

Feast of St Peter and St Paul celebrated across the State

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Team, Herald

VASCO: The feast of St Peter and St Paul was celebrated by fisher community with traditional exuberance and religious fervour across the State on Saturday.

The feast has a special significance for the fishing community in Vasco, since St Peter was a fisherman by profession. St Peter, one of the 12 apostles of Jesus was also the first Pope of the Catholic Church.

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fishing community celebrated the feast of St Peter and St Paul. They said that feast marks the blessing of the sea as well as the boats of the fishermen for the

new fishing season.

All Goa Fishing Boat Owners Association president Jose Philip D'Souza said that the feast started with the offering of prayers and religious service at the Old Cross Chapel at Kharewado by the priest in the presence of a large number of fishermen. The priest then in a procession amidst religious hymns carried the idol of St Peter from the Chapel to Kharewado fishing jetty where another prayers were offered at the Chapel on the jetty before the priest went on decorated fishing boats and ventured forth into the Arabian sea as part of their annual tradition.

One killed as truck rams into electricity pole and roadside shops at Pernem

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PERNEM: An occupant of a truck from Gujarat died after it collided against an electricity pole and three roadside shops at Poroscodem, here on early morning Saturday.

The truck driver also suffered injuries and is undergoing treatment at Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC), Bambolim.

The accident occurred near Mauli Temple, Poroscodem, Pernem when Zala Jagdishbhai Dayabhai, 29 from Wankaner Rupavati, Morbi, Gujarat drove a loaded in a rash and negligent manner and collided against an electricity pole installed on the divider and thereafter rammed into three shops and three parked vehicles.

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the GMC. The Pernem police have registered a case against the truck driver under Sections 279, 337 and 304 A of IPC in this connection. Further investigations are on, police said.

TAMING THE TIDES

SAGUN GAWADE



The water resources department and the Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) has installed a sluice gate along the promenade to mitigate flooding in Panaji during the monsoon opposite the ferry wharf

Seven injured in head-on collision at Par-Usgao

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PONDA: Seven persons were injured in a head-on collision between a jeep and a car, at Par-Usgao, on Saturday morning.

The injured included three from the jeep and four from the car. A woman travelling in a jeep was seriously injured while, a man suffered fractures to his legs and were rushed to the hospital for treatment.

The Maharashtra registered car was proceeding from Goa to Belgaum while, the jeep was coming in the opposite direction. Both



the vehicles were badly damaged in the accident

According to the locals, many accidents have been reported on this road since the two-lane road suddenly becomes narrow there.

In another accident reported at Porvorim, a truck

collided against a goods carrier, which veered off the road with the impact and crashed into the entrance of a private hospital. Several parked bikes were crushed by the goods carrier in the process. Luckily no one was injured in the accident.

Build strong MSME in the State: CM

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PANJIM: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant called upon the people to come together to build a strong future for the State in the MSME (Micro Small and Medium Enterprises).

Speaking at the occasion of World MSME Day celebrations at the Mantralaya, Porvorim, Sawant said that these initiatives were steps to take MSME in the State forward and if everyone works together, it would be possible to build a strong future for Goa in MSME. He emphasised the need to create green jobs and support an atmosphere where green initiatives can be adopted in

the MSME sector.

Industries Minister Mauvin Godinho pointed out that the MSME contributes to the State and country's growth and helps generate employment and is a feeder to larger industries.

Director of Directorate of Industries, Trade and Commerce, Egna Cleetus, IAS, gave a presentation on the RAMP scheme highlighting the key aspects of the scheme. The theme for the event was 'Building A Stronger Future Together'.

Earlier, the Chief Minister launched the RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance), a World Bank assisted Central Sector Scheme.

Pilar woman gives birth in ambulance

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PANJIM: A 35-year-old woman delivered a baby in ambulance on Saturday.

In a remarkable display of efficiency and care, Ambulance 108 responded swiftly to an urgent call for a pregnant patient Manju, who was in pre-term labour. Despite the challenges, EMT Ashwini and pilot Omkar Rane successfully delivered the baby in the ambulance while en route to Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC), Panjim from Pilar. The preterm infant, born at 28 weeks, is healthy and active.

"With Dr Alisha's invaluable guidance during the delivery, this incident under-



scores the life-saving impact of Ambulance 108's services and highlights the dedication and professionalism of the emergency medical team. #TheGoaModel," Health Minister Vishwajit Rane posted on his X handle.

Medical Equipment Bank launched in Vasco

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VASCO: A Medical Equipment Bank was opened in Vasco to offer free medical equipment to people in need, on Saturday.

The Ananta Physiotherapy Centre in association with the Bandekar Charity Foundation and Rotary Club of Panaji Riviera, launched the Medical Equipment Bank.

Speaking on the occasion, Vasco MLA Krishna 'Daji' Salkar lauded the initiative, emphasising its potential to benefit the community. He hoped that this initiative that will benefit many people. He said that sometimes people face difficulty while some cannot afford to buy expensive medicines, Therefore this new initiative offers hope allowing people to avail these facilities on loan.

