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## IN BRIEF

**Badlapur case: HC calls for impartial probe**  
**MUMBAI:** The Bombay High Court expressed concerns on Wednesday regarding the police shooting of Akshay Shinde, the accused in the Badlapur school sexual assault case, stating that the incident could have been avoided and emphasised the necessity for a fair and impartial probe. **P 7**

**DRDO develops lightweight bulletproof jackets**  
**NEW DELHI:** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), along with IIT-Delhi, has developed lightweight bulletproof jackets which meet the "highest threat levels" and whose front and rear armours provide 360-degree protection, the Defence Ministry said on Wednesday.

**Margao civic body fines six persons for waste dumping**  
**MARGAO:** Six persons were fined by Margao municipality for illegally disposing of waste within the civic body's jurisdiction. Municipal Engineer, Deepak Naik on Wednesday said that the offenders hail from non-municipal areas. **P 2**

**'Don't engage in video calls with unverified contacts'**  
**PANAJI:** Cyber crime police have urged citizens to refrain from interacting with unknown or unverified contacts online, warning that fraudsters are using fake video calls to entrap people, mostly men, in compromising situations and subsequently blackmail them for money. **P 2**

**SC recommends Ashwin Bhobe as HC judge**  
**PANAJI:** The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the name of a Goan lawyer Ashwin Damodar Bhobe and eight others for appointment as judges of the Bombay High Court. They include Nivedita Mehta, Prafulla Khubalkar, Rohit Joshi, Advait Sethna, Rajesh Datar, Sachin Deshmukh, Gautam Ankhad and Mahendra Nerlikar. Bhobe has experience of more than 26 years in the legal field, mainly in the high court.

# Goa to get island resort on lines of Singapore's Sentosa

## IIT-Madras will prepare report for proposal

**Staff Reporter**  
Panaji

Amid slow progress in utilising Goa's inland waterways for cargo and passenger movement, the state government's plans for the maritime sector are ambitious. On Wednesday, Minister for Captain of Ports and Environment Aleixo Sequeira said the government proposes to have an island resort on the lines of the famous Sentosa island in Singapore. The futuristic project is aimed at attracting tourists.

"It will be located at one of the numerous small islands dotting the state, and IIT-Madras will be preparing project report for the proposal. The institute will identify the island," said Sequeira.

He said the island project will include several smaller facilities such as a network of green hydrogen supply to the marine sector, a passenger terminal, a loading crane, a submarine project etc.

Sentosa island in Singapore is home to a popular

### TOURIST ATTRACTION

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■ Sentosa island in Singapore, covering an area of 4.71 sq km, offers a variety of attractions and facilities. These include a water park and museum, wildlife safari, kayaking, butterfly park and Universal Studios and Madame Tussauds chain of attractions, etc. It is connected by free bus service, monorail and cable car

resort that receives up to 25 million visitors per year. The attractions include a 2.5 km long sheltered beach, an extensive cable car network, Fort Siloso, two golf courses, 14 hotels and a theme park.

Sentosa is located off the southern coast of Singapore's main island. The island is separated from the main island of Singapore by a channel of water. In 2015, Sentosa opened an intra-island cable car to facilitate travelling within the island. Public bus services are available to connect Sen-

tosa island to the mainland.

Sequeira was speaking at Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)-Goa's Conference on Logistics where the state government signed a letter of intent with CII-Goa and Goa Institute of Management, Sankhali, for establishing a centre of excellence in logistics.

Pointing out that logistics will play a major role in the growth of Goa, the minister said IIT-Madras has also prepared a detailed project report for establishing a river information system for surveillance of

three rivers - Mandovi, Zuari and Cumbarjua.

The surveillance of the rivers will be based on radar, CCTV, weather stations among other equipment. "The project will improve the safety and navigation of the three rivers," said Sequeira.

He said, "To enhance logistics, the CoP department is in the process of constructing seven jetties for passenger transport under the Sagarmala project." Sequeira said the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has appointed consultants to study ways to tackle sand-bar formation at the mouth of the state's rivers.

