

shorttakes

CURCHOREM YOUTH ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY RAPING SCHOOL GIRL

MARGAO: A minor girl, studying in Class X, has allegedly been raped by a youth from Curchorem. The Sanguem Police Station has registered the offence under Sections 363 and 376(3) of the IPC, Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and Section 8(ii) of the Goa Children's Act, 2003. According to the police, the complaint was filed on July 29 by the minor girl (name withheld) at the Sanguem Police Station. The complaint was recorded by the LPSI of Quepem Police Station in the presence of an NGO representative from the One Stop Centre, Margao. The complaint alleges that in June 2024, the accused, Mayur, currently residing at Pontemol, Curchorem, kidnapped the victim and had sexual intercourse with her on multiple occasions, resulting in the victim becoming pregnant. The police stated that during the investigation, the accused was arrested and remanded to four days in police custody. Further investigation is being conducted by PI Pravin Gawas of Sanguem Police Station. Both the victim and the alleged accused have been sent to the Goa Medical College (GMC), Bambolim, for medical examination.

THIEVES BREAK INTO PARKED CAR, DECAMP WITH AUDIO EQUIPMENT WORTH RS 1.8 LAKH

MARGAO: In a brazen theft in the heart of Margao town, unidentified individuals tampered with the window glass of a car, opened its door, and stole electronics worth Rs 1,80,000 from an open area. The stolen items include two speakers, a sound mixer, two metallic speaker stands, one metallic laptop stand, two cordless microphones, two stereo cordless microphones, and a bag containing wires and other accessories. Margao police have registered an offence under section 303 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita – 2023 based on the complaint lodged by Bhiku Naik, a 40-year-old businessman residing in Margao. According to the police, the theft occurred between 11 pm on July 14 and 10 pm on July 22, near Kanekar Radio House, behind Clube Harmonia in Margao. Investigations are ongoing to identify and apprehend the culprits.

COLVA COPS ARREST TWO FOR MURDER ATTEMPT NEAR BENAULIM'S DANDO GROUND

MARGAO: The Colva police have arrested two individuals in connection with a case of attempted murder. The accused are identified as Tyson alias Naser Bin Ahmed Masood, 22, a resident of Benaulim and native of Hyderabad, and Shankar Shillikythar Gangappa, 20, a resident of Colva, but originally from Belgavi, Karnataka. LPSI Varshada Naik Dessai of the Colva Police Station registered the offence under sections 109, 351 (3), 352 read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against them. The accused were produced before the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) in Margao, and an eight-day remand was granted. According to the complaint filed by Maichall Siddi, 36, the accused, Tyson alias Naser Masood, along with eight others, reportedly abused the complainant and Sayed Ali with filthy language and threatened them with dire consequences. The police report states that Tyson instigated the other accused to assault the complainant and Sayed Ali. Following this instigation, the accused allegedly assaulted Sayed Ali with a wooden danda, rod, and knife, targeting his head and other body parts. Tyson allegedly kicked Sayed Ali, attempting to kill him. The Colva police registered the offence and arrested the two accused late last night after interrogation. Police are likely to recover the weapons used in the assault. More arrests are anticipated as the investigation progresses. The case is being investigated by LPSI Varshada Naik Dessai under the supervision of Cuncolim PI Diogo Gracias, who is holding charge of Colva Police Station.

MARGAO POLICE HOST AWARENESS EVENT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

MARGAO: The observance of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was marked by a series of awareness activities in Margao to promote the fight against human trafficking. The event was held at the police conference hall, where a diverse group of participants, including hotel owners, students, advocates, NGOs, and self-help groups, gathered to engage in discussions and learn about combating human trafficking. Superintendent of Police (SP) South Goa Sunita Sawant and Margao Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Santosh Dessai presided over the event. They addressed the participants, emphasising the importance of collective efforts and awareness in tackling the issue of human trafficking. In a parallel effort, the Konkani Railway Police Margao, in collaboration with Good Shepherd Convent, Velim, organised an awareness program at the Margao Railway Station. The programme, led by police inspector Sunil Gudlar, included a signature campaign where passengers at the station actively participated, adding their support to the cause.

Victory for Murdi and Usgao villagers as govt scraps controversial barrage project

Last year, 11 villagers had filed a petition with the National Green Tribunal against the Goa government, challenging the need for the Rs 100 crore dam project in an already flood-prone area, and at the expense of their livelihoods, fishing, agriculture and local biodiversity

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PONDA: Residents of Murdi-Khandepar and Sonarbaag-Usgao are celebrating after receiving news that the government has decided to abandon the barrage project proposed at Murdi. The decision came as a result of recent submissions made by the government advocate, which were reportedly communicated to the locals, although an official copy of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) order is yet to be received.

The proposed Rs 100 crore project, which included a 30 MLD barrage and pumping station at Mur-

di-Sonarbaag, was initially met with strong opposition from the locals and the Khandepar and Usgao panchayats. The residents were concerned that the project, which also included a 12 MLD water treatment plant at Savoivrem for Priol Constituency, would exacerbate flooding in an area already prone to seasonal inundation.

