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CRIME

45-Year-Old Woman Dies After Getting Trapped in Concrete Mixer Crusher on Vasco's Harbor Road



A tragic road accident occurred on Vasco's Harbor Road at approximately 11 a.m. this morning. A 45-year-old woman suffered immediate death after becoming trapped beneath a concrete mixer crusher.

Local police have launched an investigation and have secured the accident site.

— sudesh mayekar

CRIME

Main Accused in Minor's Sexual Assault Arrested in Mhapasa, Police Detain



The main accused in a sexual assault case involving a minor in Mhapasa city has been arrested. Police took the suspect, Pundalik Ghodge, into custody today from the capital Panaji.

Pundalik Ghodge, a native of Dharwad in Karnataka, had been on the run since the incident. He was apprehended after an intensive manhunt.

Mhapasa police have continued their investigation since the incident and are gathering evidence for further action.

— sudesh mayekar

LOCAL

Prudent Media Goa launches Konkani Prime News on 8 November 2026



Prudent Media Goa aired the first episode of Konkani Prime News on 8 November 2026. The half-hour bulletin was presented entirely in Konkani and has been incorporated into the channel's daily lineup.

The initiative aims to provide local, national and selected international news in Konkani to the large Konkani-speaking audience in Goa.

The broadcaster said the programme will include regular segments on politics, culture, tourism and community affairs, thereby strengthening the presence of regional media.

Prudent Media Goa expects the new bulletin to attract both advertisers and viewers who are directly connected to the Konkani audience.

SCIENCE

Failing whale rescued and released back into the sea at Mandrem Beach



A small whale was found stranded on Mandrem Beach, appearing helpless and unable to move. Local volunteers and people present on the beach immediately gathered, using large sheets of cloth to wrap the whale and provide support. The team carefully pulled the whale toward the water, ensuring it remained safe and stable. Once in the water, the whale was released after it was confirmed that it could swim on its own, marking the rescue operation as a success. Marine experts praised the quick response and emphasized the importance of prompt action in wildlife emergencies.

CRIME

Sexual assault on a 3-year-old in village; police launch search operation



A 3-year-old was sexually assaulted in a village, after which local police took immediate action.

Police have launched a search operation to locate the suspect.

No suspect has been identified so far, and officials have urged anyone with information to come forward.

Police have increased patrols in the area and coordinated with forensic teams to gather evidence.

FOOD

News18 presents November food trail: new restaurants, menus, and pop-ups



To help food lovers plan their culinary journeys, News18 has published a comprehensive guide for November.

The guide highlights recently opened restaurants, fresh menu items, and pop-up dining spots, offering readers a curated selection to explore.

Readers are encouraged to use this guide to discover emerging food spots and enjoy the latest culinary trends across the country.

SCIENCE

Whale trapped at Mandrem Beach in Goa, safely released into the sea



A large marine mammal was found trapped at Mandrem Beach, located in the northern part of Goa, when it was seen hanging on the sand at dawn. Local fishermen and beach officials immediately secured the area and called the state's wildlife rescue team. The rescue team used an inflatable stretcher and a small boat to lift the whale onto a special carrier. After a brief health check, it was released back into the sea, where it slowly swam away under the watchful eyes of onlookers. Authorities said that the swift response saved the animal from potential injury and ensured public safety was not compromised. The incident highlighted the importance of coastal surveillance. NDTV recorded the entire rescue operation in video, showing the audience's enthusiasm as the whale was released into the sea. No rescuer or member of the public was injured. The state forest department reiterated its readiness to intervene in similar wildlife emergencies in the future and urged citizens to report any trapped marine life immediately.

AGRICULTURE

The Goan highlights the saline water issue



The Goan has published a brief report titled "Saline Water."

The report states that the presence of saline water has been observed in parts of the state, which could impact local ecosystems and agricultural land.

Although the article does not provide detailed statistics, it emphasizes the need for close monitoring and appropriate management measures.

Authorities and relevant stakeholders have been urged to consider this issue in future water resource planning.

