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Saligao MLA Shri Kedar J. Naik Takes Charge as Chairman of Goa



Shri Kedar J. Naik, Hon'ble MLA of Saligao, has officially taken charge as the new Chairman of the Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC). Shri Naik's appointment marks a new phase of leadership aimed at driving transformative initiatives under the state's vision for Regenerative and Responsible Tourism. His extensive administrative experience and understanding of grassroots governance are expected to strengthen GTDC's role in promoting sustainable tourism, enhancing infrastructure, and expanding Goa's global appeal as a year-round destination. With this appointment, GTDC reaffirms its commitment to curating innovative tourism experiences, enhancing connectivity, and promoting hinterland and cultural circuits that reflect Goa's unique identity as Parshuram Bhoomi, a land of harmony, heritage, and hospitality.

Goa Tourism engages global travel markets at WTM London 2025

Goa Tourism made a vibrant start at the World Travel Market (WTM) London 2025, drawing strong interest from global travel trade and industry partners. The pavilion welcomed a steady stream of visitors eager to explore Goa's rich cultural landscape, diverse tourism offerings, spiritual trails, hinterland experiences, and expanding infrastructure that is shaping its evolving tourism story.

The Goa Pavilion was inaugurated by Shri Kartik Pande IFS, Deputy High Commissioner of India to the UK; Shri Rohan A. Khaunte, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Government of Goa; Shri Rakesh Dahiya, IRS (Cus & IT), First Secretary (Trade & Tourism), High Commission of India, London; Shri Sanjeev Ahuja, IAS, Secretary (Tourism); Shri Sandip Jacques, IAS, Secretary (Revenue); Shri Kuldeep Arolkar, Managing Director, GTDC; Shri Jayesh Kankonkar, Assistant Director (Tourism); and Shri Shawn Mendes, OSD to the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism.

Positioning itself as a destination rooted in culture, heritage, cuisine and immersive experiences, Goa Tourism showcased its commitment to regenerative tourism that empowers communities and supports "Goa Beyond Beaches." The State is charting new pathways to engage travellers seeking authentic storytelling and stronger connections with local traditions.



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Tourism Department & GTDC Initiates Development & Beautification of Harvalem Waterfall at Rudreshwar Temple



The Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, together with the Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC), have initiated the development and beautification of Harvalem Waterfall at the Rudreshwar Temple surroundings at Harvalem in Bicholim. The initiative forms part of the state's ongoing efforts to enhance eco-tourism and Amrit Dharohar as Challenged Based Destinations Development, with the focus on improving facilities for visitors while preserving Goa's natural heritage. The programme witnessed the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, in the distinguished presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Power & New and Renewable Energy Shri. Shripad Naik; Hon'ble Minister for Tourism Shri. Rohan A. Khaunte; Hon'ble Rajya Sabha MP Shri. Sadanand Shet Tanavade; along with President BJP Goa State Shri. Damu Naik; Hon'ble Chairman Goa Tourism Development Corporation Shri. Kedar J. Naik; Director of Tourism Shri. Kedar Naik; Managing Director of GTDC Shri. Kuldeep Arolkar; Vice Chairperson, Sankhali Municipal Council Shri. Dayanand Boryekar and President, Shri Rudreshwar Temple, Harvalem Shri. Yashwant Madkar. The initiative forms part of Goa's broader effort to strengthen tourism infrastructure across natural, cultural, and heritage locations. As similar projects progress across the State, Goa continues to shape a more diverse and experience-driven tourism landscape.

