000

Fourth Prize ₹20,000 ₹35,000

Fifth Prize ₹15,000 ₹30,000

In addition, the amount for five encouragement prizes has been increased from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000 each.

The honorarium to be given to the selected 10 boats has been increased from ₹8,000 to ₹15,000 each. Meanwhile, the participation allowance for other eligible participating boats has been increased from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000 each.

Certificates will also be provided to participants in the competition, as per the approval of the jury. However, no participation allowance will be given to boats declared ineligible.

The government's decision is expected to give a new direction to Goa's traditional boat-building art, young artists, and the grandeur of the Tripuri Purnima Mahotsav.

— sudesh mayekar

SPORTS

Panaji: Goa CM Dr. Pramod Sawant attends National Unity Day 2026 celebrations



Panaji: Goa Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant participated in the National Unity Day 2026 celebrations held at the Multi-Purpose Indoor Hall in Campal, Panaji.

The event was organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs on the occasion of the birth anniversary of India’s Iron Man, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

On this occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, along with other dignitaries, gave the green signal to launch the 'Run for Unity' in Campal. The race featured various categories of 2 km, 5 km, and 10 km.

Dignitaries present at the event included Union Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy Shri Shripad Naik, Principal Secretary Dr. V. Kandaivelu (IAS), Sports Secretary Shri Santosh Sukhadev (IAS), Director of Sports and Youth Affairs and Executive Director of the Goa Sports Authority Dr. Ajay R. Gawde, along with other dignitaries, government officials, and enthusiastic youth.

— sudesh mayekar

LOCAL

MLA Krishna Daji Salcar inaugurates new sewage line in Gandhinagar, Vasco



MLA Krishna Daji Salcar inaugurated the laying of a new sewage line in the Gandhinagar area of Vasco. The event was held to fulfill the long-standing demand of local residents.

The operation of the new sewage line will provide relief to residents of the area regarding drainage issues and bring about a significant improvement in infrastructure. The local administration has considered this initiative a significant step towards development.

MLA Krishna Daji Salcar stated that his goal is to resolve the problems of every citizen in Vasco, give equal importance to all areas, and ensure that the benefits of development plans reach all residents of Vasco. He also added that no area should be left behind in the journey of development.

Citizens present at the inauguration ceremony appreciated this new facility and expressed expectations for more basic amenities in the future.

— sudesh mayekar

DEFENCE

CCS approves mega project for eight new stealth warships for the Indian Navy



Giving a significant boost to India's maritime capabilities, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has officially approved a massive project to acquire eight new stealth warships. The decision aims to strengthen the Indian Navy's presence and combat readiness in the strategic waters.

The sanctioned project involves the construction of eight advanced stealth corvettes. These vessels are designed with cutting-edge technology to minimize their radar cross-section, providing a tactical advantage during naval operations.

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This move is part of the Indian Navy's ongoing efforts to modernize its fleet. The induction of these stealth warships is expected to enhance the country's naval defense infrastructure and ensure better maritime security.

JOBS & CAREER

Goa government approves 178 contract nurse positions



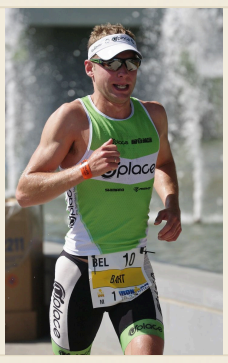
The Goa cabinet has approved 178 contract nurse positions to address staffing shortages in public hospitals.

The decision aims to strengthen healthcare services and reduce the workload on existing staff.

The new positions will be filled through a recruitment process and will be on a contract basis, although salary details have not yet been announced.

SPORTS

Ironman 70.3 Goa to be live-streamed for free on November 1, 2026



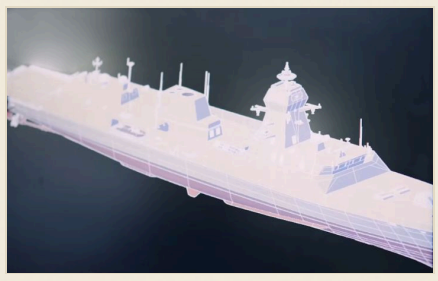
The Ironman 70.3 Goa triathlon will be held on November 1, 2026. According to Piers Manufacturing, the event will be broadcast online for free.

