

shorttakes

BUNU TANDEL



Two elderly siblings Santan and Averesta Pinto from Monte Villa, Sangolda had a narrow escape after a huge tree collapsed on their old house, on Monday

POLICE FIND DECOMPOSED BODY OF M'RASTRA NATIVE AT VARCA

MARGAO: The Colva police have registered a case of unnatural death after discovering the decomposed body of a man named Rohit Roy in his rented room at Reprawaddo, Varca. The case was registered under Section 194 of the BNSS.

The police were alerted by an unknown caller who reported that a man was unconscious in his room at Reprawaddo. Upon reaching the location, the police conducted an inquiry with the owner of the room, who revealed that the tenant, Rohit, had not been seen since August 8, and a foul smell was emanating from his room.

When the police forced open the door, they discovered that Rohit, originally from Chandrapur, Maharashtra, had committed suicide by hanging. The body was found in a highly decomposed state, indicating that the death had occurred several days earlier.

The police conducted the inquest panchanama on the spot. The body has been preserved at the South Goa District Hospital in Margao for medico-legal formalities.

TWO-WHEELER RALLY ORGANISED AT RAIA I-DAY CELEBRATIONS

MARGAO: The BJP Curtorim Mandal organized a two-wheeler rally on Sunday, which began at the Manora-Raia ground, as part of the Independence Day celebrations, symbolising patriotic spirit and community engagement. Participants showcased their enthusiasm and support for the nation during the event.

The rally was flagged off by Maina-Curtorim PI Arun Dessai.

Dr Pranav Bhagwat, Curtorim BJP leader Anthony Barbosa, Mandal President Nilkanth Ekawade, Yuva Morcha President Harsh Phadte, and Mahila Morcha President Babita Borkar and other community members, joined the bike rally to display their patriotic spirit.

The rally started from Manora ground and proceeded via Raia Church, Santemol, Maina, before concluding at Curtorim.

MARGAO MASJID MEMBERS COMPLAIN OVER 'ILLEGAL' PANEL TAKEOVER

MARGAO: Aggrieved members of the Jama Masjid in Margao have criticised the authorities for failing to address their complaints over alleged illegal takeover of the Jama Masjid Committee and have vowed to start a signature campaign, which they would submit to the government as well as the MLAs of Margao, Fatorda and Navelim.

Addressing media persons on Saturday evening, these members, who are citizens of Margao, pointed out that a new committee had been formed, allegedly without holding the mandatory elections and also by keeping the majority of the Masjid society members in the dark.

They questioned the role of the present committee chairperson, and that of new entrants who they allege have come in to create mischief.

They added that they had lived in harmony and the earlier committees had worked for the welfare of the community at large, while the present committee, which has been there for one year, is working for their own interests.

'Illegal road being constructed on hill, likely to affect spring at Calangute'

Say hillside is home to a variety of flora and fauna; destruction of this habitat will lead to loss of bio-diversity and disrupt ecological balance

Team Herald

CALANGUTE: Even as talathis have been directed to keep a watch on illegal hill cutting and constructions along the slopes in the State, a road being constructed along the hill slope in Calangute has been a cause of concern.

ROAD TO DESTRUCTION

The Calangute Constituency Forum (CCF) has in a complaint to the Chief Secretary and other authorities on Friday stated that an illegal road being constructed on the hillside at Gauravaddo (E) by large-

scale hill-cutting is likely to adversely affect the famed natural spring known as Motan which is in close proximity of the area.

"This construction of a road on the hillside through property bearing survey no 87, 96, 92, 88, 90, 89, 46, 41 and 42 of village Calangute, which involves significant hill cutting is not only illegal but also highly detrimental to the pristine environment of our community. The construction of the road was stopped by the Collector North vide stop work order on February 21, 2021," the complaint stated. The road is being constructed despite the stay order.

"The removal of vegetation and soil from the hill-

side will increase the risk of soil erosion and landslides. Allowing such a destructive road will certainly pollute the natural spring water resource Motan spring which is in a close proximity of the said area.

"The hill cutting and subsequent environmental degradation will have severe and irreversible impacts. The road construction project appears to be driven solely by the interests of builders looking to raise a concrete jungle, disregarding the well-being of our village environment.

"The hillside is home to a variety of flora and fauna, some of which are unique to this area. The destruction of this habitat will lead to loss

of bio-diversity and disrupt the ecological balance.

The CCF alleged that no permissions/NOC from the Town and Country planning (TCP) Department under 17A has been obtained as required as the land is sloppy in nature. Besides there is no permission/NOC from forest department as the property is notified as private forest.