Goa Tourism Opens Its Pavilion at QTM 2025 with Dignitaries Highlighting Goa's Global Vision

The Goa Tourism pavilion at the Qatar Travel Mart (QTM) 2025 was inaugurated today by Mr. Vipul, IFS, Indian Ambassador to Qatar, in the presence of Mr. Rohn A. Khaunte, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Mr. Kedar Naik, Director of Tourism, Mr. Gavin Dias, General Manager, Marketing, GTDC, Mr. Shawn Mendes, OSD to the Hon'ble Tourism Minister, and other dignitaries. The inauguration marked the beginning of a strategically significant presence for Goa at one of the region's most influential tourism platforms. The pavilion presents a refreshed narrative of Goa's tourism landscape, showcasing the State's evolving offerings under emerging global travel trends. Visitors on Day 1 were introduced to Goa's strengthened focus on regenerative tourism, community-led experiences, and improved visitor infrastructure, along with the State's expanding portfolio in nocto tourism, jet setting (film and screen tourism), and calmcations, which cater to wellness-focused and experience-oriented travellers. Throughout the day, the pavilion witnessed active engagement from travel trade professionals, international stakeholders, media representatives, and industry buyers, all exploring Goa's new and emerging visitor experiences. Discussions also centred around the State's recent infrastructure upgrades, digital tourism solutions, heritage initiatives, and community-based tourism circuits that reflect Goa's long-term commitment to sustainable development. The opening day concluded on a positive note, with Goa Tourism successfully establishing strong visibility at QTM 2025 and reinforcing its position as a dynamic, future-ready destination capable of catering to diverse global traveller expectations. The delegation will continue its engagements over the next two days, strengthening connections and presenting Goa's comprehensive tourism offerings to a wider international audience.



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Foundation laid for 'Gomant Sarita Poojan' Project at Narve; riverfront spiritual tourism to receive major boost



A significant step towards strengthening Goa's spiritual tourism landscape was taken with the laying of the foundation for the 'Gomant Sarita Poojan', the development of the Ghat Aarti on the banks of the River Mandovi project at Narve. The initiative aims to enhance visitor experiences along the riverbank, creating a meaningful spiritual and cultural space for residents and travellers alike. The event witnessed the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, Shri Shripad Naik; Hon'ble Tourism Minister For Tourism, Shri Rohan A. Khaunte; Member of Parliament Shri Sadanand M. Shet Tanavade; Hon'ble MLA, Mayem, Shri Premendra V. Shet; Director of Tourism Shri Kedar Naik; Managing Director, GTDC, Shri Kuldeep Arolkar; Chief Engineer, Shri P. B. Badami; Z.P. Member, Shri Shankar Chodankar; Sarpanch of Narve Village Panchayat, Shri Siddeesh Parsekar, along with local leaders, representatives of Communitade: community members and stakeholders. The 'Gomant Sarita Poojan' initiative includes riverbank beautification, dedicated spaces for Aarti, improved access for visitors, and enhanced amenities aligned with Goa's regenerative tourism approach. The project will support local employment, encourage cultural preservation, and add value to God's growing spiritual tourism sector.

Goa Strengthens Its Position as a Global Sports Tourism Hub with the Opening of FIDE World Cup 2025

Goa marked a historic milestone in its journey toward becoming India's premier sports tourism destination with the grand inauguration of the FIDE World Cup 2025 at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Taleigao. Organized by the Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs and the Sports Authority of Goa, the tournament, scheduled from 31st October to 27th November 2025, has brought the world's top chess players and international delegates to Goa's shores.

Much emphasis was placed over Goa's world-class infrastructure and hospitality, noting that the state has become a model for integrating sports, tourism, and economic growth, in line with India's broader vision of positioning itself as a global sports powerhouse. Over the past few years, Goa has successfully hosted several prestigious events that have contributed to its sports tourism profile, including the National Games 2023, Ironman 70.3 Goa, GFA football league, RFC and more upcoming events like the Rugby Tournament. Each of these events has brought national and international visibility, drawing sports enthusiasts and travelers from around the world. From adventure sports in the hinterlands to world-class indoor championships, Goa continues to expand its sporting portfolio, strengthening its identity as a destination that seamlessly blends sport, culture, and tourism. As the FIDE World Cup unfolds over the next month, it stands as a beacon of Goa's progressive vision, transforming the state into a vibrant hub for international sports tourism, powered by its infrastructure, inclusivity, and enduring hospitality.



