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LOCAL

Panaji: ASI Nilesh Shriram Fogere Honored for 30 Years of Distinguished Service in Goa Police



Panaji: Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Mr. Nilesh Shriram Fogere was honored with the prestigious 'Swabhiman – Goa Police Award' for his 30 years of distinguished, honest, and dedicated service to the Goa Police Department. The award was presented to him at a ceremony held on November 14, 2026, at the Darya Sangam Art Academy in Panaji.

Mr. Nilesh Shriram Fogere is a resident of Saaleli, Sattari village. He was appointed as a police constable in the Goa Police Department on March 1, 1996. He successfully completed his basic training at the Police Training School in Valpoi. Subsequently, in 1997, he underwent commando training at the Police Commando Training School in Port Bahadurgarh, Patiala (Punjab).

He was promoted to the rank of Head Constable in 2015, and in June 2026, he was promoted to Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI).

During his service, he has held various responsibilities at the GRP Camp in Altino; the Tourist Police Department in Panaji; the Old Goa Police Station; the Traffic Department in DichoLi; the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) in Panaji; and currently at the DichoLi Police Station.

While serving with the ATS in Panaji, he played a crucial role in the arrest of a Bangladeshi citizen who was residing in India without a valid visa. During his tenure at the DichoLi Police Station, he made significant contributions to the investigation and resolution of serious cases involving theft, rape, murder, attempted murder, and offenses under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

Mr. Fogere has discharged his duties with integrity, discipline, loyalty, and dedication throughout his entire career. He possesses good knowledge and practical experience in the areas of crime prevention and investigation. He has fulfilled every responsibility with complete proficiency and accountability.

In recognition of his outstanding services, efficiency, and sense of duty towards the Goa Police Department, he was honored with this prestigious award.

— sudesh mayekar

POLITICS

Panaji: Goa CM Pramod Sawant Honors Over 40 Police Officers with 'Goa Swabhiman Awards'



Panaji: Goa Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant honored more than 40 officers and staff members of the Goa Police by presenting them with the 'Goa Swabhiman Awards' at a ceremony held in the Darya Sangam Auditorium of the Art Academy in Panaji.

On this occasion, police officers, jawans, government prosecutors, and Home Guard members were recognized for their dedication, courage, and outstanding service.

The event also celebrated the historic achievement of the Goa Police receiving the prestigious 'President's Colours.' This honor symbolizes the force's discipline, professionalism, and dedicated service to the nation.

Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant congratulated all the award recipients. He also acknowledged the contribution and sacrifice of the families of police personnel.

The Chief Minister stated that his government is placing special emphasis on modern technology, better infrastructure, employee welfare, and enhancing efficiency to further empower the Goa Police. The government is committed to ensuring the safety of every resident of Goa.

— sudesh mayekar

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

ENTERTAINMENT

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.

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.

EDUCATION

Basic Education Survey Launched for 40,000 Students in Classes 1-2 in Goa



The Goa government has launched a basic education survey to assess the progress of students in Classes 1-2 across the state. The survey involves 40,000 students from these grades, with the aim of identifying areas where students may require additional support. The results of the survey are expected to inform education policies and interventions aimed at strengthening basic education in Goa.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Ankur Tewari curates music for Serendipity Arts Festival



Ankur Tewari, a prominent music curator, shared his role in crafting the music lineup for the upcoming Serendipity Arts Festival in Goa. He highlighted the challenge of balancing traditional and contemporary sounds while maintaining a cohesive artistic vision. Tewari emphasized the importance of sharing the stage with emerging artists alongside established ones. The festival will run for several days and showcase Goa's rich cultural heritage through musical performances and workshops.

During the interview, Tewari explained that the selection process involved extensive scouting and collaboration with local musicians. He noted that the festival's theme revolves around unity in diversity, allowing artists from various backgrounds to collaborate. Tewari also mentioned that the program will feature interactive sessions where audiences can engage with artists for a deeper appreciation of music.

The Serendipity Arts Festival is expected to attract national and international visitors, boosting cultural tourism in Goa. Tewari's curatorial approach is designed to create a memorable experience that reflects the region's artistic heritage and pushes creative boundaries. Organizers anticipate that the festival will establish Goa as a vibrant hub for music and art.

Tewari expressed optimism about the festival's impact on the local music scene. He believes the event will inspire a new generation of musicians and listeners, ensuring the continued growth of Goa's musical legacy.

Goa Government to Abolish Stenographer Posts Due to Declining Use of Shorthand



The Goan state administration has announced plans to abolish stenographer (steno) posts across all departments, as the need for shorthand has declined with the advent of digital transcription tools. An order issued by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms stated that new vacancies will not be filled, and existing employees will be offered options for retraining, redeployment, or voluntary retirement. Officials said the move aligns with the state's e-governance initiatives and will free up the budget for other priorities. The process will affect a limited number of employees, and trade unions have been notified, who are likely to raise objections. The phased elimination is targeted for completion within the next two years.

