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Unique Matoli of Goddess Mhalsa Narayani made from wild fruits in Priol attracts devotees' attention



Gavthanwada-Priol resident Datta Naik has created an attractive Matoli in the form of Goddess Mhalsa Narayani...

sudesh mayekar | Gavthanwada-Priol resident Datta Naik has brought to life a unique work of art this year on the occasion of Ganesh Utsav. He has created an attractive Matoli in the form of Goddess Mhalsa Narayani by creatively using various wild fruits, flowers, and plants available in nature. This Matoli has successfully attracted the attention of devotees. Through this artwork, Datta Naik has not only honored the traditional Gomantak culture but also demonstrated his deep connection with nature. This Matoli, made on this special occasion of Ganesh Utsav, presents a beautiful confluence of traditional art, devotion, and environmental conservation. This ar...

MLA Premendra Sheth calls on MP Sadanand Tanavade on Ganesh Chaturthi



sudesh mayekar | Maye: On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, Maye MLA Premendra Vishnu Sheth paid a goodwill visit to the residence of Rajya Sabha MP Sadanand Shett Tanavade. During the visit, MLA Sheth offered prayers to Lord Ganesha and sought his blessings. He extended warm wishes to MP Sadanand Tanavade and his family on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi.

Giant cutout of Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated in Sankhali, Goa



sudesh mayekar | Sankhali, Goa: A giant cutout of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was installed and inaugurated in Sankhali-Goa on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. The Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, was present on the occasion. Prime Minister Modi's birthday is celebrated on September 17. Various programs are being organized in Goa on this occasion.

On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, Health Minister Vishwajit Rane offers special prayers at Narve Saptakoteshwar Temple



Narve: On the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, Goa Health Minister Vishwajit Rane offered...

sudesh mayekar | Narve: On the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, Goa Health Minister Vishwajit Rane offered special prayers at the Shri Saptakoteshwar Temple in Narve. On this occasion, Rane prayed for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's good health, a healthy life, and longevity. He wished that God grant Prime Minister Modi the blessings and strength to continue serving the country and its people.

Emotional immersion of Ganesh idols in Goa after five-day Ganeshotsav

sudesh mayekar | Goa: After celebrating Ganeshotsav with due worship and devotion for five days in Goa, Ganesh idols were reverently immersed. On this occasion, devotees carried the Ganesh idol to the immersion site with chants of "Ganpati Bappa Morya, Pudhchya Varshi Lavkar Ya" (Lord Ganesha, come early next year). Amidst devotional songs, devotees bid an emotional farewell.

Prudent Media releases report 'GOEM, GOEMKAR & Unnyo Gathbandhan'

Prudent Media, an independent news organization, has released a report titled "GOEM, GOEMKAR & Unnyo Gathbandhan." The report has been published on Prudent Media's platform. The announcement does not provide additional details about the report's content. This release is part of the organization's recent series of investigative and thematic reports. Readers should visit the Prudent Media website for the full document.

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Goa Liberation Day 2026: 61st Anniversary Celebrated on December 19

Goa celebrated its 61st Liberation Day on December 19, 2026, commemorating the end of Portuguese rule in 1961 and its integration into the Indian Union. The day is a national holiday and serves as a reminder of the region's struggle for freedom. The state's dignitaries, including the Governor and Chief Minister, presided over the flag-hoisting ceremony at Praça do Rei in Panaji. Speeches that followed highlighted Goa's rich cultural heritage and its economic progress to date. Security measures and traffic routing were arranged to manage the crowds. Schools and community organizations across Goa hosted cultural programs, including folk dance...

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Kolva’s Sole Government Football Ground Falls Into Neglect Candolim health centre to be partially relocated in a month

Kolva, Goa’s only government football ground, which was once home to the state’s first football club, is now i... Kolva’s government football ground, formerly the home of Goa’s first football club, has recently suffered serious damage due to neglect. Cracks, broken benches, and overgrown grass have rendered the pitch unsafe for use. Local football players report that the lack of maintenance has made the ground unsuitable for training and matches, pushing young athletes away from the sport. Community leaders have appealed to the Goa Sports Department to allocate funds for repairs and to establish a regular maintenance programme. They believe that restoring the ground could revive interest in football across the region. If prompt action is not taken, this...

Goa attracts millions of tourists each year, but major beaches such as Calangute and Baga often remain congested. In this context, Asianet Newsable compiled a list of five lesser-known locations that are suitable for travelers seeking peace and authentic experiences. These spots include tranquil beaches, riverside areas, historic villages, and verdant hill trails. Each destination is presented as an alternative to the crowded zones, allowing visitors to enjoy Goa’s natural beauty and cultural heritage. Experts believe that visiting these off-beat places will also bring economic benefits to local communities, as tourists spread their spending...

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Ferro-Alloy Industry Demands Domestic Mineral Supply Amidst Rising Steel Demand

Merchants Consider Cash Switch Amidst New UPI Regulations



India is witnessing a clear surge in steel demand, prompting the ferro-alloy industry to seek a stable supply of domestic mineral sources. Ferro-alloys such as manganese, silicon, and ferro-chrome are essential for producing high-quality steel, and any disruption in supply affects downstream manufacturers. Traditionally, the industry has relied on importing raw minerals from countries like South Africa, Brazil, and Kazakhstan. Rising global freight costs and geopolitical uncertainties have exposed the vulnerability of this import-dependent model. Industry associations and major manufacturers have urged the government to expedite domestic mi...



