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Rat snake trapped in net in Bicholim Mayem rescued safely by snake rescuer

A rat snake trapped in a net by the roadside in Bicholim Mayem, Goa, was skillfully rescued by snake rescuer N...

sudesh mayekar | Bicholim (Goa): A rat snake got trapped in a net by the roadside in the Chimulwada-Mayem area of Bicholim. Upon receiving information about this incident, local snake rescuer Nitin Arodekar immediately reached the spot. Using his intelligence and knowledge of snakes, he

very carefully and skillfully freed the rat snake entangled in the net. The snake's life was saved due to the promptness and efforts of snake rescuer Arodekar. Local residents have highly praised the commendable work of snake rescuer Nitin Arodekar.

Ganesh Visarjan in Goa: Grand Processions in Bicholim and Sankhali, Crowds of Devotees



The Ganesh festival concluded in Bicholim and Sankhali, Goa, with grand immersion processions. Thousands of de...

sudesh mayekar | The Ganesh festival concluded in Bicholim and Sankhali, Goa, in an atmosphere of immense devotion and enthusiasm. A large crowd of devotees gathered to bid farewell to the idols of various Ganesh mandals, including the famous 'Bicholimcha Raja' Public Ganesh Utsav Mandal. Grand immersion processions of Lord Ganesh

were taken out in both cities amidst the emotional cry of 'Ganpati Bappa, Morya!' and the resounding beat of drums. Thousands of citizens participated in these processions, accompanied by the tunes of traditional instruments, the dazzle of fireworks, and chants of 'Ganpati Bappa, Morya!'. The enthusiasm of the devotees was palpabl...

Government Announces Home-Based Care Services for Senior Citizens



New Delhi – The government has announced a new initiative to provide home-based services to senior citizens. The scheme is designed to support elderly individuals who prefer care and assistance in their own homes rather than in institutional settings. Officials stated that the program will encompass a range of services, including health monitoring, personal care, and daily living assistance. The implementation of this scheme is expected to commence by the end of this year, with detailed guidelines to be issued by the relevant ministries later. This move signifies the administration's commitment to addressing the needs of India's aging populat...

Government Launches Home-Based Care Services for Senior Citizens



New Delhi — The central government has approved a national scheme that will provide home-based care services to senior citizens, eliminating the need for them to travel for daily health and wellness tasks. Trained caregivers will visit homes to provide basic medical check-ups, medication management, nutritional advice, and assistance with daily living. The scheme will be implemented through the existing public health network and funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Pilot projects will be launched in select districts in the first phase, followed by plans for nationwide implementation in the next financial year.

Election Commissioners Raise Objections on SIR Over Past Ten Months

New Delhi — In the past ten months, the Election Commission of India has formally lodged several objections concerning SIR, an electoral reporting framework. These objections include procedural flaws and technical discrepancies, which the commission deems crucial for the credibility of the reporting process. Officials have not disclosed the exact number of objections but stated that each point is undergoing detailed examination. Concerns range from data validation methods to the timeliness of submissions, essential for transparent election management. The Election Commission has indicated that these objections will be reviewed in upcoming m...

Goa Industries Face Power Cuts, GCCI Urges Swift Government Action

Power cuts have become a regular occurrence in Goa's industrial and commercial sectors, forcing factories, retail stores, and service providers to halt operations and incur revenue losses. These outages have been recorded multiple times a week, leading many businesses to rely on generators, thereby increasing costs. The Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) has formally appealed to the state government, requesting an urgent review of grid reliability and the deployment of additional resources to stabilize supply. In its statement, the Chamber warned that persistent disruptions could discourage investment and impact the state's economic...

AAP Warns of Major Issue with Voter Deletions in SIR Constituency



The Aam Aadmi Party has objected to the removal of numerous names from the voter list in the SIR constituency. Party officials have described this as an indication of widespread irregularities in the constituency’s electoral roll. The party has urged the Election Commission to immediately scrutinize the list and clarify the criteria for deletions. They

believe that the exclusion of eligible voters could impact the fairness of the upcoming elections. The Aam Aadmi Party has called for a transparent review process and warned that if this issue is not resolved, it could erode public trust in the electoral system. No official response has been...

