

MODI, US NSA DISCUSS TERROR, AFGHANISTAN

US National Security Adviser Lt Gen H R McMaster called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and discussed issues related to terrorism and Afghanistan on Tuesday.

NATION 5

BOEING TO CUT MANY JOBS IN THE US

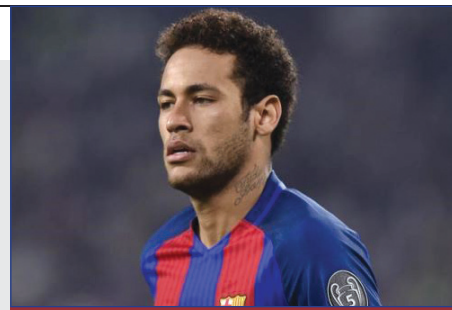
American multinational corporation Boeing has said that it will lay off "hundreds of engineering employees" in Washington State and other company sites on Friday, the media reported.

BUSINESS 8

OZ TO STOP VISA PLAN PREFERRED BY INDIANS

Australia will abolish a popular work visa used by over 95,000 foreign workers, majority of them Indians, to tackle the growing unemployment in the country and replace it with a new programme requiring higher English-language proficiency and job skills.

WORLD 8



BARCA NEEDS MIRACLE OF CAMP NOU.

SPORTS 11

BLOOD FLOWS LIKE BEER ON GOA ROADS

Over 2000 killed on Goa roads in seven years ■ Goa stands dubious 11th on the list of road accident rate in India

With Goa witnessing 2135 deaths and 30,927 road accidents in last seven years, time has come for public awakening and firm government action to stop this blood bath, reports NIBEDITA SEN.

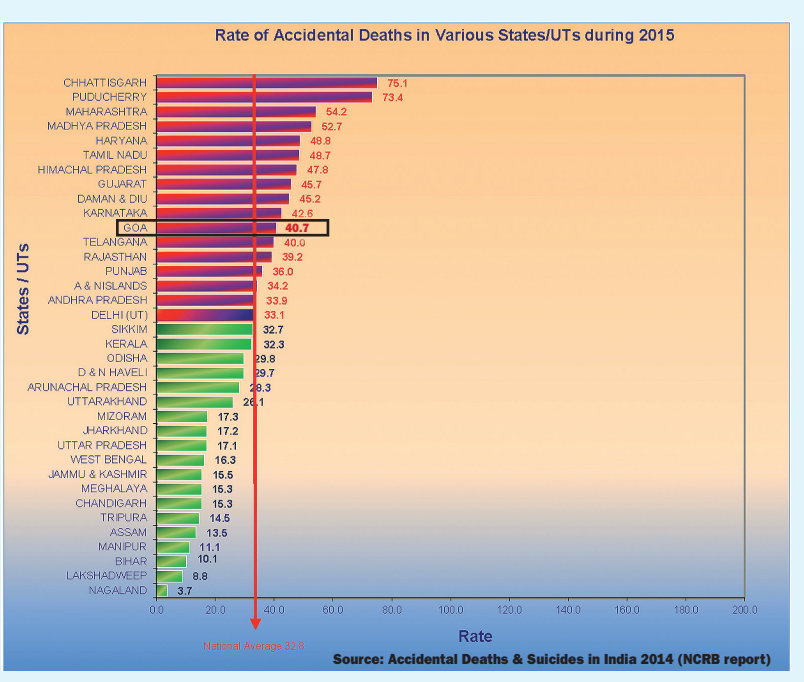
Over 2000 lives have been lost in Goa in last seven years. But these are not any war casualty figures. These are ignominious deaths met by people on the State roads. As per Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India 2014 report by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), rate of death in Goa is 40.7 per cent (per lakh population) which is higher than the national average of 32.8 per cent. According to the report, Goa had the dubious distinction of having eleventh highest accidental death rate out of the 36 States and Union Territories in India.