Merchants are considering a shift towards cash transactions as new UPI regulations are set to be implemented. Under these regulations, stricter compliance requirements may apply to digital payments, leading merchants to explore alternative payment methods. The exact details of the new UPI regulations have not yet been made public, but merchants fear that increased scrutiny could disrupt their normal business practices. Experts believe that a move towards cash might mitigate immediate risks but could lead to increased transaction costs and reduced transparency.

Leaking chemical tanker removed from Mumbai-Goa Highway

A chemical tanker was found leaking on the Mumbai-Goa Highway, prompting immediate action from emergency services. The tanker was safely removed to prevent further environmental damage and maintain road safety. The affected stretch of the highway was temporarily closed, and the tanker was removed and the leak contained. Traffic was rerouted, and the area was declared safe.

Gadkari Announces ₹40 Billion Road Development Plan for Goa

NEW DELHI – Minister for Highways and Road Transport, Nitin Gadkari, has announced a comprehensive road development program for the state of Goa, valued at ₹40 billion. The package includes the construction of new highways, widening of existing arterial roads, and safety improvements on critical stretches. The initiative aims to bolster the state's economy by enhancing connectivity between major tourist hubs, industrial zones, and rural areas, while also reducing traffic congestion during peak seasons. The projects are planned for completion over a five-year period, involving both public funding and private sector participation. State offic...

Goa Merchants Mull Cash Switch Amidst New UPI Rules



The Reserve Bank of India has introduced new guidelines for Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions, including single transaction limits and higher fees on certain types of payments. Merchants operating in Goa's commercial markets are closely watching these changes, as they could impact the daily cash flow of small businesses. Many shop owners and

stall operators, who have traditionally relied on UPI for quick settlements, are now considering a return to cash transactions. The cost of digital payments is likely to increase under the new guidelines, potentially squeezing already thin margins. Local trade associations have requested cle...

Colva's historic football ground falls into disrepair in Goa



The only government-owned football ground in Colva, the historic home of Goa's first football club, has fallen into disrepair due to neglect and damage. Local residents and former players say that weeds have overgrown the ground, and the surrounding facilities have deteriorated. Once a hub for sporting activities, the ground now lacks proper drainage, lighting, and seating arrangements. This situation has led to a decline in community use and growing concern among sports enthusiasts. Officials have yet to announce any concrete repair or redevelopment plans. This situation highlights the broader issue of inadequate maintenance of sports infras...

Centre Approves ₹62 Billion for Goa's Highway Projects

New Delhi has sanctioned a central grant of ₹62 billion for various highway construction and improvement works in Goa, as reported by Construction World. This amount will be utilized for the widening, resurfacing, and new alignment of key road corridors connecting the state's major cities and tourist destinations. The grant will be disbursed through the Central Infrastructure Financing Mechanism, while the implementation and monitoring of the projects will be the responsibility of the state government. Officials believe that improved highways will reduce travel time, lower vehicle operating costs, and stimulate economic activities, particula...

GOA Therapeutics Secures \$15.5 Million Funding, Launches GOA26 for Acute Alcohol Intoxication



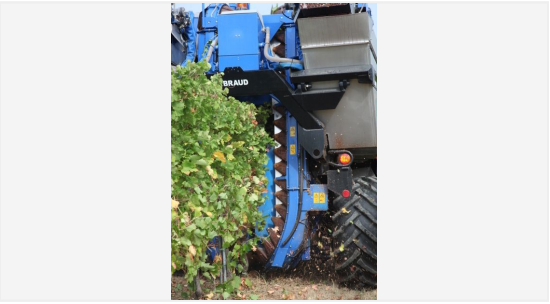
GOA Therapeutics, a previously stealth-mode company, has completed a \$15.5 million funding round, it announced. The capital will be used to accelerate its pipeline, which includes its lead candidate, GOA26. GOA26 is described as a first-in-class drug designed to rapidly reverse the physiological effects of acute alcohol intoxication

and toxicity. Researchers indicate the compound targets specific pathways involved in alcohol metabolism, potentially offering an emergency treatment option in severe cases. The Manila-based company stated the new funding will aid in preclinical studies and preparation for regulatory approval. While investor det...

IIT Goa Invites Applications for 2026 Junior Research Fellow Positions, Apply Online

IIT Goa has released a recruitment notice for Junior Research Fellow (JRF) positions for the 2026 academic session. The institute is inviting applications from eligible candidates for ongoing research projects in its engineering and science departments. Applications will be accepted exclusively through the online portal on the institute's official website. Interested candidates can upload their academic qualifications, certificates, and other necessary documents. Detailed information regarding eligibility criteria and the selection process is available on the portal. This recruitment initiative aims to enhance the institute's research capab...

Mechanized Harvesting on the Rise in Agriculture Due to Farmer Shortage



In recent months, the use of mechanized harvesting in fields has been on the rise, primarily driven by a shortage of farmers who traditionally perform manual crop cutting. This shift is largely motivated by labor scarcity during peak harvest seasons and the necessity to maintain productivity. While mechanized equipment can clear fields rapidly, it is leading to a reduced demand for manual labor, raising concerns about rural employment. Farmers note that the initial cost of purchasing or renting harvesters is high, but the increased efficiency balances the cost over time. This trend indicates a broader shift towards mechanization in Indian agr...