The half-Ironman distance event—comprising a 1.9 km swim, 90 km cycle, and 21.1 km run—will take place on Goa's coastline and inland routes.

Organizers stated that all viewers will be able to watch the event live without any subscription fee via the official Ironman website and partner streaming platforms.

The free broadcast aims to promote the popularity of triathlon in India, although no information has been provided yet regarding commentators or additional coverage.

Indian Navy signs ₹53,866 crore deal for eight new-generation corvettes



The Indian Navy has completed a ₹53,866 crore contract for eight new-generation corvettes, which will significantly enhance its surface combat capabilities. The contract, signed with a domestic shipbuilder, encompasses the design, construction, and delivery of the vessels. The corvettes are expected to feature advanced sensor suites, stealth characteristics, and high-power weapon systems, aligning with the navy’s modernization strategy. The acquisition represents a major step toward strengthening India’s maritime security and ensuring a robust presence in the Indian Ocean region.

LIFESTYLE

Bengaluru Couple Spent ₹ 75,500 on Relocation to Goa, Says "Fully Worthwhile"



A couple from Bengaluru recently relocated to Goa, incurring a cost of ₹ 75,500. They shared their experience on Moneycontrol.com. The cost covered transportation of belongings, temporary accommodation, and administrative fees. The couple said the expense was justified by the new lifestyle. They cite Goa's tranquil environment, beaches, and lower cost of living compared to Bengaluru as primary reasons. They also highlighted the convenience of settling in Goa. This move reflects a growing trend among urban professionals seeking a balanced lifestyle outside major cities. The couple plans to reside in Goa long-term. For those considering similar relocations, the couple advised budgeting for transportation, storage, and initial setup costs.

BUSINESS

Goa Signs ₹5,000 Crore Deal for First LPG Import Terminal



Goa has signed a ₹5,000 crore agreement with ANVI to strengthen its energy sector, under which the state's first LPG import terminal will be built. The project is expected to have a significant impact on the state's economy and energy infrastructure. The new terminal will allow Goa to import Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) directly, reducing its dependence on other states for this essential fuel. This move is expected to lower LPG prices in Goa and create new employment opportunities in the state.

TheTopBookies Predicts Inter Kashi vs FC Goa Match on November 1, 2026



Betting analysis platform TheTopBookies has released a prediction for the Indian Super League match between Inter Kashi and FC Goa, scheduled for November 1, 2026. The platform presents its forecast by evaluating the teams' recent performance, squad strength, and head-to-head record. While specific odds were not disclosed in the source, the prediction highlights the growing interest in the new clubs. This match is part of the 2026-27 ISL season and will be closely watched by fans of both teams as they aim to secure crucial points in the early stages. TheTopBookies' analysis provides early insights for bettors and viewers.

The match poses a significant challenge for Inter Kashi, which recently entered the league, while FC Goa seeks to consolidate its established position. Experts believe the game will test Inter Kashi's competitiveness and FC Goa's consistency. As the match approaches, additional betting lines and expert commentary are expected to shape public expectations.

Sponsors, broadcasters, and other stakeholders view this prediction as part of the broader market dynamics of Indian football. TheTopBookies' forecast reflects the professionalization of sports betting in India, aligning with the ISL's growing commercial footprint.

RELIGION

Goa's Kunchelim Church Celebrates Golden Jubilee



The historic Kunchelim Church, located in Kunchelim village, Goa, celebrated its Golden Jubilee today, marking the 50th anniversary of its consecration. The celebrations began with a special High Mass conducted by the priest, during which blessings were offered for the community alongside prayers.