On October 27, 2023, eleven locals, including five from Murdi and six from Usgao, filed a petition with the NGT against the Goa Government, the Water Resources Department (WRD), the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA), and the Tribal



Local panch Abhishek Gaude and other locals who had opposed the barrage proposal express relief

Welfare Department. The petitioners argued that the proposed barrage would obstruct the natural flow of the river during floods, leading to increased flooding in the region, which had previously experienced severe flooding in 1982 and 2021. The locals contended that

despite the government's claims of addressing water needs for Priol Constituency, there was already a 15 MLD water supply in place and only a shortfall of 1 MLD. They questioned the necessity of an additional 12 MLD treatment plant at the expense of their livelihoods,

which would be affected by the project's impacts on fishing, agriculture, and local biodiversity.

The project faced significant resistance, including public protests and the imposition of Section 144 during an August 17, 2023, demonstration. Residents also highlighted concerns about CRZ violations and the lack of proper environmental and social impact studies.

Panchayat member Abhijeet Gaude expressed relief and gratitude, stating that the news of the project's abandonment was a major victory for the locals. He, along with other supporters, thanked social activist

Abhijeet Prabudesai and others who advocated for their cause.

Abhijeet Prabhudesai confirmed that following the WRD's response in the NGT court, which indicated that the project had been abandoned and that directions were issued to stop work, the court observed that the case was nearing resolution. Prabhudesai emphasised that the challenge addressed several issues, including the clearance provided by GCZMA, the impact on flood-prone areas, and the lack of comprehensive impact studies on human populations, the environment, and biodiversity.

AUGUST DOLDRUMS



The trawlers are ready to begin with the new fishing season. However, bad weather and the unavailability of crew has dampened the spirit of the trawler owners

Two more arrested in Colva extortion case

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MARGAO: Colva police late Monday night arrested Vikas Prakash Rai, 26, and Shivam Ram Prakash Singh, 22, both from Uttar Pradesh, in connection with an extortion case.

Earlier, Colva police had arrested two women, Madhuri Kumari, 23, of Uttar Pradesh and Renu Devi, 29, of Bihar, in connection with the same case. They were remanded to three days in police custody.

The Colva Police Station has registered the offence under section 308(2) read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), a resident of near Marina Suites, Benaulim, Salcete, Goa, originally from Karnataka.

The complainant, Sufyan Byadgi, 19, alleged that on July 28, at around 11.30 pm, in the staff room on the second floor of Marina Suites, Betalbatim, the accused persons — Kumari, Devi, and a taxi driver — contacted offering escort services.

In 6 months, South Goa police collect Rs 4.4 lakh in fines for public smoking, spitting

Despite booking cases and challaning offenders, police report rise in tobacco use-related violations

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MARGAO: Despite strict enforcement of laws prohibiting smoking and spitting in public places, incidents of these activities continue to rise. Both government and private-owned commercial buildings across South Goa are marred with paan and gutka stains in the stairwells, bathrooms and even in the elevators.

Salcete, in particular, has witnessed a significant number of cases booked over the past two years, and the crack-down on violators has intensified recently. Superintendent of Police for South Goa, Sunita Sawant, reported that from January 1 to July 21 this year, police stations in the district booked

SMOKING AND SPITTING

2024 (Jan 1 - July 21)

Total cases registered: 4,402

Total fines collected: Rs 4,40,200

Cases registered in previous years (Jan to December)

2023 – 6002

2022 – 6625

4,402 cases and collected Rs 4,40,200 in fines. The Margao Town Police Station, which serves the highest population, recorded 358 cases, followed by Maina-Curtorim Police Station with 273 cases. Other notable figures include Colva Police Station with 313 cases, Cuncolim with 291, Fatorda with 171, Quepem with 81, Curchorem with 106, Sanguem with 206, Canacona with 500, Vasco Police Station with 223, Verna with 14, Mormugao with 13, Vasco Railway Station with 457,

Dabolim with 147, and Ponda with the highest number at 730. Mardol and Collem Police Stations recorded 118 and 339 cases, respectively. Efforts to curb these violations are ongoing, said police sources.

Most violations occurred at hospital buildings, health institutions, amusement centres, restaurants, hotel lounges, public offices, bus stands, ferry boats, and beaches. In 2022, South Goa police stations recorded a total of 6,625 cases of smoking violations by December 10.

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PANJIM: The employees of the Department of Rural Development Agency (DRDA) both in service and retired have appealed to the State government to pay 34 months pending arrears of the Central Seventh Pay Commission.

They said that the government implemented the Seventh Pay for them from November 1, 2018 and not from January 1, 2016. As many as 60 employees especially 21 who retired prior to November 1, 2018 were deprived of the benefits of the Pay Commission and there was also no pensionary benefits to the staff who retired from the department.