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Goa & Madhya Pradesh to explore synergy in Heritage, Wildlife and Cultural Tourism



The Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, held a productive meeting with a senior official from the Government of Madhya Pradesh to explore collaborative opportunities in tourism, with a special focus on heritage, wildlife, and cultural experiences. During the meeting, both States discussed establishing a synergy to promote two-way tourism encouraging travellers from Madhya Pradesh to explore Goa's diverse tourism offerings, while also facilitating travel from Goa to Madhya Pradesh to experience its rich heritage and wildlife destinations. Discussions emphasized strengthening cooperation in heritage tourism, cultural tourism, and improving quality of stay for visitors. The Madhya Pradesh Government expressed keen interest in working closely with Goa Tourism. As part of this initiative, Madhya Pradesh has invited the Director, Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, along with tourism trade stakeholders, to visit Madhya Pradesh in the next quarter for further exchange and planning. In return, the Government of Goa is working on modalities to invite tourism trade from Madhya Pradesh to Goa, with an aim to boost heritage and cultural tourism across both states. This collaboration is expected to enhance cultural appreciation, expand tourism circuits, and create mutually beneficial tourism growth. The partnership reflects the shared vision of both States to promote sustainable tourism, celebrate rich cultural roots, and strengthen domestic travel networks for the benefit of local communities and travellers alike.

Goa deepens engagement with Russian travellers as delegation visits Paryatan Bhavan

The Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, warmly welcomed a delegation of around 37 visitors from Russia at Paryatan Bhavan as part of their week-long trip to the state. Present to receive the delegation were Shri Kedar Naik, Director of Tourism; Shri Gavin Dias, General Manager (Hotels & Marketing) GTDC; Shri Jayesh Kankonkar, Assistant Director (Tourism); Smt. Chitra Vengurlekar, Assistant Tourist Officer; Shri Shawn Mendes, OSD to the Minister for Tourism; and Shri Ernest Dias, Chief operating officer of TCI and SITA, along with officials and representatives from the tourism industry. Shri Ernest Dias, Chief Operating Officer of TCI and SITA, welcomed the guests and expressed confidence that Goa will see strong arrivals from Ekaterinburg and Moscow for the season. As part of the visit, Shri Gavin Dias delivered an engaging presentation showcasing Goa's diverse tourism offerings, including its rich cultural heritage, vibrant festivals, culinary traditions, wellness experiences, adventure activities, and premium hospitality options. During their seven-day visit, the group will explore a range of experiences across Goa, including spice plantations and other attractions. The delegation expressed appreciation for the warm reception and showed keen interest in learning more about Goa during their stay. The Department of Tourism looks forward to further building on this engagement and enhancing collaborative efforts to promote Goa internationally.



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Goa Tourism Concludes Successful Roadshow in Bahrain, Showcasing New Tourism Experiences and Strengthened Partnerships



Goa Tourism successfully concluded its Bahrain Roadshow with an impressive turnout from the travel and tourism trade, prominent media representatives, airline partners, and members of the Goan diaspora. The Roadshow was graced by His Excellency Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India to Bahrain, with key representation from Goa Tourism by Shri Rohan A. Khaunte, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism; Mr. Kuldeep Arolkar, Managing Director, GTDC, and Mr. Harish Satilekar, Marketing Manager, GTDC, along with Shri Kedar Naik, Director of Tourism. The team presented Goa's refreshed tourism positioning, which includes themes such as Nocto Tourism, Jet-Setting, and CalmCation, supported by the newly launched Feels Like Goa campaign that highlights the authenticity, emotion, and character of the destination. The roadshow witnessed the presence of distinguished dignitaries from Bahrain's travel and tourism sector, including Ms. Fatima Ahmed, President of the Association of Bahrain Travel and Tour Agents (ABTAA); Mr. Hussain Zaman, Country Manager for Gulf Air, the only airline offering direct connectivity between Goa and Bahrain; and Mr. Noel Fernandes, President of the Young Goans Club. Their presence added immense value to the evening. The two popular Goan dances, dekhni and corridinho, captivated the audience and received thunderous applause, further showcasing Goa's vibrant cultural heritage. A major highlight of the event was the Destination Presentation, which showcased specially curated films and updates on Goa's diverse tourism experiences. The presentation covered beaches, heritage sites, festive traditions, cuisine, hinterland attractions, and new initiatives designed to elevate the visitor experience. Officials from Goa Tourism addressed the gathering and reaffirmed the State's commitment to expanding collaborations with Bahrain and positioning Goa as a year-round experiential destination.