The report reflects growing awareness of water quality challenges in India's coastal regions.

Karnataka Vehicle Leaves Main Road Near Art Academy in Panaji, No Injuries



A Karnataka-registered vehicle moved off the main road near the Art Academy in Panaji and stopped at the roadside. Witnesses said the car did not collide with any other vehicle or pedestrian. Local police arrived promptly after being notified. Their initial investigation confirmed that no travelers were injured and no property damage occurred. Traffic was briefly disrupted until officers cleared the vehicle and reopened the road. The incident highlights the need for driver vigilance on Goa's urban streets, especially near busy locations such as the Art Academy.

AGRICULTURE

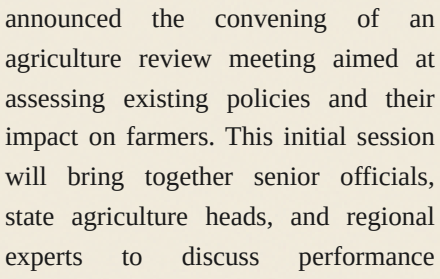
Sankalp takes charge of key portfolios, holds first agriculture review meeting



Sankalp has recently taken charge of several key ministries and formally assumed the portfolios declared by the government. As a first major step, he announced the convening of an agriculture review meeting aimed at assessing existing policies and their impact on farmers. This initial session will bring together senior officials, state agriculture heads, and regional experts to discuss performance benchmarks, challenges faced by farmers, and potential reforms. Officials believe the recommendations from this review will be useful for upcoming policy amendments and program adjustments. This move underscores the administration's commitment to prioritizing agriculture in preparation for the next agricultural cycle.

LIFESTYLE

Rediff names a Goa beach Asia's best, not Kovalam or Marina



Rediff has declared a beach in Goa as the best in Asia in a travel article, overturning previous claims by Kovalam or Marina.

The article cites Goa's clean sands, clear waters, and scenic views as primary reasons, though detailed criteria are not mentioned.

The claim has sparked debate among beach lovers and tourism officials across the country, with some questioning the criteria used.

Goa's tourism officials have welcomed the recognition and hope it will attract more tourists and boost the state's beach tourism.

FC Goa demands accountability from AIFF over refereeing errors



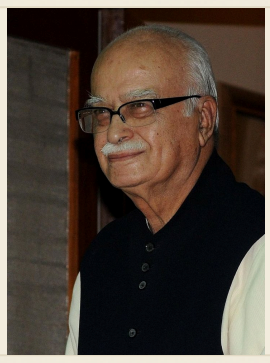
Prominent ISL team FC Goa has formally requested the All India Football Federation (AIFF) to take greater accountability for refereeing errors, as these mistakes have impacted the team's recent performance. The club cited several instances where controversial decisions altered the course of matches, raising questions about the consistency of official standards.

FC Goa has called on the AIFF to implement a transparent review process and strict monitoring of match officials to enable immediate corrective action. The club stated that reliable refereeing is essential for the league's integrity and the development of Indian football.

The AIFF has not yet issued a public response to the demand, but the issue is expected to spark discussions among other ISL teams and stakeholders regarding strengthening official procedures and ensuring accountability.

POLITICS

BJP celebrates L.K. Advani entering his 100th year



New Delhi – The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) celebrated senior leader L.K. Advani entering his 100th year with memorable events. Several senior leaders, including the party's current Prime Minister and President, highlighted Advani's significant contributions to ideological building and electoral success.

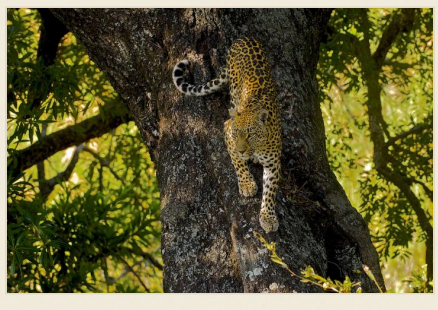
The ceremony featured a video presentation depicting Advani's political journey and the distribution of a special booklet compiling his achievements. The presentation traced his path from the Jana Sangh to the position of Deputy Prime Minister.