Other projects of the department include a new lighthouse in Campal and 10 new floating jetties for which tenders will be floated shortly, he said.

Sequeira was the guest of honour at the 10th edition of CII-Goa's Conference on Logistics. The theme of the conference was 'Creating synergies to catalyse the next wave of sustainable growth of logistics sector in Goa.'

## SC cautions courts against misogynistic comments

**PTI**  
New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Wednesday cautioned courts against making comments that may be construed as "misogynistic" or directed towards a particular "gender

or community" and said no part of Indian territory can be called Pakistan.

The apex court's strong observations came as it closed the suo motu proceedings over Karnataka High Court judge Justice V Srishananda's alleged ob-

jectionable comments during court proceedings. The Supreme Court also noted that he had apologised for his observations during open court proceedings on September 21.

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## Show-cause notice issued to Bhutani project

**Staff Reporter**  
Vasco

Acting under tremendous public pressure, the village panchayat of Sancoale on Wednesday issued a show-cause notice to Bhutani Infra over the firm's mega housing project coming up in the village.

A related resolution was passed unanimously at a meeting of the village panchayat.

Villagers gathered at the meet in large numbers backed by activists from South and North Goa districts. The meet commenced with the villagers raising objections to a lawyer sitting among the panchas.

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## 'Make in India' has made Bharat unstoppable: PM

**PTI**  
New Delhi

Stating that 'Make in India' initiative has led to a rise in exports in different sectors, building capacities and strengthening economy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said his government's flagship scheme has helped the country push investments and promote manufacturing.

Modi affirmed that the initiative has transformed a dream into a powerful movement and its impact shows that "Bharat is unstoppable".

In a blog on LinkedIn, he lauded everyone who played a role in making the initiative a "roaring success", saying each of them is a pioneer, visionary and innovator, whose tireless



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efforts have fuelled the programme's success, making India the focus of global attention as well as curiosity. "It is the collective drive, relentless in nature, which has transformed a dream into a powerful movement. The impact of 'Make in India' shows that Bharat is unstoppable," he said.

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## J&K elections: Over 56% vote in second phase

**PTI**  
Srinagar

The second phase of polling in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections saw a voter turnout of over 56% on Wednesday, with the democratic exercise passing off peacefully amid tight security.

While there was significant participation in key constituencies in 26 seats spread over six districts with long queues of voters at polling stations since early morning, 20 of these segments recorded a marginally lower turnout than in the 2014 assembly elections, when the overall voting was 60%.

The first phase of polling, held on September 18, saw an estimated 61.38% voter turnout, while the final phase is set to take place on October 1 in the crucial elections being held after 10 years.

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## MPA revives Vasco Bay project with investment of ₹950 crore

### Port's ongoing projects are worth ₹1,152 crore

**Staff Reporter**  
Panaji

Stating that the Mormugao Port Authority (MPA) has revived its Vasco Bay project involving a total investment of Rs 950 crore, MPA chairman N Vinod Kumar on Wednesday said the project involves Rs 550 crore of expenditure for construction of a fishing harbour and a dedicated berth.

Kumar said Rs 400 crore will be spent on deepening draft of the port from the existing 14.5 metres to 18.5 metres.

"The Vasco Bay project is scheduled for completion



The chairman of MPA said ₹550 crore will be spent on construction of a fishing harbour and a dedicated berth. Deepening draft of the port will involve expenditure of ₹400 crore, he said.

in the coming years. We hope the project gets implemented in the near future," said Kumar.

Stating that the port's ongoing projects are worth Rs 1,152 crore, Kumar said these will be completed

by March 2025.

"The ongoing projects include construction of a four-lane highway, which is already complete and will be opened for traffic by this year-end, a 3 MW solar power plant, investment of Rs 140 crore for development of berths 10-11 under PPP mode (the project includes setting up of two harbour mobile cranes for container traffic), and a dome to tackle coal dust pollution, costing Rs 180 crore, by South West Port Ltd," said the port chairman.

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