GTDC Organizes Special Tour for Tripurari Poornima Boat Festival on 5th November

The Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC), in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, Department of Art and Culture, and the Department of Information and Publicity, is pleased to announce a special tour for the Tripurari Poornima Boat Festival, to be held on Wednesday, 5th November 2025, at Vithalapur, Sankhali. Tripurari Poornima is among Goa's most picturesque and spiritually enriching festivals, known for its magnificent boat show on the River Valvanti, where intricately decorated miniature boats are released under the full moon. The festival draws large crowds of locals and visitors who gather to celebrate Goa's unique blend of cultural heritage, mythology, and artistic expression. To provide easy access to the festivities, GTDC has organised a Special Tripurari Poornima Tour open to both tourists and locals. Standees and promotional leaflets featuring information about the festival and tour will be displayed across GTDC residencies to raise awareness and encourage participation.



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Goa Tourism Officials Participate in Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and Bharat Parv Celebrations



In celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, has participated in the national observance and Bharat Parv celebrations being held from 1st to 15th November 2025, commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. The event, organised under the aegis of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, showcases India's unity in diversity through a vibrant convergence of culture, cuisine, crafts, and thematic exhibits from all States and Union Territories. Goa's participation in Bharat Parv will spotlight the State's vibrant culture, distinctive cuisine, traditional crafts, and ongoing initiatives promoting Regenerative Tourism. The Goa Pavilion will emphasize the State's commitment to sustainability, community-based tourism, and preservation of its rich cultural heritage, resonating with the national vision of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.

The Department of Tourism Virtually Participated at the B2B Tourism Hospitality Networking Event in Romania

The Embassy of India in Romania convened a focused B2B Tourism & Hospitality Networking Event today, bringing together leading stakeholders from the Indian and Romanian travel ecosystems. The Department of Tourism virtually participated at the event, aiming to strengthen bilateral cooperation in tourism, enhance market linkages, and create new avenues for collaboration between industry partners. A virtual presentation led by Shri Pravinkumar Faldeesai, Senior Manager, Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC), represented Goa Tourism and engaged directly with industry partners to highlight the state's unique attractions, evolving tourism landscape, and emerging opportunities for collaboration. The session was held in the presence of Shri Jayesh Kankonkar, Assistant Director Tourism; Ambassador. Shri. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra, Ambassador of India to Romania, who delivered the opening remarks and emphasised the importance of stronger tourism and cultural linkages between the two countries, among other dignitaries. The event witnessed the participation of Romanian tour and travel companies, who joined in person at the Embassy to explore emerging opportunities in India's dynamic tourism and hospitality sector. Discussions centred on building stronger travel partnerships, promoting diverse tourism circuits, and facilitating greater tourist movement between the two countries. The networking forum created an engaging platform for meaningful dialogue, strengthened business connections, and reinforced shared aspirations for sustained tourism growth. The Embassy looks forward to continued collaboration with Romanian travel partners and to further expanding opportunities in the India-Romania tourism landscape.