According to them, the government had earlier

DRDA wants govt to release 34 months arrears of 7th Pay

agreed to give them the arrears and the total liability was also worked out to over Rs 1.48 crore. The DRDA was entirely different from other autonomous bodies, which were revenue generation whereas DRDA was scheme implementing agency functioning entirely on the grants received from the Central and the State government grants on the basis of 60:40 ratio.

They stated that the Chief Minister had also assured one of the employees retired prior to November 1, 2018 to look into the matter. The government had recently agreed to implement the Seventh Pay Commission to the Kadamba Transport Corporation (KTC) employees, they further pointed out.

APPOINTMENTS

WANTED

1) TRAINED UNDERGRADUATE TEACHER IN MATHS & SCIENCE – (1 no.)
2) MULTITASKING STAFF – (1 no.)
(on Contract Basis till 30.04.2025)

Candidates having required qualifications as per Government Recruitment Rules, below 45 years of age, having valid Employment Exchange Registration, Residence certificate and required testimonials, may appear for a Walk-in interview on 5th Aug 2024 at 9:00 am at St. Andrew's Institute, Vasco. Manager, St. Andrew's Institute, Vasco.

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Advt. No. 2024-25/02 Date: 31/07/2024
Eligible candidates are invited to attend the Walk in Interview on the date & Time mentioned against the following post of ASSISTANT PROFESSORS and College Counselor for the academic year 2024 – 2025 only.

S. N.	Subject	Nature of post, Vacancy Code Number & No. of Posts	
		Contract Basis	Lecture Basis
1.	Botany	CR04- 01 (UR) (Hill end of first Semester 2024-25) 12/08/2024 at 10.00 a.m.	----
2.	Geography	CR05- 01 (ST) 12/08/2024 at 11.30 a.m.	----
3.	History	----	LB17 - 01 (Hill 01/10/2024) 12/08/2024 at 2.30 p.m.
4.	Philosophy	CR06- 01 (UR) (Hill 15/02/2025) 13/08/2024 at 10.00 a.m.	LB18 - 01 13/08/2024 at 10.00 a.m.
5.	College Counselor	CC04 - 01 13/08/2024 at 11.30 a.m.	----

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Mandatory Requirement

a. Minimum of 15 years of Residence in Goa

b. Knowledge of Konkani, additionally, Knowledge of Marathi shall be desirable

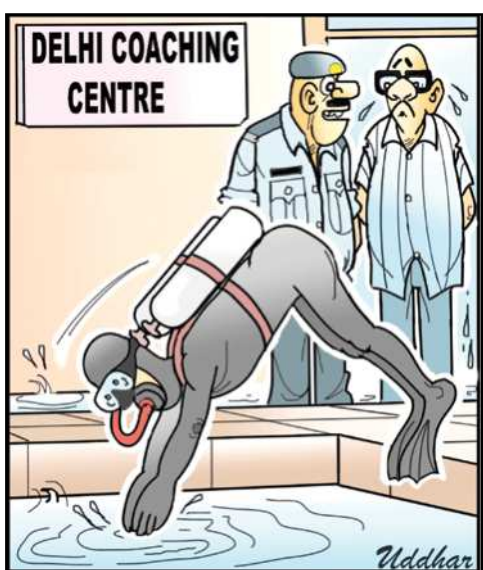
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For above posts, if suitable reserved category candidates from the state of Goa are not available, candidates from open category will be considered for appointment for academic year 2024-2025 only. Applicants should submit the application along with the certified photo-copies of Marks Statement, Residence Certificate and Caste Certificate, Experience Certificate, by post to the Principal, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Autonomous, Gogol, P.O. Fatorda, Margao Goa. 403 602 and bring Original Certificates, at the time of interview.

Date: 31/07/2024

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That's a UPSC aspirant diving into classroom

STREET VOICES

WHERE GOANS ARE HEARD

“I used to travel by Kadamba bus long back, once during the morning and once in the evening. At that time everything was good about the Kadamba Corporation. The bus used to pick up the passengers from Panjim on time. Now although the buses have become more modernised, they do not come on time. I feel that all the buses should be on time
Govind Chodankar, commuter

WHAT ARE THE ISSUES BUS COMMUTERS FACE ON THE PANJIM-MARGAO ROUTE?

There are a number of people travelling daily from Panjim to Margao and vice versa. The Kadamba shuttle service is considered the best option on this route. On Monday, commuters to Margao were stranded for one hour due to lack of shuttle buses at the KTC bus stand in Panjim. O Herald asked passengers about the issues the bus commuters travelling between Panjim and Margao face.

“I travel by Kadamba only when I have to go to Bambolim. The Kadamba bus service has been good, there are no issues. The drivers are also good, they drive carefully. They also provide the tickets as mandated. The roads should be good, to have a good travel experience
Gokuldas Naik, commuter

“I travel by the Kadamba bus daily. The service is good the drivers are polite and the ticket booking process is also hassle-free
Rajendra Mishra, commuter

“Goa's Kadamba transport service is good overall. The process of ticket booking is also good. The ride is smooth and pleasant. We reach faster and on time
Shantanu Sharma, commuter