Advani himself could not attend due to health reasons, but his family accepted the party's tributes. The event was organized to honor Advani's legacy and the values he promoted.

In light of future electoral challenges, the party used the occasion to honor its senior founders and remember their contributions.

BUSINESS

IHCL Adds 66-Room Tree of Life Amovida Resort in Goa



Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL) has expanded its portfolio with the inauguration of the 66-room Tree of Life Amovida Resort in Goa, according to a company statement.

Life Amovida brand, is expected to solidify IHCL's presence in Goa's growing tourism market.

This move aligns with IHCL's strategy of adding premium hospitality assets in key Indian destinations, aiming to capture a larger share of the state's visitor base.

The company has not disclosed the exact location within Goa, but the resort is expected to offer a mix of leisure and business facilities in line with IHCL's brand standards.

The expansion in Goa underscores IHCL's commitment to strengthening its footprint in the country's top tourist destinations.

INTERNATIONAL

Israel Appoints First Ambassador to Somaliland, Credentials Presented



Israel has appointed its first ambassador to Somaliland, with the envoy presenting credentials at a ceremony in Hargeisa.

The appointment follows years of informal diplomatic ties and is viewed as a significant step in Somaliland's efforts to gain international recognition. The President of Somaliland welcomed the ambassador at the event, emphasizing opportunities for future cooperation in trade, security, and technology.

Although Somaliland is not yet a member of the United Nations, the presentation of credentials is a formal diplomatic act that could pave the way for future bilateral agreements. The new ambassador highlighted potential areas of collaboration, including agriculture, renewable energy, and maritime security.

This move is part of Israel's broader strategy to strengthen relations with African nations that have not yet received recognition from the international community. Experts believe the new relationship could also enhance Israel's influence in Africa.

Both governments have expressed hope that the new relationship will be mutually beneficial, with Somaliland seeking to increase its visibility on the global stage and Israel looking to expand its reach in the Horn of Africa.

LOCAL

Fallen Coconut Tree Trunk Blocks Traffic on Tonka Caranzalem Road



Traffic on Tonka Caranzalem Road in Goa came to a standstill after a coconut tree trunk suddenly fell. Local residents reported the obstruction to authorities, who immediately dispatched a team for inspection.

The inspection revealed that the trunk was scattered across the entire lane, making it unsafe for vehicles to pass. Traffic was temporarily diverted to nearby alternative routes, and cleanup operations were initiated removing the trunk to restore normal traffic flow as soon as possible. Motorists were advised to exercise caution and follow the indicated alternative routes.

The incident serves as a reminder of the unexpected obstructions that can occur in the area due to natural debris. No injuries were reported, and the road is expected to reopen once the trunk has been removed.

BUSINESS

ACGEL Announces Share Buyback at 18.78% Premium



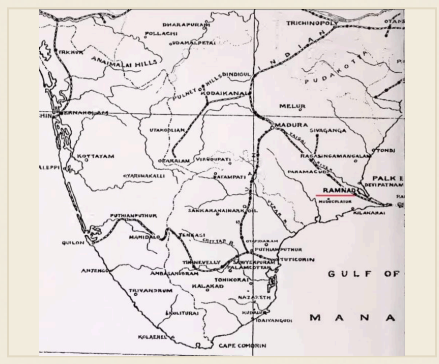
ACGEL has filed an official buyback announcement with the regulator, stating that it will repurchase its shares at a premium of 18.78% over the current market price.

The filing does not mention the total amount or number of shares designated for the buyback. By offering a premium, the company aims to provide immediate value to existing shareholders and demonstrate confidence in its financial position.

Market participants are watching the impact of this move on the share price and liquidity. Analysts believe that such a premium buyback could trigger a short-term spike in share value, while the long-term impact will depend on the company's overall strategy.