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Goa Tourism showcases new-age tourism experiences at Malaysia roadshow; strengthens global outreach



The Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, successfully concluded its exclusive roadshow in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, receiving an encouraging response from the travel trade and strengthening its presence in the Southeast Asian market. The event highlighted Goa's renewed tourism vision, immersive campaigns, and dynamic experiential offerings designed for today's global travellers. The Goa delegation was led by Director of Tourism, Shri Kedar Naik, accompanied by General Manager (Marketing) GTDC, Shri Gavin Dias, along with key officials and industry representatives. The engagement brought together leading tour operators, travel partners, hospitality players from Malaysia, establishing new avenues for collaboration. The event was graced by the presence of First Secretary of the Indian High Commission, Dr. Vivekanand; MATTA President, Shri Nigel; and Director General of Malaysia Tourism, Shri Datuk Manoharan further strengthening the significance of this international outreach. The roadshow highlighted Goa's key tourism products, signature festivals, improved air connectivity, expanding hotel infrastructure, and a range of new initiatives that reflect the State's forward-looking and experience-driven tourism landscape. These elements, combined with Goa's emphasis on regenerative tourism, position the State as a destination that blends innovation with cultural depth, offering diverse and meaningful experiences for global travellers. The Department expressed confidence that the Malaysia Roadshow will enable fruitful partnerships and further strengthen bilateral tourism ties, forming part of its broader global outreach efforts to engage priority markets and expand Goa's tourism footprint.

First Around-the-World Cruise of the Season Brings 2,078 Visitors to Goa

The iconic Celebrity Millennium docked at Mormugao Harbour today to an immersive and traditional Goan welcome curated by the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa. Arriving as part of its international route, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Kochi, Goa and onward to Mumbai the vessel marks a major highlight in Goa's cruise tourism calendar.

A total of 2,078 guests, including 977 crew members, arrived on board, representing a rich mix of nationalities such as Singapore, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, Poland, France, Thailand and Portugal. This makes it one of the largest and most diverse cruise arrivals of the season.

Visitors were greeted with a cultural showcase featuring folk performances, a lively brass band, floral welcomes and curated Goan souvenirs, offering a warm introduction to the state's distinctive heritage and hospitality. Many guests proceeded to explore Goa's attractions through organised sightseeing tours, experiencing the state's natural beauty, architecture, cuisine and vibrant local life. The Department of Tourism continues to expand Goa's cruise tourism capabilities, ensuring that every vessel docking at Mormugao Harbour experiences the state's hallmark warmth, vibrancy and world-class hospitality.



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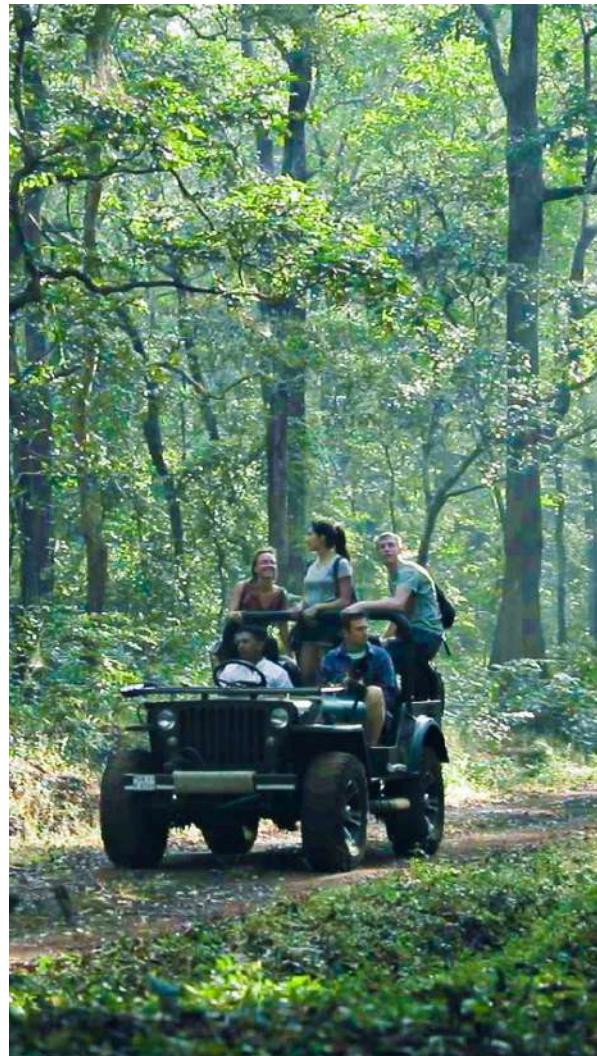
Goa Tourism welcomes First UK charter arrivals of winter 2025–26



