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SPORTS

Daman Removes Chabe from Delegate Position for AIFF Elections



The Daman Football Association announced on Tuesday that it has removed Chabe from its delegate position for the upcoming All India Football Federation (AIFF) elections. The decision was taken during an internal meeting of the association, although the reasons behind it have not been made public.

The AIFF elections are scheduled to be held later this year and will determine the composition of the national football council, thereby influencing the development of the sport in the country. Each state and union territory has the right to appoint a delegate who will represent their region's voice in the voting process.

By changing its delegate, Daman aims to ensure representation that aligns with its strategic priorities. The new delegate has not yet been announced, and the association stated that the appointment will be notified soon.

This move comes amidst a reshuffling of delegates in several regions as the AIFF prepares for a crucial election cycle that could shape the future of Indian football.

POLITICS

Chief Minister Says Congress Is Divided, Modi and Shah United the Country



An unnamed chief minister of an Indian state said today that the Congress party is deeply divided. He added that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Shah have united the country. The comment was made during a press conference held in the state capital. The chief minister did not specify which faction of Congress he was referring to, but the remark was widely interpreted as a critique of the national opposition. Analysts believe the statement was aimed at strengthening the ruling party's narrative before upcoming elections.

AUTOMOBILE

India's Longest Vande Bharat Express Now Live: Timetable, Fare and Non-Running Day



India's longest Vande Bharat Express has been launched, offering a fast and comfortable travel option across the country. The train's timetable has been finalized, with departure and arrival times announced by Indian Railways. A fare structure has also been released, detailing costs for various classes and seat options. Additionally, the service will be closed on a specific day, as noted in the timetable. Passengers can book tickets online or at stations to take advantage of this new high-speed facility.

CRIME

Cochin Accused Sentenced to 12 Years for Raping British Tourist in Palolem, Goa



Goa court sentenced a Chennai accused to twelve years in prison for raping a British tourist on Palolem beach. After trial it was established that the accused directly participated in the 2018 offence.

The incident occurred on the popular Palolem beach in South Goa in 2018 when a British tourist was traveling. Police investigation linked the Chennai individual to the crime, leading to his arrest and trial.

The verdict imposed a twelve-year sentence, reflecting the gravity of such offences under Indian law. No information is available about appeals or additional penalties after the sentence.

SPORTS

FC Goa's New Home for Second Stage ISL Matches: Bambolim Stadium



FC Goa announced that all home matches for the second phase of the Indian Super League will be held at Bambolim Stadium, Goa. The Times of India reported this news, which comes as the schedule resumes after the league's mid-season break. Bambolim, located in North Goa, boasts a stadium that meets the league's technical standards and provides ample facilities for both players and spectators. The club expects the new venue to offer a more comfortable experience for its supporters, who travel from across the state to watch the matches. The relocation will impact the team's logistics and fan-engagement strategies, as the club will need to arrange travel, ticketing and security specifically for Bambolim. Officials said the decision aligns with the overall ISL calendar and is intended to ensure the smooth running of the competition.

ENTERTAINMENT

Over 230 Films to Be Screened at IFFI 2026 in Goa; Spain Honoured as Country of Honour



The International Film Festival (IFFI) 2026 will be held in Goa, featuring over 230 films from around the world.

The programme includes feature films, documentaries, and short films in various genres, curated by festival selectors.

Spain has been honoured as the Country of Honour for this edition, with a special focus on Spanish cinema and cultural programmes.

Organised by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the festival promotes cross-cultural dialogue and provides a platform for emerging filmmakers.

The festival will run for ten days, attracting industry professionals, critics, and audiences from India and abroad.

CRIME

Goa Police Arrest Teacher Accused of Pursuing and Harassing Minor Student in Bicolim



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POLITICS

Six BJP candidates in Sanwardem unite to block the Speaker's second term



The six BJP candidates in Sanwardem announced a joint strategy to prevent the current Speaker from securing a second term. This coordinated effort signals the party's intent to challenge the Speaker's position, with candidates planning to pool resources and voter outreach. If BJP candidates secure sufficient votes in Sanwardem and surrounding areas, the Speaker could be barred from re-election. The outcome could shift the balance of power in the legislature and influence future Speaker selections.