"In light of these concerns, we urge you to immediately halt the construction activities," the CCF stated in the complaint which has been sent to the chief secretary, chief town planner, PWD chief engineer, collector (North), director of panchayats, and other authorities.

Vasco Damodar Saptah to be accorded State Festival status

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VASCO: The famous Damodar Saptah festival, Vasco likely to be accorded State festival status by next year even as religious aspect of Damodar Bhajani Saptah concluded with Samapti rituals.

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, who visited the Damodar temple on the occasion of the 125th year of Damodar Bhajani Saptah festival on Sunday, said that Damodar Saptah festival was likely to get State festival status by next year.

Mormugao MLA Sankalp Amonkar and Vasco MLA Krishna 'Daji' Salkar had demanded that Damodar Saptah be accorded the status of the State festival, Sawant said requesting them to follow up with the Directorate of Arts and Culture to give

the festival the status of State festival by the next year, so that the annual Saptah event can be celebrated in a better way and on a grand scale attracting people from across the State to participate.

After offering prayers and seeking the blessings of Lord Damodar, Sawant distributed bio-degradable bags to the vendors and flagged off 'Har Ghar Tiranga'.

Meanwhile, the religious rituals of the akhand Damodar Bhajani Saptah concluded with the conducting of 'Samapti' rituals and immersion of the Shreefal (coconut) anointed last year in the Arabian sea at Kharewado, on Sunday.

The devotees later returned thereby marking the conclusion of the 24-hour akhand Damodar Bhajani Saptah.

Goa Muslim Forum flays recent attacks on Bangladeshi Hindus

Call for peace; deplore senseless acts of violence

Team Herald

MARGAO: Goa Muslim Forum (GMF) strongly condemns the recent attacks on Bangladeshi Hindus amid ongoing political disruption in Bangladesh.

Shaikh Iftikar, President of the Goa Muslim Forum stated that these attacks, allegedly sparked by political disruptions, are a clear violation of human rights and religious freedom.

"We stand in solidarity with our Hindu brothers and sisters in Bangladesh and deplore such senseless acts of violence," said Iftikar and added that no political agenda can justify the targeting of inno-

cent civilians, especially when they belong to a minority community. No community should have to live in fear due to their religious beliefs or political differences."

He said that they believe in the values of peace, harmony, and coexistence.

"Let us work together to promote mutual respect and understanding among all communities," he stated.

The Goa Muslim Forum urges the Bangladeshi authorities to take immediate action to protect the Hindu minority and bring the perpetrators to justice. And also appealed to the international com-

munity to condemn such acts of intolerance and support the rights of all citizens to practice their faith without fear.

The GMF President reiterated the importance of unity and peaceful coexistence, urging all communities to reject violence and work together towards harmony and mutual respect.

"In these challenging times, it is crucial for us to uphold the values of tolerance, compassion, and understanding. We must come together as one global community to condemn and combat all forms of hatred and violence," he stated.

SPREADING PATRIOTISM

SAGUN GAWADE



In view of the upcoming Independence Day, the Goa Police personnel pose with national flag along with tourists at Miramar beach, on Monday

140 cops imparted training to probe financial frauds

Team Herald

PANJIM: In its continuation of training programme to combat cyber crime, 140 police personnel from Goa police were imparted training with regards to National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP) portal, investigation of financial frauds and offences committed using social media on Saturday.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Goa Police said the training session was conducted by Rishi Mehta from 14 C and Police Sub Inspector (PSI) Sarvesh Sawant from Cyber Police Station, Ribandar.

"Continuous skill upgradation is key to combat cyber crimes! Today, Police Station staff trained regarding 'NCRP portal, Investigation of Financial Frauds and Social Media Offences' by Sh Rishi Mehta from 14C & PSI Sarvesh Sawant from Cyber PS. Total 140 personnel benefitted," the Goa Police said.

24 arrested for illegal gambling at Calangute; cash and gambling articles seized

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PANJIM: The Crime Branch of Goa Police have arrested 24 persons for allegedly being involved in illegal gambling at Calangute and also seized from them cash and gambling items worth Rs 5.4 lakh, which included Rs three lakh. According to police, the arrests were made after the accused were caught red-handed during a raid conducted near the Calangute market on Sunday, August 11, 2024.

The accused who hailed from Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra were later released on bail. However, incidentally, one of the accused was injured after he tried to flee from the scene by jumping down from the building which was raided. He has been hospitalised.

The raid was conducted by a team led by PI Kishor Ramanan who is investigating the case under the overall Supervision of SP Crime Rahul Gupta, IPS.

Margao Cong panel to celebrate Independence Day in a unique way

Team Herald

MARGAO: The Indian National Congress Margao Block announced on Monday that it would celebrate the 78th Independence Day in a unique way.

