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LOCAL

Assistant Sub-Inspector Nilesh Fogeri of Bicholim Honored with Swabhiman Goa Police Award



Assistant Sub-Inspector Nilesh Fogeri, serving at Bicholim Police Station, has been selected for the prestigious Swabhiman Goa Police Award. A native of Salelii village in Satari Taluka, Fogeri is known for his helpful nature, integrity in duty and dedication. In recognition of these notable deeds, he will receive the award at a special ceremony on 14 November at the Art Academy in Panaji. The award is given to acknowledge excellent service within the police force and dedication to citizens.

— sudesh mayekar

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

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

— sudesh mayekar

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.

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.

AGRICULTURE

Poltree Industry Bodies Seek Government Assistance to Boost Production



Representatives of the Indian poultry sector have formally requested the central government to provide a package of measures necessary to increase egg and meat production. The appeal highlights the desire to meet rising domestic demand and maintain competitiveness in international markets. The industry noted that rising feed costs, limited access to modern breeding technology and a lack of cold-chain infrastructure are hindering production. Targeted subsidies, low-interest loans and duty relief on essential import items could significantly improve productivity. While the government has not yet made a concrete decision, officials said the proposal will be discussed in upcoming agricultural policy reviews. If approved, it would secure better prices for farmers and stabilize the supply of poultry products across India.

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.

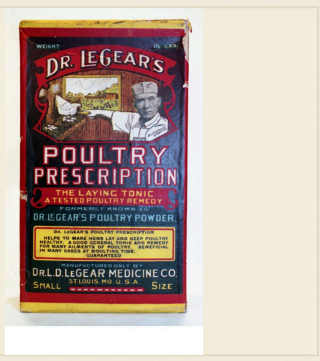
The digital transformation is expected to reduce processing times, lower operational costs, and eliminate the need for customers, particularly in remote areas, to visit branches. Training programs for staff and the phased deployment of new software have already begun.

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.

FOOD

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.

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.

Congress leaders said the incident has 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.

CRIME

Suspect in custody after 4-year-old girl sexually assaulted in Goa



A four-year-old girl was sexually assaulted on Tuesday in Goa, according to police reports. The incident occurred in a residential area, and the child was taken to a local hospital for treatment and a forensic examination.

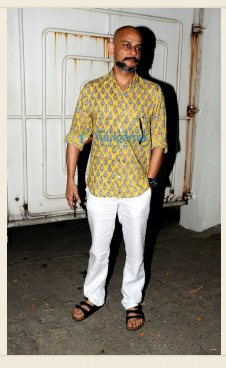
Police have arrested a suspect, and the investigation is ongoing. The suspect is not considered a resident of Goa, a fact that has sparked public debate.

Speaking at a press briefing, the Goa Home Minister stated that outsiders are involved in approximately 90% of child sexual abuse cases in the state. He urged the public to cooperate with authorities and report any suspicious activity.

The case has sparked a debate in Goa over the need for stricter enforcement of laws against child protection and sexual offenses.

RELIGION

Goa police halt Krishna Vijay Utsav in Calangute over permit issues



Police in Calangute halted the Krishna Vijay Utsav because the organizers did not have the required government permits. This step was taken to enforce regulations governing public gatherings and cultural programs.

festival could resume once all necessary approvals are obtained.

Organizers expressed disappointment but said they would work with authorities to obtain the required documents. The sudden halt caused inconvenience to several hundred spectators who were participating in the religious procession and cultural performances.

Local residents were advised to stay away from the area during this time and to inform the police about any unpermitted events.

AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Institution Advises Moisture-Stress Management for Rabi Crops



An Indian agricultural institution has advised farmers to adopt moisture-stress management techniques for Rabi crops. The recommendation includes monitoring soil moisture, using mulch and timely irrigation to prevent water shortages. Rabi crops are particularly vulnerable to moisture stress due to uncertain monsoon and winter rainfall, which can affect yields. Farmers and local agricultural offices are urged to implement these guidelines, while the institution will monitor progress and provide assistance.

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.