SPORTS

IPL 2027 Auction: Dhoni's Farewell, Hardik Pandya Trade, Team Retentions



At the IPL 2027 auction in Goa, teams finalized their rosters for the upcoming season.

Franchises made decisions to retain their key players, thereby determining the strength of teams for the next season.

MS Dhoni's exit from the league at this auction was a significant change.

Additionally, Hardik Pandya was involved in a trade, moving him from one franchise to another.

These decisions set the stage for IPL 2027, with teams now ready to compete in forthcoming matches.

Pakistan poses stiff challenge to India's title defense in SAFF



India is preparing to defend the title it won in the previous edition of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship. In the upcoming match, India will face regional rival Pakistan, a fixture that has always attracted significant attention from spectators.

Analysts note that Pakistan has shown significant improvement in recent qualifiers, making this contest more competitive than before. Both teams are likely to field their best lineups, and the match is considered a tough test for India's title defense.

A victory for India would secure the title for a second consecutive time, strengthening its dominance in South Asian football, while a win for Pakistan could signal a shift in the regional balance of power. The result will also impact preparations for future continental tournaments.

LOCAL

Panaji's Mobility Plan Stalled, Traffic Jams Intensify



The growing traffic congestion in Panaji, Goa’s capital, has underscored the stagnation of the city’s proposed mobility plan. The plan was intended to streamline traffic flow and promote alternative modes of transport, yet no steps have been taken, forcing commuters to navigate congested routes. City officials have acknowledged that the delay has increased daily travel times and heightened frustration among residents and travelers. In the absence of dedicated bus lanes, pedestrian pathways, or traffic-management measures, the existing road network cannot cope with the rising vehicle volume. This standstill reflects the broader challenge facing Indian cities, where limited space and financial constraints make modernising urban transport difficult. Officials have signalled a review of the plan’s components, but concrete actions remain pending, leaving the congestion problem unresolved. Meanwhile, local merchants and commuters bear the burden of traffic jams, and demand for temporary fixes such as improved signal timing and alternate routes is mounting. Panaji’s situation clearly indicates that coordinated action is essential to translate proposed mobility plans into real improvements.

Taj City de Goa Launches Electric Shuttles, Promotes Sustainable Travel



Taj City de Goa has launched a fleet of electric shuttles within its premises to reduce its environmental footprint. Battery-powered vehicles will offer guests a zero-emission option between key resort locations and nearby attractions. The move is part of the hotel’s broader sustainability strategy, aligning with India’s green tourism and low-carbon emission initiatives. Guests can now enjoy convenient, eco-friendly mobility during their stay, further strengthening Taj’s reputation for responsible hospitality.

HEALTH

Goa government establishes Dental Council to regulate profession



The Goa government has established a new statutory body, the Goa Dental Council, to oversee the dental profession in the state. The council will be responsible for the registration of dentists, ensuring compliance with professional standards, and monitoring dental education institutions.

This move mirrors actions taken by other Indian states that have established dental councils to enhance the quality and safety of oral healthcare services. Officials believe the council will streamline the licensing process and facilitate the prompt resolution of complaints related to dental practice.

Several stakeholders, including dental colleges and professional organizations, have welcomed the decision, noting that a state-level council can address the specific issues of Goa's healthcare system more swiftly.

The council will operate under the state health department and is expected to commence operations in the coming weeks, following formal notifications and the appointment of its governing members.

The establishment of the Goa Dental Council marks a significant step toward strengthening the regulatory framework for oral healthcare in the state.

IPL 2027 Retention List to be Announced at 6 PM Today, Watch Live



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) confirmed that it will announce the IPL 2027 retention list at 6 PM today. The list will detail which core players each franchise will keep before the auction, thereby determining the team composition for the next season. Viewers can watch the announcement live on the official IPL website, BCCI's YouTube channel, and major television networks such as Star Sports and Sony Ten. This announcement comes at the start of the pre-season window, and experts believe the retention list will significantly influence strategies for the upcoming player auction.