SPORTS

Bhat's Penalty Sends India to SAFF Championship Semifinals



India faced a tough challenge in the quarter-finals of the SAFF Championship, where a decisive goal was needed to advance. Midfielder Bhat was awarded a penalty kick following a foul in the box and calmly sent the ball into the net. This penalty gave India the lead and secured their place in the semifinals.

The goal came at a crucial turning point in the match, boosting the Indian team's morale and leaving the opponents with little time to respond. After the penalty, the Indian team maintained its dominance and confirmed its spot in the tournament's semifinals.

The coach and team officials praised Bhat for his composure under pressure, stating that the penalty was a symbol of the team's resilience. India is now preparing for the semifinal match, aiming to carry the momentum of this victory towards winning the championship.

JOBS & CAREER

New Labour Rules Make Grievance Panels Mandatory in Workplaces



The Ministry of Labour and Employment has issued new labour regulations ordering the establishment of grievance panels in all workplaces in India. This step is intended to provide employees with a structured process to register their complaints and seek timely resolution.

have at least three members: a senior manager, a human resources representative, and an independent external expert. Employers are required to publish the panel's composition, procedures, and complaint resolution timelines on their intranet or notice boards.

Industry associations have appreciated the clarity but indicated that small enterprises may face difficulties in implementation. Meanwhile, trade unions have welcomed the move as a safeguard for employees' rights and have demanded swift implementation and regular audits.

The effective date of these rules has been set for the first day of next month, with a six-month transition period granted to all organizations for compliance. Non-compliant institutions may be subject to penalties under the Labour Code.

SCIENCE

India Remembers Dr. Salim Ali, Emphasizes Urgent Need for Bird Conservation



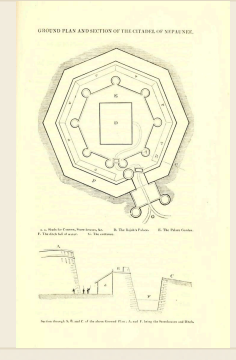
Renowned Indian ornithologist Dr. Salim Ali, often referred to as the "Birdman of India," was remembered in a special article highlighting his pioneering work in documenting the country's bird species. The piece outlined the establishment of the Bombay Natural History Society's bird survey programs and his influence on many wildlife researchers.

The article shed light on the growing threats to bird habitats across India due to challenges such as urban expansion and climate change, urging policymakers and citizens to strengthen conservation measures. Experts described the recent decline in migratory bird populations as a warning sign, making the need for swift action clear.

Carrying forward Ali's legacy, conservation organizations have called for the expansion of protected areas, stricter enforcement of existing wildlife laws, and increased public awareness campaigns. The article concluded that bird protection is essential not only for biodiversity but also for Indian agriculture and ecosystem services.

HEALTH

Nipani Man Who Died in Accident Gives New Life to Five



A resident of Nipani, Goa, recently lost his life in an accident, but his death has given hope to five other individuals. The deceased, who has not yet been publicly identified, was declared brain dead following the accident. In a deeply compassionate act, his family chose to donate his organs, giving five people a second chance at life.

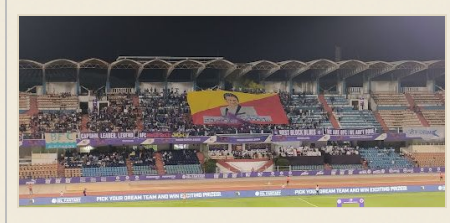
Chhath Puja held in Goa for the first time



Chhath Puja, primarily celebrated in Bihar and Jharkhand, has found a new home in Goa. The festival, which involves fasting, prayers, and offerings to the Sun God, was marked by devotees gathering at various locations along the coast. The unique blend of ancient traditions and Goa's vibrant culture created a memorable experience for participants.

SPORTS

FC Goa Parts Ways with Goramangi Singh, Seeks Foreign Coach



FC Goa has confirmed that it has parted ways with head coach Goramangi Singh.

The club stated that the decision was mutual and that it will look for a foreign coach for the next season.

No replacement has been announced yet.

The club hopes the new appointment will bring a fresh perspective to the team.

Singh had been associated with the club for some time prior to this decision.

AUTOMOBILE

Scooterist Killed in Two-Wheeler Collision in Nuvem, Goa



A scooterist died on a road in Nuvem, Goa, after his vehicle collided with another two-wheeler in an incident that occurred on Thursday. The Times of India confirmed the death following a police statement. Local authorities are investigating, and the scene has been cordoned off. The accident highlights the need for stricter enforcement of traffic rules in the area.

Pipeline leak in Borim causes water supply issues in Ponda and Margao



Residents of Ponda and Margao in Goa are facing water supply issues following a pipeline leak in Borim. The leak has disrupted water supply in several areas, leaving residents without access to this essential resource. Local officials are working to locate the source of the leak and repair the damaged pipeline.

CRIME

Police demand checks on shek workers, urge crackdown on illegal activities



Police officials have stressed the importance of verifying the credentials of workers employed in sheks. This measure aims to prevent illegal activities and ensure that only authorized personnel work in these establishments. Officials have urged local municipal bodies to implement strict verification processes and conduct regular inspections. By ensuring proper worker credentials, police hope to reduce theft, fraud, and other illegal practices in sheks. This initiative is part of broader efforts to bring greater transparency and accountability to the informal sector.