Margaav Fish Market: Breaches of Safety and Hygiene Rules



Goa's Margaav Fish Market was recently closed by authorities following an inspection that cited multiple violations of safety and hygiene protocols. The market, known for its variety of fresh fish and seafood, attracts both local residents and tourists. The closure disrupts the livelihoods of many fish vendors and traders who depend on the market for income. The reopening date remains unclear as authorities await the implementation of necessary corrective measures.

CRIME

AAP Questions Police Action in Goa's ₹52-Lakh Fake Excite Appointment Case



AAP has expressed concern over police inaction in the ₹52-lakh fake Excite Department appointment scam in Goa. The party filed an RTI with the state police requesting details of the investigation process, timelines and reasons for delays. According to media reports, a fraudulent appointment letter was issued, leading to a payment of ₹52 lakh for a lucrative position. The letter was allegedly obtained through forged documents. AAP spokesperson said that delays weaken accountability and demanded an independent inquiry. The spokesperson urged the police to act swiftly and publicise the investigation. The police have yet to comment on the RTI. If procedural flaws emerge from the RTI, the state's anti-corruption agencies could investigate the case.

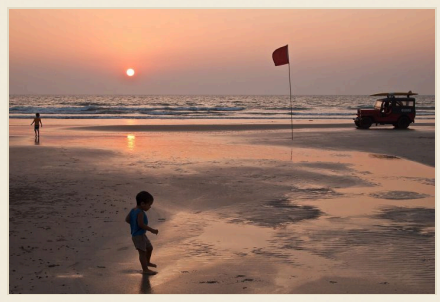
CRIME

Two Brothers Lose ₹12 Lakh in Job Scam



Two brothers fell victim to a job-placement scam, incurring a financial loss of ₹12 lakh, as reported by The Times of India. The fraud promised attractive employment but failed to deliver a job even after the victims paid an advance. Such job scams are increasing in India, where fraudsters charge upfront fees for government or private sector positions, guarantee interviews and then disappear. The report does not name the perpetrators or detail police action, but typically such cases are investigated by local police and the cyber-crime cell. Potential victims are advised to verify the legitimacy of recruiters, avoid paying advance fees and report suspicious activities immediately.

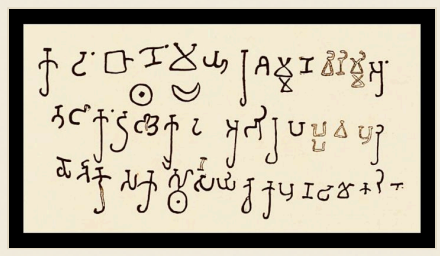
Village's Stunning Beach: Asia's Most Beautiful Coastal Paradise Revealed



The village's shore was recently declared Asia's most beautiful beach, boosting the state's tourism profile. The beach is known for its fine sand and turquoise waters, drawing visitors from around the world. Its beauty lies in natural charm and accessibility. Clear water meets golden sand, while nearby mangrove forests and coconut palms enhance the view. Local vendors offer fresh seafood and traditional Goan dishes, enriching the experience. Cultural vibrancy is another hallmark. During the annual Goan Carnival, the beach becomes a hub of music, dance, and colorful parades, reflecting the region's rich heritage. Nighttime clubs and bars also attract visitors with a lively atmosphere. This recognition has spurred economic development for the local community. Growing tourism has spawned new hospitality businesses, while conservation efforts focus on maintaining ecological balance. Officials aim to balance tourism and environmental protection to keep this paradise safe for future generations.

LOCAL

Government proposes notification of 2-km stretch of Rajbhid Road from Kadamba era



The government has proposed to notify a 2-kilometer section of the Rajbhid road, which dates back to the Kadamba era.

This notification will grant the road official status as a public thoroughfare, facilitating its maintenance and development.

This step is part of broader efforts to preserve historical infrastructure in the region and enhance connectivity.

The government intends to proceed with the notification process after obtaining approval from the relevant authorities.