Addressing a press conference alongside Adv Snehal Onskar, Anel Alvares, Lincoln Gomes, Camilo Camara, Anwar Naroo, Lalan Parsekar, Robert Vaz, Clifford Dias, Sujata Parsekar, Khurram Kazi, and others, Savio Coutinho announced the creation of a "WALL OF FREEDOM." This initiative invites the general public to share their thoughts on freedom by expressing their views in one sentence. The topic for this exercise will be "What Freedom of India Means to me."

"Blocks will be marked on a flex wall, where citizens can write their views on India's Freedom. They can opt to write

in any of the 4 languages ie. Konkani, Hindi, Marathi or English", Margao Congress leader Coutinho informed.

Attractive prizes shall be given to the best views expressed on the "Wall of Freedom". To promote the reading habits, special prizes in the form of Life Time Membership of the South District Library shall also be presented to the winners, he informed further.

APPOINTMENTS

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Min 3 Yrs of Exp. in Projects
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PNG Jewellers celebrates 20 years of its 'Maha Mangalsutra Mahotsav'

Unveils 2,000 new mangalsutra designs in traditional, modern, light weight, heritage, polki, diamond and gokak categories

Team Herald

PANJIM: Maharashtra's renowned legacy jewellery brand, PNG Jewellers, has announced the 20th year of its prestigious Mangalsutra Mahotsav. To mark this momentous occasion, PNG Jewellers has unveiled 2,000 new Mangalsutra designs in seven distinct categories Traditional, Modern, Light Weight, Heritage, Polki, Diamond and Gokak.

According to a press release, the much-anticipated annual event showcases a wide range of Mangalsutra designs that blend tradition, heritage, elegance and modernity. It offers an unparalleled selection of designs for every taste and style across all PNG Jewellers' stores in Maharashtra and Goa.

The Mangalsutra Mahotsav has been a cornerstone of their annual customer outreach for the past two decades. The event celebrates mangalsutra,



a symbol of marital bliss and commitment, by offering an extensive collection that honours both tradition and contemporary fashion. Maha Mangalsutra Mahotsav provides customers

with an unparalleled variety of designs, thereby enhancing their shopping experience and celebrating the significant milestone of 20 years of the Mahotsav.

The event, which will

continue till September 1, provides an exclusive opportunity for jewellery enthusiasts across Maharashtra and Goa to explore and own these exceptional pieces. PNG Jewellers is offering up to 40% off on making charges for gold mangalsutras and flat 50% off on making charges for diamond mangalsutras.

"We are incredibly proud to celebrate the 20th year of the Mangalsutra Mahotsav. This year's MahaMangalsutraMahotsav showcases our commitment to innovation and tradition. With 2,000 new designs across seven different categories, we are offering our customers an unmatched selection of mangalsutras designs that cater to every taste and preference of Indian women. We are hoping to cater to a huge number of customers who wait through the year for the MangalsutraMahotsav," said Dr Saurabh Gadgil, Chairman and Managing Director at PNG Jewellers.

Abandoned building in dilapidated condition demolished at St Inez

Authorities seek stability reports of other such buildings; dilapidated structures to be demolished after getting order from District Collector

Team Herald

PANJIM: The unoccupied building which had partially collapsed was completely demolished on Sunday by the authorities and the decision to do so was taken as a safety measure.

The demolition had started on Saturday night and was completed by Sunday evening. This the second building which has been demolished within a week. Last week, a house on MG Road was demolished because it caved in due to heavy rains.

Fear had gripped the locals after part of the dilapidated building collapsed on Saturday evening. Local residents said that two months back they had informed Corporation of the City of Panjim (CCP) and Taleigao Panchayat about the about 40-year-old building.

A local resident said, "Recently Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said the assembly that he will order for demolition of old buildings. But what about these type of buildings which are more dangerous? These type of buildings are coming up because government is giving opportunity to builders. Before constructing the building, soil testing should have been done. We had given a complaint to the CCP. District Collector should have taken note of it," he said.



He said there are other buildings also which need to be demolished.

Taleigao MLA Jennifer Monserrate said, "There are two houses next to the building. We will make sure that everything is done properly. The building belonged to some private person and we had sent him notices stating the the building is unsafe. May be there would not have been follow up but from the CCP side I am sure a letter would have been sent to the owner."

After the incident took place, the site was also visited by Corporation of the City of Panjim (CCP) Mayor Rohit Monserrate and North Goa District Collector Sneha Gitte, IAS.

Rohit Monserrate said that stability report of other buildings will sought and if required they too will be demolished after getting order from District Collector.