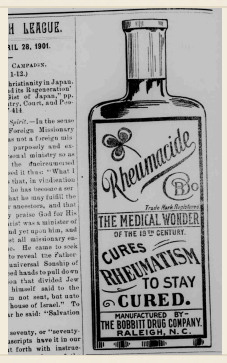
Local priests, parishioners, and representatives from nearby churches attended this significant occasion. The celebrant delivered a brief speech highlighting the church's spiritual and social role over the past five decades.

Following the liturgy, cultural performances and a community meal were organized in the church courtyard, allowing attendees to reflect on their shared heritage and discuss future plans.

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee, the church committee also announced minor renovation works and youth engagement programs aimed at making the younger generation more active.

Overall, the celebrations reaffirm the religious and social significance of Kunchelim Church.

Goa Dairy Maintains Milk Prices While Karnataka Approves Hike



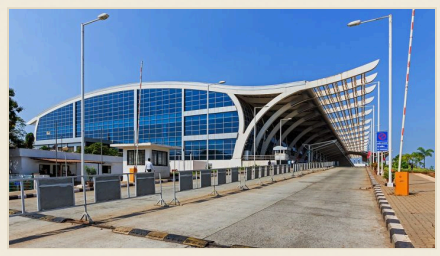
Goa Dairy, which is state-run, announced that it will maintain the current retail prices of milk and milk-based products. This declaration comes amid the recent approval of a milk price increase by the Dairy Board in Karnataka.

Karnataka's approval indicated a shift in price policy in that state, where dairy cooperatives cited rising input costs as the reason. In contrast, Goa Dairy decided to keep prices stable, focusing on consumer affordability and price stability.

Analysts believe that Goa's policy will help preserve the purchasing power of low-income families, as milk is a staple diet in both rural and urban areas. The dairy authority stated that it will continue to monitor market conditions and will only make policy changes if necessary.

NATIONAL

Air India Express Crew Error Causes Runway Incursion at Goa Airport



In April, an Air India Express flight entered an active runway at Dabolim Airport in Goa, creating a hazardous situation close to another flight's takeoff. The incident was classified as a runway incursion under international aviation standards.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) released a preliminary report stating that the Air India Express crew failed to follow taxi-clearance procedures, leading them to the busy runway. The report cited communication lapses with ground control as the primary cause.

The DGCA noted that such procedural errors can endanger passenger safety and has directed the airline to strengthen training on ground-movement protocols. The agency also ordered the airline to submit a detailed corrective action plan within the next two weeks.

No injuries were reported in the incident, but it highlights the need for strict monitoring of runway operations at India's busy airports. Officials have initiated a review of existing safety measures at Dabolim to prevent such occurrences in the future.

Goa's Renie Qualifies for Ironkids, Sets Sights on Kona



Renie from Goa has secured her place in the Ironkids competition, a developmental platform for young athletes aiming for the Ironman World Championship. She met the criteria by demonstrating endurance and skill in regional events.

The upcoming race in Kona, Hawaii, is considered the pinnacle of Ironman, attracting competitors from around the world. This achievement is a symbol of personal resilience and the growing interest in endurance sports in the state of Goa.

Renie's journey is a story of determination, as she balances training with academic responsibilities. Her participation is expected to inspire other young athletes in Goa to pursue high-performance sports at the international level.

WEATHER

Light Rain and Slight Temperature Drop Expected on November 2-3



Times of India reported that there is a possibility of light rain on November 2 and 3, along with a slight drop in temperatures across the country. According to the Meteorological Department, the rain will be scattered and not widespread, meaning it will have minimal impact on daily life. The rainfall is expected to remain light and sporadic. A drop of a few degrees in temperature will provide slight relief from the heat, although the change will not be significant. Citizens have been advised to carry umbrellas and keep an eye on local weather updates.