Winter Season 2025–26, marking the commencement of direct arrivals from Manchester and London Gatwick at Manohar International Airport (Mopa). The first charter from Manchester arrived on November 5 with 282 passengers, followed by the second charter from London Gatwick on November 6 carrying 288 passengers. The charter services operated under the supervision of Freedom Holidays Pvt. Ltd., further enhanced international access to Goa. With direct connectivity from Manchester Airport (MAN) and London Gatwick Airport (LGW) to Manohar International Airport (GOX), Mopa, the State is better positioned to host travellers seeking cultural immersion, wellness, spiritual tourism, adventure, and nature-based experiences. This collaboration reinforces Goa's growing appeal as a preferred long-haul destination and elevates opportunities for cultural exchange and community-centred tourism development. The Department of Tourism continues to extend support to ensure a seamless arrival experience and promote Goa as a welcoming, year-round destination.

Positive tourism momentum in Goa continues; growth, global expansion & regenerative initiatives reinforce forward progress

Goa's tourism story continues on a steady upward trajectory, backed by healthy arrival numbers, widening international reach, and a renewed focus on responsible and diversified visitor experiences. From January to September 2025, Goa recorded an overall tourism growth of 6.23% compared to the same period last year. Domestic arrivals increased by 5.36%, rising from 69,24,938 in 2024 to 72,96,068 in 2025, while international arrivals grew by an impressive 29.33%, from 2,59,820 to 3,36,031. Tourism continues to be a major pillar of the State economy, contributing around 16.43% of Goa's GDP and generating 40–45% of direct and indirect employment opportunities, affirming its strong socio-economic relevance. Goa's expanding connectivity has contributed significantly to this growth. The State has strengthened its presence in global markets, particularly Russia and Central Asia, with new links to Ekaterinburg, Kazakhstan, Novosibirsk and Moscow. In October 2025 alone, Goa welcomed 34 charter flights from these regions. Further, TUI Airways, one of the UK's leading charter operators, is set to begin direct flights from Manchester and Gatwick, expected to bring 30,000–40,000 travellers in the coming season. Efforts are also underway to deepen engagement in new source markets such as Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland, opening additional avenues for inbound growth. Safety remains a key priority for the State. The Tourism Department, in coordination with law-enforcement agencies, continues to strengthen on-ground vigilance across major tourist areas. To ensure swift response and support, visitors and residents are encouraged to reach out to the 24x7 Tourism Helpline 1364, which is equipped to address concerns promptly and effectively. A dedicated Pink Force has been deployed to enhance women's safety and provide immediate assistance when required. As Goa looks ahead to an encouraging tourism season, the State remains committed to strengthening destination quality, enhancing visitor experiences, and ensuring that tourism continues to generate value for its people and economy.



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Goa Welcomes First Charter Flight from Poland for the Season



The State of Goa celebrated the arrival of the first charter flight of the season from Poland earlier today, reinforcing its growing appeal among European travellers. Operated by Enter Air and chartered by Rainbow Tours, the flight touched down at 09:05 am at Mopa Airport, bringing 185 guests eager to immerse themselves in Goa's vibrant culture and warm hospitality. This marks the second consecutive season that Goa is a key long-haul destination for its travellers from Poland. This inaugural arrival further strengthens Goa's international tourism footprint and underscores the State's continuous efforts to diversify visitor markets, promote seasonal tourism, and enhance global accessibility. The Goa Tourism Department aims to build on this momentum, with more charters expected from various international destinations through the season, supporting the State's vision of responsible, sustainable, and experience-driven tourism.