Goa Election Officials Sent 8 Emails in a Week, Yet EC Excludes Valid Voters



Goa's election officials highlighted voter list issues through 8 emails in seven days, yet the Election Commis...

Goa's election administration reported that its staff sent a total of eight emails over seven days, highlighting the issue of validly identified voters not being included in the electoral rolls. These communications detailed specific cases of individuals who were missing from the list. Despite repeated warnings, the Election Commission (EC)

maintained the existing list and excluded the mentioned voters. This move has drawn criticism from local observers, as it undermines the democratic process and could potentially affect the upcoming polls. Election officials and civil society groups are now demanding a swift review of the voter database a...

Porvorim Flyover Exit Reopens After Clearing of Mercedes-Divja Circle Congestion



The exit ramp of the Porvorim flyover, which was closed due to severe traffic congestion at the Mercedes-Divja circle, has now been reopened. Local traffic authorities reported that a coordinated effort was undertaken to clear the bottleneck. Officials diverted traffic away from the congested area and deployed additional staff to expedite movement. Once the congestion subsided, the flyover exit underwent safety checks and was deemed safe for public use. Motorists can now expect smoother flow on this route in Porvorim, saving time for those heading towards nearby residential and commercial areas.

September Rains Delayed, Goa Still Facing Drought



Goa is still experiencing drought conditions owing to a delay in the expected September rainfall, according to data from the India Meteorological Department. This delayed precipitation has not brought the usual monsoon relief to many parts of the state. Local reservoir levels are low, and farmers are anxiously awaiting the rains for their crops, as agriculture heavily relies on timely showers. The persistent dry spell has raised concerns about water availability. State authorities are closely monitoring the weather situation and have urged residents to conserve water, while hoping for more rainfall in the latter part of the month.

Congress Urges BJP to Cancel SIR, Goa CEO Writes 8 Letters to ECI



Goa's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) has reportedly sent eight separate letters to the Election Commission of India (ECI) concerning the Special Investigation Report (SIR) exercise recently conducted in the state. In response, the Indian National Congress has demanded the immediate cancellation of the SIR, accusing the BJP

of exploiting it for political gain. Congress leaders, both in Goa and at the national level, have written to the ECI and the central government, urging the withdrawal of the SIR and advocating for the election process to remain free from partisan interference. The BJP has defended the SIR's validity but has yet to issue a...

Opposition Targets EC Over Exclusion of Valid Voters from Goa's Electoral Roll



Opposition parties have sharply criticized the Election Commission after a report revealed that many eligible voters in Goa have been omitted from the electoral roll. Party leaders termed this an administrative lapse that jeopardizes the fairness of elections and demanded an immediate review and correction of the list. While the Election

Commission has not yet provided a detailed response, sources indicate that the issue is under investigation. The opposition has called for transparency in the process and urged the publication of a revised list before the next electoral phase. If these allegations are confirmed, it could lead to legal chall...

Pioneer of Fado Guitar to Perform in Goa Today



A leading pioneer of Fado guitar will take the stage in Goa today. This artist, known for bringing the melancholic yet melodious style of Portuguese music into contemporary arrangements, will present their performance at a venue in the state. This concert is organized with the aim of enhancing Goa's cultural diversity and attracting both local

and tourist audiences. Organizers believe that a large crowd of music lovers will gather to experience the unique sound of Fado on Indian soil. This event is a significant step towards establishing Goa as an international art destination. The performance will feature classic Fado compositions blended...

Goa CM Says Outsiders Capturing Trade & Jobs, Locals Lagging Behind

The Chief Minister of Goa has publicly expressed concern that people from outside the state are rapidly capturing business opportunities and jobs within Goa. The statement was made during a press briefing, highlighting the increasing presence of external entrepreneurs and the disparity in participation from local Goans. The Chief Minister appealed to Goan citizens to be more proactive in seeking employment and exploring avenues of entrepreneurship, stating that the state's progress depends on the balanced participation of its local population. While no specific figures were provided, the warning reflects ongoing debates about employment, in...