NATIONAL

Tiger Seen in Goa's Mahadi Basin After Two Years, Demand for Wildlife Reserve Grows



The Forest Department confirmed that a tiger was photographed in the Mahadi Basin along the Mahadi River in Goa, marking the first confirmed sighting since early 2022. The image came from motion-sensor cameras set up as part of routine monitoring of the Western Ghats wildlife corridor. The Mahadi Basin, a sensitive part of the Western Ghats, is identified as a potential tiger habitat. No tiger sightings had been confirmed in the area for the past two years, and the new photos suggest that the corridor may still support tiger movements. Environmental groups and local communities have intensified calls for a dedicated tiger reserve encompassing the Mahadi catchment. They argue that legal protection would curb fragmentation, illegal logging, and poaching, enabling a sustainable tiger population. State officials said the Forest Department will review the data and consider proposals to expand the reserve status. In the meantime, additional camera traps and field surveys will be deployed to assess tiger numbers and health.

Heritage Sites in India to Begin Cleaning from Mid-December



The Ministry of Culture has announced that starting mid-December, heritage sites nationwide will commence a comprehensive cleaning drive. The initiative aims to preserve and restore India’s historic monuments and buildings. Officials explained that the program will involve coordinated efforts from local authorities, conservation experts, and volunteers. Cleaning will focus on debris removal, stone façade cleaning, and minor structural repairs. The government has allocated funds for the project and will monitor progress through regular inspections. This cleaning effort is part of a broader strategy to boost heritage tourism and safeguard cultural heritage for future generations.

TECHNOLOGY

Savant Opens New Research Facility, Starts TwinLab Collaboration with Portugal



During a ceremony, Minister Savant inaugurated a state-of-the-art research campus and launched the TwinLab collaboration with Portugal, aimed at fostering joint research initiatives. The new facilities are equipped with advanced laboratories and technology platforms that support interdisciplinary studies. TwinLab will facilitate joint projects between Indian and Portuguese scientists, promoting knowledge exchange and innovation. The initiative reflects the government’s commitment to strengthening international research collaboration and enhancing India’s scientific capabilities.

POLITICS

Yuri says two months before elections will decide Goa's future



Local political leader Yuri has warned that the two months preceding the upcoming elections will determine the future of Goa. Yuri, who frequently comments on state affairs, described this period as critical for fulfilling promises and resolving key issues.

The remark comes as Goa prepares for state elections scheduled for the end of this year, which will determine the composition of the Legislative Assembly. Due to the limited time, all parties and the current government are under pressure to demonstrate tangible progress in development, tourism, and public services.

make the most of the remaining two months, noting that decisive actions taken during this time could influence voter sentiment and shape the direction of governance in the state.

CRIME

Fourth suspect arrested in Serailim murder attempt



Gurgaon police have arrested the fourth suspect in a murder attempt that took place in Serailim village earlier this week. The suspect's identity has not yet been disclosed, but they were taken into custody following a coordinated operation by local police units.

The incident, in which a resident of Serailim was attacked with the intent to kill, prompted calls for a swift investigation. Police linked the suspect to the crime scene through surveillance footage obtained from nearby establishments.

Officials stated that the arrest is part of an ongoing inquiry aimed at uncovering the motive behind the crime and the network of individuals involved. The suspect is currently in custody for questioning and will face charges under the Indian Penal Code.

The case has highlighted the need to strengthen security measures in rural areas of Goa, and local officials have urged residents to report any suspicious activity immediately.

KTCL Issues Notice Over Excess Fees at Mapusa Depot Parking



KTCL has issued a notice to the Goa Transport Authority alleging that parking fees at Mapusa Depot exceed the standard rates set by the state transport department. The notice calls for a detailed review of the fee system and requests a temporary suspension of current rates. Issued on Monday, the notice anticipates an official inquiry. KTCL stated its commitment to fair pricing and pledged full cooperation with authorities to resolve the matter. The transport department has yet to respond publicly, but officials are reviewing the allegations. Passengers and commercial drivers using Mapusa Depot are advised to keep receipts and report any discrepancies. KTCL's action is part of a broader effort among Indian transport agencies to curb consumer exploitation and ensure transparent fee structures.