Tripurari Poornima festival showcases Goa's cultural brilliance in Sanquelim

Vithalapur, Sanquelim lit up with colour, devotion, and festive joy as Tripurari Poornima was celebrated with great pride and enthusiasm. The festival is being held jointly by the Department of Tourism, Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC), Department of Art and Culture, and Department of Information and Publicity, drawing eager participation from local communities as well as travellers from across India and beyond. The festivities commenced with a sacred procession dedicated to Lord Shrikrishna, a graceful Palkhi procession of Shree Vitthal Rakhumai and beautifully choreographed cultural performances showcased Goa's vibrant traditions, drawing applause from all present. The traditional Boat Show once again stood out as the main attraction, with exquisitely crafted boats illuminating the waters, honouring Goa's rich maritime legacy. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant; Hon'ble Chairman, GTDC, Shri Kedar J. Naik; Hon'ble MLA & Chairman, Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd, Dr. Premendra Shet; Hon'ble MLA & Chairman, Goa Infotech Corporation Ltd., Dr. Chandrakant Shetye; Director of Art and Culture, Shri Vivek Naik; Deputy General Manager, GTDC, Shri Deepak Narvekar; Assistant Tourist Officer, Smt. Chitra Vengurlekar; Dy. Collector, Bicholim, Shri Shubham Naik; Chairperson, Sanquelim Municipal Council, Smt. Siddhi Prabhu Porob; and members of the Deepawali Utsav Samiti and Shree Dev Vitthal Panchayatan Mandir Samiti. This year's Tripurari Poornima once again reaffirmed the festival's deep cultural significance, inspiring joy among participants. The state looks forward to celebrating this grand festival with continued spirit and greater participation in the coming years.



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IRCTC's Golden Chariot brings high-end travellers to explore Goa's culture



Goa Tourism warmly welcomed the arrival of the IRCTC Golden Chariot Luxury Train at Madgaon, bringing guests to explore the State's cultural and premium tourism offerings. A part of the group also included 26 high-end foreign guests who experienced curated heritage and hospitality-led activities. As part of their curated itinerary, guests visited prominent churches of North Goa, gaining insights into the region's rich spiritual and architectural legacy. After the curated visit, the Golden Chariot is set to continue its onward journey to Bengaluru. The visit aligns with Goa Tourism's continued efforts to promote immersive, sustainable, and culturally rooted experiences that position Goa as a premium year-round destination.

Department of Tourism takes firm stand against misconduct, Reinforces safety measures at Arambol, Vagator and other popular destinations

Goa continues to reinforce its position as one of India's most preferred tourist destinations, having recorded an overall growth of 6.23% in tourist arrivals from January to September 2025 compared to the same period last year. Domestic arrivals grew by 5.36% (from 69,24,938 in 2024 to 72,96,068 in 2025), while international arrivals registered an impressive increase of 29.33% (from 2,59,820 to 3,36,031), reflecting the rising interest among travellers seeking Goa's diverse cultural, spiritual, and hinterland experiences. As visitor numbers continue to grow, the Tourism Department is closely monitoring reports of incidents affecting the safety and comfort of tourists. The Tourism Department reiterates that tourists are expected to behave responsibly during their stay and that all tourism stakeholders must uphold responsible conduct at their establishments. The State will not tolerate behaviour that compromises the well-being of residents or visitors. For any complaints or assistance, the Tourism Department urges visitors and residents to reach out to the 24x7 Tourism Helpline, 1364, which is equipped to address concerns promptly. The Tourism Department remains fully committed to ensuring the safety, comfort, and dignity of travellers while supporting the continued growth of a responsible and sustainable tourism ecosystem in Goa.



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