State top police officer Director General of Police Muktesh Chander said that major problem faced by the police department in ensuring road safety is lack of support from the people. "Police is taking action against drunken driving. We are also taking efforts towards creating awareness regarding traffic rules and road safety. There are some basic road safety guidelines that people must follow. The third as-



Muktesh Chander

pect is road engineering which deals with issues like road condition, availability of road sign-ages. We are looking into these aspects as well," he said. However, people don't understand the importance of road safety measures like wearing seat belts and helmets. "We don't get enough cooperation from people. For example, there is a huge difference between carrying a helmet and actually wearing it. The other problem is people driving while speaking on their mobile phone. They ride two-wheelers with one hand and hold the phone in other. Overspeeding and complete disregard for traffic rules are serious issues," DGP said. Under the aegis of DGP, a traffic safety committee was formed to identify the accident prone spots in Goa. "We have compiled



a list of selected black spots which are most accident prone. We have submitted the report to the State government for further action. We have identified 37 such locations across the State that need urgent attention," he said. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Traffic (North Goa), Dharmesh Angle said that since February this year a special drive has been initiated against the traffic violators. "Since March 29 till date, 2515 violators have been penalised. We will carry on our offensive against the violators," DySP Angle said.

Goa govt to crack whip on rash, negligent driving

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Panaji: Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar on Tuesday directed strict enforcement and crackdown on errant drivers, two wheeler riders without helmets, crackdown on drunken driving through use of alcoholometers, which will be procured on priority basis, over-speeding, rash negligent driving, etc and other motor vehicle offenders. The Chief Minister held an emergency meeting to discuss various measures to be taken to implement road safety measures in the State following the increasing number of road accidents and fatalities during the last 10 days. Chief Secretary Dharmendra Sharma, Secretary/Private Secretary (Transport), SP (Traffic) Devesh Mahla, Director of Transport Nikhil Desai, North DySP (Traffic) Dharmesh Angle and other senior officials attended the meeting. During the last two weeks, vehicles involving two wheelers and four-wheelers have claimed lives and

injured many both locals and tourists. During the high level discussions, it was decided to fast track procurement of various items such as surveillance cameras, speed monitoring laser guns, traffic cones and other related uniform and gear, interceptor vehicles etc for strict implementation of traffic rules. As many as 28 alcoholometers, 14 speed meters, two interceptors and 14 new vehicles will be purchased. It was also decided to put in place a procedure for imposing penalties prescribed under the law, so as to provide a strong deterrent against motor vehicle malpractices. The government is optimistic that with strict implementation of these measures, the high accident rate will be curtailed to a large extent. It was directed that both, Department of Transport, Government of Goa and the Goa Police will stress on regulation of traffic movement to ensure safer driving and penalise rash and negligent driving.

- SOME OF THE 37 'BLACK SPOTS' IDENTIFIED**
- Near KTC Bus Terminus, Panaji
 - Ribandar
 - Karaswada
 - Tarikade
 - Hotel Green Park
 - O'Coqueiro, Porvorim
 - Malpem
 - Agacaim
 - Goa Velha
 - Usgao
 - Bhoma



Year	Fatal Accidents	Total Deaths	Total Accidents
2010	309	327	4572
2011	314	333	4560
2012	271	292	4312
2013	283	290	4229
2014	249	266	4294
2015	Unavailable	290	3948
2016	316	336	4304
2017*	53	54	708
Grand Total	1795	2188	30927

*Road accident deaths in Goa from 2010 till Feb 2017
Data till February 2017

2016
Total Accidents: 4304
Total Deaths: 336

2017
Total Accidents: 708
Total Deaths: 54

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Max: 34.0 Deg C Min: 26.5 Deg C

MARKETS
Sensex: 29,319.10 Nifty: 9105.15

CURRENCIES
Dollar: 64.5657 Pound: 81.1785
Euro: 68.7431 Yen: 59.2200

BULLION
Gold: 29,400 Silver: 42,850

Mauvin gets panchayat, Vishwajeet health ADDITIONAL PORTFOLIOS TO NINE MINISTERS

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Panaji: Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar on Tuesday allocated portfolios to his ministerial colleagues for the second time after formation of the coalition government. In the second allotment of portfolios, former Congress MLA Vishwajeet Rane has been given Health, while Mauvin Godinho has been allocated Panchayats. The other nine Ministers who were sworn-in on March 14 were given second portfolio each. PWD Minister Sudin Dhavlikar has been allotted Trans-