LOCAL

Hungry crocodile spotted in Goa



ItsGoa reported that a crocodile was sighted in Goa, appearing to be hungry. The sighting was shared on social media, drawing attention from residents and wildlife enthusiasts. The incident highlights the presence of crocodiles in Goa and the need for public awareness regarding wildlife safety.

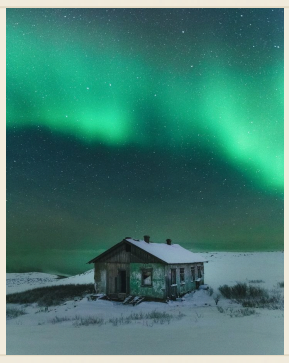
Travel destinations extend seasons, target new markets



A recent survey by Breaking Travel News reveals a growing trend among travel destinations to extend their tourism seasons and reach new markets. To achieve this, destinations are implementing various strategies, such as promoting shoulder seasons, offering unique experiences, and targeting specific markets. This shift aims to spread tourism revenue throughout the year and reduce pressure on popular destinations during peak periods. The survey highlights the increasing importance of diversification and innovation in the travel industry.

WEATHER

Temperatures drop 4°C in Indian state, offering relief from heat



Latest data from the state's weather monitoring centers indicates that temperatures have dropped four degrees Celsius below normal, offering a sense of relief after days of intense heat.

Residents of the region have noticed a clear decline in temperature, with many stating that the sudden drop has alleviated the discomfort caused by the earlier heatwave. Local markets and outdoor workers have also reported a cooler environment.

confirmed that the drop is a temporary change caused by the entry of a cold air mass. Officials warned that temperatures may rise again in the latter part of the week, but for now, the drop is providing immediate relief to the public.

ENTERTAINMENT

IFFI 2026 Preparations in Goa: 159 International Films, 7,000 Delegates Expected



Goa is ramping up preparations for the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2026. The state government and organizers are preparing infrastructure on a large scale for the incoming film professionals and audiences.

This edition will feature 159 international films, showcasing the diversity of world cinema. Participation from approximately 7,000 delegates—including film makers, critics, and other industry members—is expected.

Organizers believe the event will boost tourism and provide a platform for cultural exchange, strengthening Goa's identity as a global film festival destination.

Bruno files candidacy for AIFF presidency



The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has set the date for its next presidential election, which will steer football administration across the country. The contest will involve clubs, state associations and former players among other stakeholders. Bruno, long associated with Indian football administration, has formally entered the race for the AIFF presidency, citing his contributions to the sport as the foundation for his bid for top leadership. Analysts believe the outcome will shape policy direction, grassroots programmes and the national team's performance. Bruno's participation adds a new dimension to the contest, while the federation prepares a transparent voting process.

TRAVEL

Tourist swept away while filming at Arambol beach



During a filming session on Arambol beach on Goa's northern coast, a tourist was carried away by the sea waves. The incident was reported by the Times of India; the victim's identity, exact time and causes remain unknown. Local authorities have been notified and rescue teams are on site. Officials are conducting an investigation and will release further information as it becomes available.

India sets up panel to digitise Portuguese records on Goa's history



The Ministry of Culture announced the creation of a special panel to oversee the digitisation of Portuguese archives related to Goa. The initiative seeks to safeguard fragile documents and provide researchers and the public with easy access to the region's colonial past. The panel will work with Portuguese institutions and digital preservation experts to ensure high-quality scans and metadata creation. The project is part of a broader effort to preserve heritage sites and documents that reflect India's diverse history. The government expects the digitised records to be available through an online portal within the next two years.

SPORTS

India aims to improve in second friendly after heavy loss to New Zealand



India suffered a heavy defeat in the first friendly against New Zealand, prompting the team to regroup immediately. The loss exposed gaps in both batting and bowling, leading the coaching staff to reassess strategies before the next match. The team is ready for the second friendly at the end of the week, which will offer a chance to address the shortcomings seen earlier. While the squad has not yet been finalized, selectors may give opportunities to new players to earn a place in the upcoming series. Cricket analysts believe that focusing on field placements and a more balanced batting approach could restore confidence and better prepare the team for the competitive series. The next encounter will be a key gauge of the team's readiness.

3,272 Teachers Conduct Door-to-Door Survey for Census Phase II



3,272 teachers across India are conducting door-to-door surveys for the second phase of the census. The teachers have been selected from schools in every state and they visit each household to record demographic data such as age, gender, occupation and literacy. They have undergone a brief training program that emphasized the census questionnaire, the data-entry process and the importance of accuracy. Surveyors are equipped with tablets and are instructed to verify the information with family members. The census, run by the Office of the Registrar General, aims to collect up-to-date data that will shape government planning, resource allocation and policy decisions. Teachers' participation will help overcome the challenges that traditional census workers face in rural and remote areas. Officials say that teachers' familiarity with local communities will ensure that no household is missed and that the collected data will be reliable for development plans over the next decade.