CRIME

Child Rights Panel urges strengthening of child protection in Goa



A Child Rights Panel held in Goa has urged the state government to strengthen its child protection framework. The panel stated that current safety measures are insufficient to protect children from various risks, citing deficiencies in monitoring, reporting, and support services.

rise in child welfare issues in Goa, where cases of exploitation and neglect have intensified calls for stricter safety measures. The panel noted that existing protocols often fail to ensure timely intervention.

To address these shortcomings, the panel has recommended several steps: establishing dedicated child safety units, improving coordination between police and social services, and launching awareness campaigns for parents and teachers. It has also demanded strict enforcement of existing child rights laws.

The panel has called on the state government to prepare and implement an action plan within the next quarter, expressing an expectation of a swift response. As of the time of this report, no official comment has been received from the Goa government.

TRAVEL

From Udaipur to Goa: 8 stunning destinations for weddings in India



Couples planning their weddings have a wide array of enticing options available across India. A recent report has identified eight key wedding destinations that promise a magical experience for both guests and newlyweds.

The list includes locations from diverse geographical regions, catering to different preferences and themes. From the royal palaces of Udaipur to the serene and beautiful beaches of Goa, these locations offer unique backdrops for wedding celebrations.

These selected destinations are known for blending traditional Indian wedding aesthetics with stunning natural or architectural landscapes, making them top choices for destination weddings in the country.

CRIME

Goa: Police investigate rape of toddler in abandoned building



A toddler has been reported to have been raped in an abandoned building in Goa. Police reached the scene immediately after receiving the report and secured the premises for forensic examination. The investigation is primarily focused on identifying the perpetrator and any witnesses. A state minister attributed such crimes to a 90% 'demonic mindset' and appealed for strict enforcement and community vigilance. The case is under active investigation, and officials have promised a swift resolution and support for the victim's family.

Bengaluru–Goa: New Vande Bharat Express to cover route in 13 hours 20 minutes



Indian Railways has announced the launch of a new Vande Bharat Express running between Bengaluru (Karnataka) and Madgaon (Goa). This premium train will cover the entire distance in 13 hours and 20 minutes, significantly faster than existing services on this route.

The service was inaugurated in a ceremony attended by railway officials, highlighting the government's goal of enhancing high-speed connectivity across the country. The train will stop at major stations along its designated route, although a specific list of stops has not yet been released.

train departs Bengaluru in the morning and arrives in Madgaon in the evening, ensuring a 13-hour, 20-minute journey. The launch is expected to boost business and tourism travel between Bengaluru's tech hub and Goa's tourism-centric region.

Railways stated that the Vande Bharat will operate regularly, offering passengers modern air-conditioned cabins, onboard facilities, and the standard services associated with the Vande Bharat series.

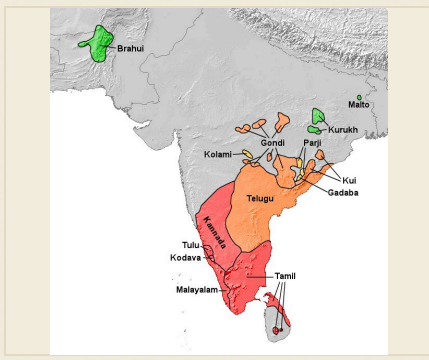
This move reflects a broader strategy to modernize India's railway network and provide faster, more comfortable options for intercity travelers.

Inauguration of New Art Venue HH Art Spaces in Goa



HH Art Spaces, an art venue located in Goa, recently came into the spotlight following a report by the local portal ItsGoa. The space was created to showcase contemporary visual art, host exhibitions, and provide a platform for emerging artists in the region. Its opening adds a dedicated art venue to the state's cultural landscape. ItsGoa's feature report underscored the venue's potential, expecting to attract both local and tourist audiences. Experts believe HH Art Spaces will play a crucial role in nurturing creative talent and enhancing Goa's cultural diversity.

Repair of Tileri Canal Delayed Until 2027



The Indian government announced a delay in the essential repair of the second Tileri Canal. The project, initially slated for immediate attention, will now be carried out in 2027. This postponement raises concerns about the canal's continuous functionality and its impact on irrigation and water supply. The government has not yet provided a detailed explanation for the delay, leaving many stakeholders and farmers questioning the reasons behind the decision.