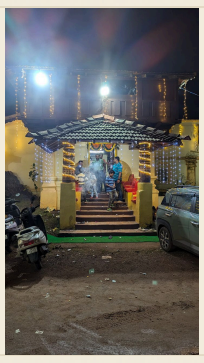
TRAVEL

Bengaluru-Goa Vaidehi Birth Express: New Route Cuts Travel Time to 13 Hours Along the Western Ghats



Indian Railways has announced the upcoming launch of the Vaidehi Birth Express service between Bengaluru and Goa. The new train will offer passengers a 13-hour journey with scenic views of the Western Ghats. This soon-to-be-launched service is part of the expansion of the network connecting major cities in the country with fast and comfortable trains. The route will enhance connectivity between the capital of Karnataka and the popular tourist destination of Goa, potentially boosting passenger traffic and regional trade.

Police Escort Stuck Mining Trucks Amid Sanwardem Deadlock



Police officials guided a group of mining trucks stuck in Sanwardem, which had been halted for several hours due to a deadlock on a local road. The trucks belonged to a regional mining company and were unable to move forward due to an obstruction blocking traffic.

The purpose of this guidance was to clear the path for the trucks and prevent congestion. Officers created a safe perimeter around the trucks, allowing them to pass through the area without any incidents.

Local authorities confirmed that the deadlock was caused by protests from road users, and the police presence was to restore normal traffic flow and ensure the security of mining operations. The trucks are expected to reach their destination shortly.

The incident highlights ongoing challenges in managing road access for industrial transport in the region, and officials have urged all parties to cooperate to avoid future disruptions.

AGRICULTURE

Goa Teenager Grace De Souza Tends Moringa Trees During Summer Break



Grace De Souza, a 13-year-old student from Goa, spent her summer holidays tending to moringa trees. She engaged in basic agricultural activities such as planting, pruning, and nourishing the trees, thereby promoting the nutritional benefits of moringa.

an example of youth engagement in sustainable agriculture. By learning to cultivate the trees, Grace acquired practical skills and highlighted the health benefits of moringa leaves and fruits.

Community members praised her efforts, noting that involving children in agricultural tasks increases environmental awareness. Grace's parents said that the experience has sparked her interest in agriculture or related fields in the future.

This story reflects the growing participation of the youth in agriculture-based activities in India, particularly in regions like Goa where high-value trees such as moringa are emerging alongside traditional crops.

Officials from the state's agriculture department have expressed support for similar initiatives, encouraging schools and families to adopt plants that can boost both nutrition and income.

SARKARI YOJANA

EPFO Registers 2,220 Employees Under Social Security Act



To enhance pensions and social security for employees, the EPFO has registered 2,220 employees under the Social Security Act.

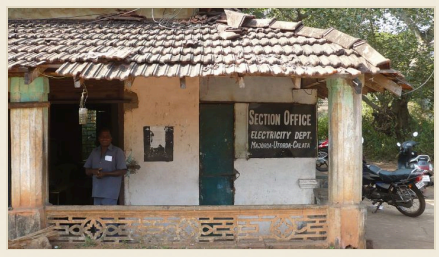
The Social Security Act aims to provide financial security to workers in the informal sector, enabling them to access pensions, medical care, and other welfare benefits.

The EPFO's registration process involves enrolling employees and linking them to the National Pension System, creating a safety net for millions of people.

This step is part of the government's broader efforts to strengthen the social security framework and promote inclusive development.

The registration is expected to increase the number of beneficiaries under the National Pension System, thereby improving the financial security of workers across the country.

Peak hours in Goa now extend to 1 a.m. during summer



The Goa Electricity Department has announced that peak-load periods during summer days have been extended to 1 a.m. This change has been made to balance the rapidly increasing electricity demand in the evening and night hours.

Officials stated that this measure will prevent sudden overloading of the grid and reduce the likelihood of unplanned load-shedding. Consumers have been advised to shift non-essential usage to off-peak hours.

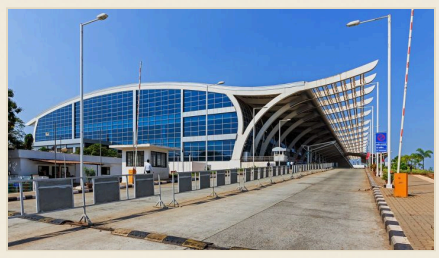
The department will continuously monitor demand patterns and may further adjust the schedule as necessary to ensure a continuous power supply across the state during the summer.