Madhavi Bandekar Shetty highlighted the decade-long journey of Ananta Physiotherapy Centre, which was established on June 30, 2014. She said that Deepak Bandekar gave them the space, to set up the facility since medical treatment was becoming expensive and not affordable for everyone. The centre had handled over 7,000 patients in the last 10 years, she added.

Chandan Bandekar said that institute will continue doing good work for the people through this new initiative. The medical equipment bank.

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SIT FILES CHARGESHEET IN 2022 ASSAGAO LAND GRABBING CASE

More chargesheets are in the pipeline, according to SP (SIT-Land Grabbing) Rahul Gupta, IPS.

Five persons have been named as accused in the chargesheet filed before the Mapusa Court. Two of them i.e. Raju alias Rajkumar Maithi of Miramar and Mohammad Suhail, a native of Davangere, Karnataka and residing at St Inez-Panjim, are alleged masterminds behind several other land grabbing cases.

The SIT has named Damodar Sinai Cacodkar and his wife Gulab, both residing at Ponda, who were allegedly sold the property through the fake sale deed as well as Amrut Govekar from Anjuna, who bought the property from the Caco-dkars as accused in the matter.

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HOW THE FAMILY CAME TO KNOW

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In January 2023, the State government appointed one-man commission headed by Retd Justice of Bombay High Court V K Jadhav to probe land grabbing cases reported in the State. Justice Jadhav submitted his report to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant in November last year.

Last week, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had stated that the government will amend the land related laws in the forthcoming Monsoon Session of Goa Assembly so as to prevent cases of land grabbing, and penalise the land grabbers, as per recommendations of one-person commission.

Sawant had also stated that all unclaimed 'no man land' which were grabbed by the fraudsters forging Portuguese era documents, will be taken over by the government and around 110 land grabbing cases will be heard in a single court.

ANJUNA COPS TREAT HC INSTRUCTIONS ON NOISE POLLUTION LIKE OUTSIDE NOISE

"Enforcement of Noise Pollution Rules is simple matter, as simple as enforcing a speed limit. You do not need fancy monitoring stations or highly specialised equipment. All the police need is a sound level meter. If they find a violation, they can proceed as per the Act and also confiscate equipment," believes Darshan Bhatia who wants to sleep peacefully in the privacy of his home.

According to locals, last Friday night, loud music was played till the early hours at Romeo Lane, Raeeth, Noah, Diaz and House of Chapora in Vagator.

A call was made to 112 by Dr Inacio Fernandes from outside Noah at 11.20 pm. Dr Fernandes, thereafter, received a message that read: "Dear caller, GA07G1628 with number 7030935457 has been assigned to assist you for your call bearing ID 238246. We will reach you shortly."

Having waited till midnight outside the night club and with no sign of any assistance, Dr Fernandes called 112 again and he was advised to contact Anjuna Police Station on 0832223233.

The policeman attending the phone from Anjuna Police Station, initially seemed unaware of the location assigned to the beat cop and after an interaction with his colleagues stated: "He has gone to Chapora and will reach your place later."

Dr Fernandes waited outside Noah till 3 am and with the police not appearing returned home to receive a message at 8.02 am which read: "Dear caller, your request to 112 238250 is closed. Hope your issue is resolved."

"I called 112 asking them why I got the message when the issue wasn't resolved. They said, they got feedback from Anjuna Police Station that the issue is resolved," said a disgruntled Dr Fernandes.

"The police in Goa appear to be the only force in the country that has neither respect for the Supreme Court or High Court," concluded Dr Fernandes who finds it easier to get sleep in Mumbai than in Anjuna.

The Goa Bench of the High Court at Goa had, in a judgment delivered on December 15, 2021, in PIL WP No 7 of 2021, issued directions- to the Chief Secretary, the Collector, the Deputy Collector & SDM North, SP North, PI Anjuna Police- "for taking steps to regulate, curb and control

noise pollution."

"I have personally experienced the complete apathy of the Anjuna Police last December when I had to go personally at 3 am. The only inference a logical person can make is that there is severe corruption at several levels and specifically within the Anjuna Police Station in particular," alleges Bhatia.

"It is not just the police, but the GCZMA that has a hand in allowing clubs like Romeo Lane singled out for demolition to operate and play loud music at night," alleges Sagar Sirsaikar, one of the several petitioners in cases against establishments contributing to noise pollution and the lack of state response thereof.

CONG DOES NOT WANT DISCUSSION ON NEET IN PARLIAMENT: PRADHAN

Meanwhile, the CBI conducted searches at seven locations in Gujarat on Saturday in connection with the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG exam and arrested a journalist in Jharkhand, officials said.

According to them, Jamaluddin Ansari, a journalist with a Hindi newspaper, was arrested on Friday for allegedly trying to help the principal and vice principal of a Hazaribagh school, both of whom are accused in the paper leak case.

Oasis School's principal Ehsanul Haque and vice principal Intiaz Alam have already been arrested by the federal probe agency in connection with the medical entrance exam paper leak case.

The CBI on Saturday searched the premises of suspects in Anand, Kheda, Ahmedabad and Godhra districts of Gujarat. The probe agency is investigating a larger conspiracy spread across Gujarat, Rajasthan, Bihar, Delhi and Jharkhand.