TRAVEL

Goa Launches QR-Enabled Guide Featuring 507 Bird Species



Goa's tourism department, in collaboration with local wildlife NGOs, has issued a QR-enabled guide that includes 507 bird species. The guide features traditional illustrations alongside QR codes that, when scanned, provide audio recordings of each species' calls, information on habitat, behavior, and conservation status. The initiative aims to promote eco-tourism and raise awareness among residents and visitors. By pairing visual identification with authentic sound clips, the guide offers a more engaging experience for bird lovers, educators, and nature enthusiasts. Officials say the guide will be distributed at information centres, hotels, and in key bird-watching sites such as the Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary and the Western Ghats, encouraging responsible birding and supporting local conservation efforts.

Nigerian Citizen Released from Custody in Indian Drug Case



A court in India has released a Nigerian national from custody on charges of drug trafficking. The decision came after the defendant filed a petition for release pending trial. The case involves allegations of participation in a drug trafficking operation. Under the release order, the defendant will remain free during further proceedings. The court has not yet set a trial date.

SCIENCE

Goa Singer's Raga Now in NASA's Voyager-1 Golden Record, One Light-Day Away



A raga performed by a singer from Goa has been incorporated into the Golden Record that accompanies NASA's Voyager-1 spacecraft. The selection was made by the space agency to convey Earth's cultural diversity to potential extraterrestrial life.

Voyager-1 was launched into space in 1977 and now drifts in interplanetary space roughly one light-day from Earth. The Golden Record compiles a time-capsule of Earth's sounds, music, and greetings.

Including Goa's raga marks the first representation of Indian classical music from the western coast on the record. Cultural officials said the piece showcases the region's rich vocal tradition and highlights India's contribution to world heritage.

Scientists believe the spacecraft will continue its silent voyage for billions of years, allowing Goa's raga to reach the farthest point outside Earth.

CJP's Deepake, Das, Ranka to Organise Youth Meeting on 22 November



The CJP's team, led by Deepake, Das and Ranka, has announced a youth summit to be held on 22 November. The event will bring together students and young professionals from across the country to discuss contemporary civic issues and the role of youth in governance.

Organisers say the summit will feature panel discussions, interactive workshops and Q&A sessions with senior policymakers. Participants will have the opportunity to voice opinions on topics ranging from digital rights to environmental sustainability.

The meeting is part of a broader initiative to increase democratic participation among youth. Officials estimate that several hundred participants, including representatives from universities, NGOs and youth organisations, will attend.

The summit will be hosted at a prominent venue in the capital and will offer live-streaming options to reach a wider audience. Organisers urge all interested young citizens to register early, as space is limited.

POLITICS

CJP Launches 'What Does the Public Say' Campaign in Goa on 22 November



The Chief Justice (CJP) announced that the public-relations campaign titled "What Does the Public Say" will commence in Goa on 22 November. The event, titled "Challa Kitem, Goa," aims to provide a platform for citizens to bring to light issues that affect their daily lives.

of life to submit complaints, suggestions or observations through designated channels, promising that each submission will be examined by relevant authorities. The initiative seeks to bridge the gap between the judiciary and the public, fostering greater transparency and accountability.

The campaign comes amid growing demands for citizen-centric governance, and officials believe that the feedback received will shape future policies. The CJP will be present at the inauguration, underscoring the importance of public participation.

After the launch, the campaign will run for several weeks, with periodic updates on the issues raised and actions taken. Citizens can file their concerns via a mobile app, website or local offices.

Stakeholders welcomed the move, saying that a direct feedback mechanism could help resolve long-standing grievances in the region.

HEALTH

FDA Shuts Down Unauthorized Chicken Supplier



The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) conducted a surprise inspection of a poultry distribution unit after reports of unauthorized operations surfaced. The investigation revealed that the supplier had not obtained the required food-safety licence and had failed to meet hygiene standards.

Authorities seized several batches of chicken, collected samples for laboratory testing, and issued an immediate notice to halt all commercial activities. The FDA warned that further violations could lead to severe penalties, including criminal prosecution.

The action reflects the regulator's heightened vigilance to curb illicit food trade and protect public health. Officials said they will continue to monitor the supply chain to ensure that only licensed and compliant vendors operate.