Government Services and Tourism Information via AI Chatbots on WhatsApp

The Times of India reported that the Indian government has begun deploying AI-based chatbots on the WhatsApp platform. This initiative aims to provide citizens with access to public services and tourism-related information directly through the messaging app they already use. These AI chatbots are designed to answer queries, guide users through application processes, and offer real-time information on tourist destinations, travel guidelines, and local events. Given WhatsApp's vast user base, authorities expect this to reduce the need for in-person visits to offices and streamline service delivery. This initiative is part of a broader digital...

Sawant: 'Focus on Goa's Development, Not Security'



In the political landscape of Goa, leader Sawant has clearly articulated that the state's future should be centered on development rather than security. Sawant suggested that Goa's security responsibilities should be entrusted to the appropriate agencies, while his main focus will be on initiatives that drive economic and social progress. This statement was made in a public forum where Sawant emphasized the need to strengthen infrastructure, tourism, and local livelihoods. He believes that a development-first approach will be instrumental in improving the quality of life for Goans. Sawant's assertion aligns with the broader demands for rapi...

IPL Player Auction to be Held in India

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced that the upcoming IPL player auction will be held in India, ending a period where it was conducted overseas. This decision was communicated through an official statement, clarifying that franchises will now convene in India to bid on both domestic and international players. While the exact venue and date for the auction have not yet been disclosed, it is expected to take place before the commencement of the 2024 IPL season, allowing teams to finalize their squads in a timely manner. Experts believe that holding the auction in India will boost local businesses and enhance media...

Delayed September Rains Leave Goa Still Facing Water Scarcity



Goa typically experiences relief from the monsoon rains starting in early September, but this year, the rainfall has been delayed. According to data from the India Meteorological Department, the rainfall levels this month have been significantly below the seasonal average, leading to a depletion of reservoir and groundwater levels. Local authorities have

warned that this prolonged dry spell could impact agriculture, tourism, and daily water usage. Farmers are finding that paddy fields are showing signs of stress, while hotels and beach vendors are experiencing reduced tourist numbers, leading to financial losses. The Indian Meteorological D...

Internal Conflict in Election Commission, Growing Criticism



The Election Commission is facing mounting criticism amid reports of internal conflict, while issues concernin...

New Delhi – The Election Commission (EC) has been subjected to intense scrutiny following reports of escalating internal conflicts among senior officials, according to multiple sources. This discord has been described as a division over procedural decisions, sparking fresh debate in an environment already questioning the commission's

credibility. According to anonymous insiders, the root of this conflict lies in differing approaches to handling recent electoral administrative matters, leading to a significant slowdown in decision-making. Experts believe such internal disagreements could impact the management of upcoming electoral processes....

KTC Earns ₹60 Lakh During Chaturthi Festival



KTC announced that its earnings reached ₹60 lakh during the Chaturthi festival. This figure, disclosed in a statement to The Times of India, highlights the increased demand associated with the festival. The company provided no further financial details beyond this amount.

BCCI Decides to Host 2027 IPL in Goa, Auction to Be Held in India After 3 Years



In a statement released today, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) confirmed that the 2027 Indian Premier League (IPL) will be held in the state of Goa. The announcement also stated that the player auction will return to India after three years, marking the first such event in the country after the last three seasons were held abroad. While the previous three auctions were conducted overseas, the process will now resume in India, offering franchise teams the opportunity to negotiate player contracts in front of domestic media and audiences. BCCI officials stated that this move reflects a strategic direction to bring IPL activiti...

