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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

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.

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.

Under the new rules, each panel must 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.

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SPORTS

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.

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.

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.

Former MLA Accuses Goa of Child Trafficking



The former MLA told The Times of India that organized criminal groups are transporting children from various parts to Goa, where they are exploited. After the allegations became public, child rights organisations expressed concern and demanded a detailed investigation by local police. Goa police said they are looking into the claim and will coordinate with central anti-human-trafficking agencies if solid evidence is found. No arrests or official figures have surfaced so far, and the former MLA did not name the gangs. The statement has highlighted the problem of child trafficking in India and stressed the need for strict enforcement of existing laws. Child protection NGOs have called for immediate action so that any hint triggers a prompt investigation.

RELIGION

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.

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.

INTERNATIONAL

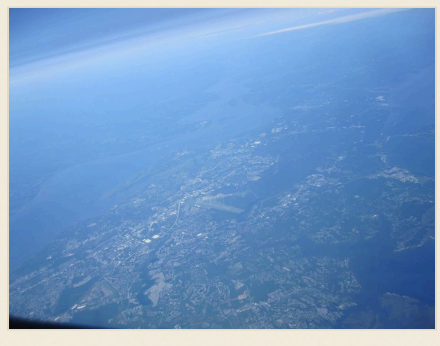
India sets up panel to digitise Portuguese records on Goa’s history



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

Veed to Face Goa in Today's Opening Match



The Veed team will face Goa in today's opening match. This match marks the beginning of the competition, with both teams eager for an early win. Fans are expected to attend to support their teams.

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.

POLITICS

Congress Demands Action Against Minor Attacks at Police Headquarters



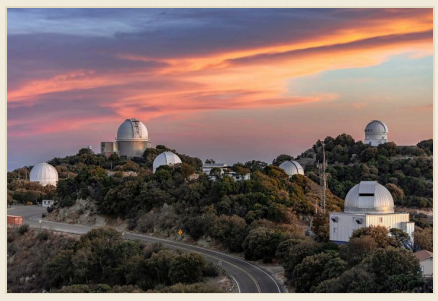
Members of the Indian National Congress gathered to march to the police headquarters, expressing their dissatisfaction over the lack of action in recent cases of minor attacks. The demonstration aimed to pressure the police to conduct prompt investigations and punitive measures against the perpetrators. Party representatives highlighted several low-level attack reports, claiming law-enforcement agencies had not given adequate attention. They appealed to the police to register FIRs, conduct swift investigations, and deliver justice to victims without delay. At the time of reporting, the police had not issued an official response. The march reflects growing pressure to improve minor crime handling and maintain public confidence in the criminal justice system.

Goa's First Veterinary College in Ponda to Commence Operations on 16 November



The state's first veterinary college located in Ponda, Goa, will begin academic operations on 16 November. Authorities have decided to start classes before the official inauguration ceremony. The institution, announced earlier this year, will offer undergraduate and postgraduate training in animal health and strengthen the state's livestock sector. Built under the state's higher education expansion scheme, the college features modern laboratories, an animal hospital, and regional training units that meet national standards. Goa University and the Department of Livestock, among other stakeholders, have said the new college will help address the shortage of qualified veterinarians and provide better animal health services to farmers. The start of classes on 16 November marks a significant step in Goa's academic landscape, reflecting the state's commitment to expanding specialized professional courses. The college administration is coordinating with the state government to facilitate academic operations, while preparations for the official inauguration continue.

Public Observatory Sets Up Telescopes in Parks



The city's public observatory, which was searching for a new permanent location, has launched a temporary program to install its high-end telescopes in several municipal parks. Officials say the move is intended to keep science education going and maintain public interest until a new facility is built. Sessions will be held on weekend evenings in the parks, allowing families and school groups to observe celestial bodies without traveling long distances. Trained staff and volunteers will operate the equipment and provide basic information about stars and planets. The initiative aims to mitigate disruptions caused by the observatory's current temporary relocation and demonstrate that scientific outreach can continue even in the absence of a dedicated site. Early feedback has been positive, with many expressing satisfaction after viewing planets and constellations in a nearby park. Funding for the park program comes from the observatory's existing budget and a small grant from the municipal cultural department, ensuring outreach continues until a new location is secured.