This step aligns with the comprehensive energy initiatives being implemented by the state government, which encourages households and businesses to adopt energy-efficient appliances and practices.

Residents are requested to stay updated through official channels and adhere to the new peak hours to avoid inconvenience.

NATIONAL

Crew error cited as primary cause of runway incursion involving Air India Express at Goa airport, says AAIB



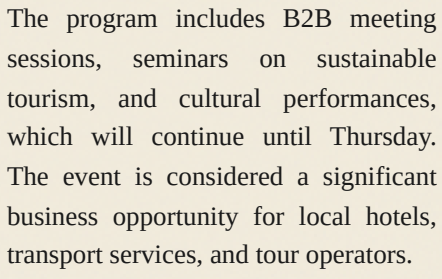
A runway incursion involving an Air India Express aircraft was recorded at Dabolim Airport in Goa. The incident occurred during regular operations, prompting the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) to immediately launch an investigation.

The AAIB report stated that crew error was the primary cause of the incident. Investigators pointed to two potential causes related to lapses in procedural compliance, although detailed specifics were not made public.

strengthen its standard operating procedures and crew training to prevent such incidents in the future. This finding underscores the need for strict adherence to clearance protocols at Indian airports.

TRAVEL

ITM Goa 2026 inaugurated at Panaji Convention Centre



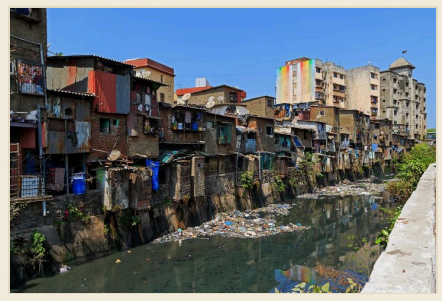
The International Tourism Mart (ITM) Goa 2026 was formally inaugurated at the Panaji Convention Centre, with participation from state tourism officials, industry representatives, and media. The event marks the beginning of a three-day exhibition that will provide a platform for domestic and international travel companies.

Organizers stated that the fair aims to position Goa as a year-round tourism destination, highlighting its beaches, historical sites, and eco-tourism projects. An estimated 200-plus exhibitors are expected to present travel packages, hotel services, and ancillary products.

The program includes B2B meeting sessions, seminars on sustainable tourism, and cultural performances, which will continue until Thursday. The event is considered a significant business opportunity for local hotels, transport services, and tour operators.

Officials have announced ancillary activities such as a food festival and heritage tours alongside the fair to attract visitors beyond the trade community. ITM Goa is part of the national tourism calendar, aimed at boosting inbound travel in the post-pandemic era.

Oherald raises questions on management of water bodies and garbage bins



Oherald, a digital news portal, published an article under the headline “Water Bodies or Garbage Bins?” highlighting the issue of waste management in India’s rivers, lakes, and ponds. The headline reflects the choice between preserving natural water bodies and turning them into garbage dumps, a possibility arising from inadequate disposal systems. While the article does not cite specific incidents, it sheds light on the broad environmental risks posed by waste to water quality, biodiversity, and public health. The piece emphasizes the need for strict enforcement of waste management regulations and increased public awareness to protect water bodies.

CRIME

High Court dismisses FIR against Sagun school principal



The High Court has dismissed an FIR filed against a school principal in Sagun, Goa. The case was based on allegations that the principal had repeatedly slapped a student during the previous academic year.

According to legal documents, the FIR was filed by a parent alleging physical abuse. The complaint stated that the principal’s behavior was deliberate and aggressive.

The court’s judgment found that the absence of independent witnesses or medical reports to support the allegations meant the FIR could not be sustained.

The decision underscores the importance of due process in school-related disputes and demonstrates that courts scrutinize evidence before allowing criminal proceedings to proceed.