NATIONAL

Consumer Commission Orders Railway and IRCTC to Pay ₹15,620, Passenger Misses Train Despite Arriving on Time



The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has ordered Indian Railways and its online ticketing arm IRCTC to pay ₹15,620 in compensation, because a passenger was unable to catch his train despite arriving at the station at the scheduled time. The passenger filed a complaint stating that he missed the train due to a lack of adequate assistance and clear information at the station, even though he was present well before the boarding time. Officials said that the railway is responsible for ensuring a smooth boarding process, and a lapse in this duty was deemed negligent, necessitating financial relief. Railway and IRCTC have been instructed to pay this amount within the deadline set by the commission, otherwise further legal action may be taken. This decision strengthens consumer oversight over public transport services and reinforces accountability of service providers in India.

FDA Destroys 2,450 kg of Chicken, 700 kg Imported from Delhi



The FDA destroyed 2,450 kg of chicken after inspections revealed multiple food safety violations. The violations included improper handling, contamination risks, and non-compliance with labeling requirements.

A significant portion of the seized stock—700 kg—was found to be linked to a shipment imported from Delhi. The agency cited a lack of proper documentation and the presence of unauthorized additives as the primary reasons for the destruction.

This action demonstrates the FDA's commitment to enforcing strict standards on imported poultry. Officials stated that the decision was made to protect public health and prevent potential foodborne illnesses.

Following the incident, import procedures for poultry products in the United States are under review, and authorities are urging exporters to comply with all regulatory guidelines.

RELIGION

Basilica issues safety advisory ahead of St. Francis Xavier festival



The Basilica of St. Francis Xavier has issued a safety advisory ahead of its annual festival to manage the large influx of pilgrims.

The advisory details crowd control measures, including designated entry points, increased security presence, and clear emergency response protocols.

Authorities have requested that visitors strictly follow the instructions and remain within designated areas to maintain order and safety during the event.

The festival, which attracts thousands of pilgrims every year, is scheduled to take place on the day of the celebration. The advisory aims to prevent accidents and ensure a peaceful celebration.

BUSINESS

Goa State Cooperative Bank targets full digital transition by March 31



A leading cooperative bank in Goa has set a target to adopt a fully digital operational model by March 31. Senior officials stated that most manual processes, such as account opening, loan approvals, and transactions, will be replaced by online systems.

to reduce processing times, lower operational costs, and eliminate the need for customers, particularly in remote areas, to visit branches. Training programs for staff and the phased deployment of new software have already begun.

Experts believe this move aligns with India’s broader goals of financial inclusion and digital banking. If successful, the bank plans to introduce mobile-first services and a real-time grievance redressal system.

The transition will be monitored by the state financial regulator to ensure compliance with security standards and data protection rules. Customers have been advised to update their contact details and familiarize themselves with the new online portal before the March deadline.

Congress demands prompt investigation and accountability in minor rape case



New Delhi – The Indian National Congress has demanded a swift and time-bound investigation into a recent case of rape involving a minor, stating that the investigation must be completed within a definite timeframe. In a statement, the party said that swift action is necessary to restore public trust and prevent miscarriage of justice.

sparked widespread outrage across the country, with civil society groups and activists demanding immediate legal action. They warned that delays would affect the victim's rights and erode public confidence in the police.

The party also demanded clear accountability, urging police and prosecution agencies to identify all responsible individuals and ensure they are punished. Congress stated that it would closely monitor the progress of the investigation and raise the issue in Parliament if necessary.

Time Out Names Pallolam Beach Sixth in World's Top 25 Beaches



Time Out Worldwide has named Goa's Pallolam Beach as the world's sixth best beach, bringing it into a select group of global top beaches.

Pallolam, located on Goa's southwestern coast, is known for its crescent-shaped shoreline, clear waters and tranquil atmosphere.

in the region, as visitors will choose Pallolam as an alternative to Goa's busy beaches in search of a quieter option.

This is Pallolam's first time achieving such a high ranking worldwide, although it has previously been recognized by travel magazines for its natural beauty.