LOCAL

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.

Paloolem Beach in Goa Ranked Among World's Top Six Beaches



Paloolem Beach, located on Goa's southern coast, has been included in the world's top six beaches by Economic Times. This recognition gives the Indian beach a prominent place on the international tourism map. Tourists are drawn to the beach's clean, crescent-shaped sand, gentle waves, and tranquil atmosphere, which sets it apart from crowded beaches. Many visitors cite its natural beauty and relaxing ambience as key reasons for their preference. The accolade is likely to boost tourism in the area, potentially increasing visitor numbers for travel agencies and local businesses. Authorities will need to manage the growing interest while maintaining the beach's cleanliness and natural beauty.

CRIME

Aldonna, Goa: Person Who Released Pitbull on 70-Year-Old Neighbor Arrested



A resident of Aldonna city in Goa has been arrested on charges of releasing a pitbull on his neighbour. Upon receiving the report, the police acted swiftly and took the suspect into custody. The 70-year-old victim was attacked by the pitbull near his home when the dog was released. Bystanders intervened and called emergency services, prompting a rapid police arrival. The police said the suspect has been charged under the local animal control and assault provisions, and the investigation is ongoing to determine the cause of the attack.

Goa Police Arrest 24 in Multi-State Cyber-Fraud Ring



Goa Police have arrested 24 suspects linked to a multi-state cyber-fraud network. The operation was carried out in coordination with law-enforcement agencies from several states. The police superintendent said the operation targeted individuals who perpetrated fraud via online platforms, stealing money and exploiting digital vulnerabilities. Sources say the ring was dismantled after months of surveillance and inter-state cooperation. The arrested persons are currently in custody and will face charges under the Information Technology Act and the Indian Penal Code.

DEFENCE

Sea-Defence Exercise Begins on Goa Coast



New Delhi reported that the Indian Navy has begun a sea-defence exercise on Goa's coast. The exercise will run for several days, aiming to test and improve preparations for safeguarding the western maritime boundary. Patrol vessels, maritime patrol aircraft and coastal radar units will jointly practice simulated threat scenarios. Naval officers said the training will enhance joint operations of surface ships and air units. Local authorities have been informed of the schedule and said civilian maritime activities will be minimally affected. The Navy believes the exercise will build confidence among coastal communities and reinforce India's commitment to safeguarding maritime routes. The Ministry of Defence will review the results and then implement similar drills in other sensitive coastal areas.

GSUDA Plans Redevelopment of 118-Year-Old Municipal Building in Margao



GSUDA announced that it will redevelop the 118-year-old municipal building in Margao. The building is a key colonial-era landmark and currently houses local administration. GSUDA said the project will involve structural strengthening, preservation of the historic façade and modernization of the interior to meet public service standards. The process will preserve heritage value while creating a safe and functional environment. Administration believes the renovated building will improve service quality and instill pride among citizens. Detailed timeline and budget have not yet been released, but the initiative aligns with Goa's broader strategy to modernise old public infrastructure.

LOCAL

Ponda market’s fire-fighting system found inoperative, officials say



A recent safety audit of the commercial hub in Ponda, Goa, uncovered that the market’s fire-fighting infrastructure is currently non-functional. Inspectors noted that the main fire hydrants and associated pump system failed to operate during standard testing procedures.

The malfunction leaves dozens of stalls and surrounding shops without an immediate means to control a blaze, prompting local traders to voice anxiety over potential fire hazards.

Municipal authorities have been notified of the defect and have pledged to commission repairs within the shortest possible timeframe. In the interim, they have advised shop owners to keep portable extinguishers on hand and to remain vigilant for any fire-related incidents.

The incident underscores the broader need for regular maintenance of emergency equipment in public marketplaces across the state.