port; Town and Country Planning Minister Vijai Sardessai- Agriculture; Urban Development Minister Francis D'Souza- Law, Judiciary and Legislative Affairs; Tourism Minister Babu Azgaonkar- Sports, Revenue Minister Rohan Khaunte- Information Technology (IT), Power Minister Pandurang Madkaikar- Social Welfare department, Art and Culture Minister Govind Gaude- Tribals Welfare and Water Resources Department Minister Vinod Paleykar Fisheries. Jayesh Salgaonkar, who was earlier given Housing with Housing Board, has been allotted Ministry of Rural De-

velopment Agency (RDA) also. Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar has kept Home, Finance, Personnel, General Administration Department and Vigilance with him. Any other departments not allotted would be looked after by the Chief Minister himself. Parrikar was sworn in as Chief Minister on March 14 and first allotment of the portfolios took place on March 20. The BJP had managed to form government after the Assembly elections with the support of smaller regional parties M G Party and Goa Forward Party (GFP) and independents.

Digambar Kamat fails to appear before SIT

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Panaji: Former Goa Chief Minister Digambar Kamat on Tuesday failed to appear before a Special Investigation Team (SIT), which had issued summons against him last week in connection with an alleged illegal mining scam. Kamat telephonically told the investigating officer about his inability to

appear before SIT on April 18 as he was out of station and sought another date to appear before them. "I am out of station now. I had informed the Crime Branch that I will not be available for the inquiry today (Tuesday). I asked them to give me another date," Kamat said. Kamat is expected to return to Goa on Thursday, after which he might make himself available for the inquiry.



MINING SCAM

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FLIP SIDE ALOK



Wait a minute. Are you beating me because I've taken some decision or because I'm not taking some decision??

Vijay Mallya arrested in London; released on bail

London: Embattled Indian tycoon Vijay Mallya, who has been declared a proclaimed offender, was on Tuesday arrested in London by Scotland Yard on India's request for his extradition on fraud charges. Senior Indian officials described his arrest as the first salvo in the case, which will now involve a legal process in the UK to determine if Mallya can be extradited to India to face charges in Indian courts. The arrest comes weeks after Indian Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had indicated that Mallya's extradition would feature in his talks during his visit to the UK. The 61-year-old liquor baron, wanted

in India for defaulting on loans, was arrested after he appeared at a central London police station on Tuesday morning. The flamboyant businessman, who once called himself "The King of Good Times", was released on bail a few hours later. He was freed on a bail bond worth 650,000 pounds and will next appear at Westminster Magistrates' Court on May 17. "Officers from the Metropolitan Police's Extradition Unit on Tuesday morning arrested a man on an extradition warrant. Vijay Mallya was arrested on behalf of the Indian authorities in relation to accusations of fraud," Scotland Yard said. PTI



Monsoon to be near normal: IMD

New Delhi: Southwest monsoon is likely to be "near normal" this year with possibility of a "good distribution" of rainfall across the country, the weatherman said on Tuesday, news that would bring cheer to farmers in parched areas. (See graph on Pg 5) Amid ceaseless reports of incidents of farmer suicides due to crop loss and indebtedness, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) Director General K J Ramesh said the news will be good for the farming community and the overall economy. Fiftyfive per cent of Indian agriculture is dependent on rainfall. El Nino is expected to occur in August-September, but it is unlikely to have any major impact on the monsoon, and the weatherman expects a positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), which has a strong influence on rainfall in the country. A strong El Nino phenomenon causes

66 The country will receive 96 per cent of Long Period Average with an error model of plus or minus 5 per cent." - **K J RAMESH, Director General, IMD**



monsoon forecast. A 96 per cent rainfall means it is on the border line of normal and below normal precipitation. Anything between 96 and 104 per cent of the LPA is considered "normal", while under 96 per cent rainfall is categorised as "below normal". Rainfall of 104-110 per cent of the LPA is "above normal". Ramesh said there is 38 per cent probability of a "near normal monsoon" rainfall. The IMD has not issued a region wise forecast yet. Ramesh said it will make a more detailed prediction in its second forecast in June. "In spite of prediction of a weak El Nino, the 2017 monsoon likely to be near normal. Good benefits for farmers and country's economy," M Rajeevan, Secretary in the Ministry of Earth Sciences, tweeted.

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