IPL Auction in India, 2027 Edition to be Held in Goa

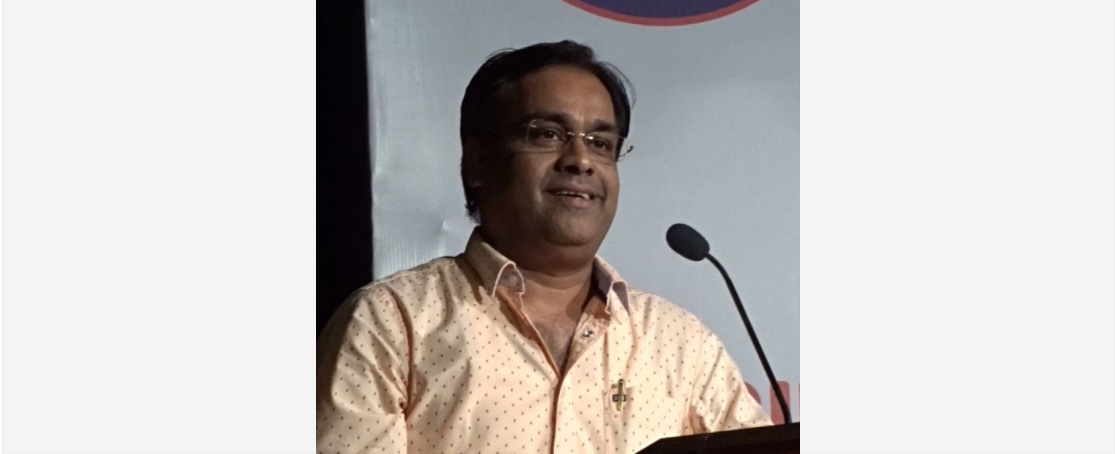
The Indian Premier League (IPL) has confirmed that this season's player auction will be held in India, marking the event's return to the country after previous auctions were held abroad. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) released the schedule, indicating that franchise owners and players will convene on Indian soil for the bidding process. In a separate announcement, the BCCI has chosen Goa as the venue for the 2027 IPL edition, scheduled to take place in December. The state secured the bid, citing its growing sports infrastructure and tourism appeal, which is expected to create a festive atmosphere for fans and stakeholders....

Ganesh Idols Not Disposed of in Several Places in Sattari, Goa



Officials from the Municipal and Environmental departments in Goa's Sattari taluka have reported that numerous Ganesh idols, installed during the recently concluded Ganesh Chaturthi festival, have not yet been disposed of. Typically, these idols are immersed in water bodies after the festival, but many are still visible in public spaces and near water streams, prompting immediate removal notices. Local ward officers are now conducting a coordinated campaign to collect the idols and dispose of them according to the state's waste management regulations. The delay in disposal has been attributed to the large number of idols and a shortage of tr...

Goa Forward Party Chief Demands Reversal of SIR Deletions, Alleges Targeting of Anti-BJP Voters



The chief of the Goa Forward Party (GFP) has demanded the reinstatement of names recently removed from the state's Special Incentive Register (SIR), alleging that the move was intended to target anti-BJP voters. He stated that this action is a strategy to suppress opposition voters ahead of the upcoming elections. The process of removal from

the SIR was implemented by the state election authorities, but opposition parties have criticized it for a lack of transparency and potential voter exclusion. The GFP chief pointed out that the areas from which names were removed are known for their anti-BJP leanings, raising suspicions of political bias...

Goa CM Says Outsiders Dominating Trade & Jobs, Goans Being Left Behind

The Chief Minister of Goa has stated that people from other states are rapidly taking over trade and employment opportunities in the state, leaving Goans behind. The Chief Minister said that despite the increasing flow of tourism and investment, the benefits are not being adequately distributed to the local population. He emphasized the need for new policies to encourage local entrepreneurs and protect them from external competition. While no detailed statistics or timeline were provided, the statement indicates a shift in policy direction to protect local interests in the state.

New Mother in Goa Faces Unwanted Body Scrutiny

A new mother in Goa reported facing unwanted scrutiny of her postpartum body, raising concerns about privacy and harassment. The mother, whose name has been kept confidential, stated that strangers made her feel uncomfortable and hurt by commenting on or gesturing towards her physical changes. Local authorities have acknowledged the complaint, and an investigation is underway to determine if any laws have been violated. This incident has sparked a wider discussion in Goa about respectful treatment of new mothers and postpartum privacy rights. Community groups have called for educational campaigns to prevent such intrusive behavior and to...