

We need instructions from the SP on how much time you are going to take to close down parties that are playing beyond time and above the decibel levels. SP to be held responsible if complaints of noise pollution are not attended to - Justice M S Karnik

TELL US BY THURSDAY, BY WHEN NOISE MONITORING SYSTEMS WILL BE IN PLACE: HC directs Goa Pollution Control Board

High Court will brook no excuses from the GSPCB or the Goa Police in setting up systems and treating complaints of noise pollution; this will be court-monitored and is the victory of the suffering people of coastal North Goa

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PORVORIM: In a clear unequivocal stand, the Division Bench of the High Court of Bombay at Goa, comprising Justices M S Karnik and Valmiki Menezes, stated that till the establishments that play outdoor music do not install live noise monitoring systems they should not be allowed to play.

The Bench also asked the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) to inform the Court by Thursday, August 22, of the time frame it would take to install a noise monitoring system in all the units playing outdoor music.

"What is the time-frame to install the system?" Justice Menezes asked the GSPCB advocate, to which the latter asked for two weeks. "The case has been going on for a while. Please make it possible to provide the details by Thursday," ordered Justice Menezes.

THE COURT TELLS THE GOA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD: NO MORE EXCUSES. INSTALL NOISE MONITORING SYSTEMS

GSPCB advocate in Court: "Each unit will approximately cost around rupees four lakh and we are waiting to know the reaction of the owners as some units are small and may not be able to afford."

Justice Karnik's reply: "They make so much noise, disturb everyone's sleep and if they cannot afford to buy equipment, they should shut shop."

"No permission should be given to any establishment that has not put up the live noise monitoring system. They either have the system or need to be shut down. There should be no exception," interjected Amicus Curiae Advocate Nigel da Costa Frias.

"The problem of noise pollution has been going on for too long," said Justice Menezes. "This is going on for two months when by now, we should have had a solution." These words resonated with the

ISSUED CORRIGENDUM TO 32 UNITS, GSPCB INFORMS HC

PANJIM: The Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) on Monday informed the High Court of Bombay at Goa that it had issued corrigendum to 32 restaurants/pubs/clubs, asking them to install noise monitoring stations. The noise monitoring stations will be connected to the offices of GSPCB, police stations and SDM's office, for real-time monitoring of noise levels.

victims of noise pollution, especially in the Anjuna and Vagator belt, who felt the Court heard their loud

COURT TELLS POLICE: YOU HAVE TO SHOW THAT YOU MEAN BUSINESS AND WE ARE NOT GETTING THAT FEELING

Justice Karnik: "If there is a complaint, the equipment has to be seized within half-an-hour. How much time will a police officer take to reach the scene?"

State Advocate: "He should be there within twenty minutes."

Justice Karnik: "You have to show that you mean business and we are not getting that feeling."

"All along we knew and trusted only the High Court and today we are being proved right. It is a pity that the judges have to do what the government could easily have done

- Desmond D'Souza, one of the key petitioners

contempt petition filed by the original petitioner in the sound pollution case, for non-compliance with High Court directions to various authorities to curb and control sound pollution.

The GSPCB advocate presented a list of 381 establishments in the Village Panchayat of Anjuna that have been issued valid consent to operate under Water Act and Air Activity Act by GSPCB as on August 13, 2024.

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Senior doctors march to Kolkata Police HQ after notice over social media posts

Medics threaten to intensify stir if attempts were made to stifle the 'demands seeking justice'



Doctors tie 'rakhis' to a symbolic statue of the R G Kar Medical College and Hospital incident victim during a protest, in Kolkata, on Monday. (Related reports on Pg 10 >>)

PTI, KOLKATA: Senior doctors Kunal Sarkar and Subarna Goswami appeared before the police on Monday afternoon in connection with posts they shared on social media over the alleged rape and murder of a doctor at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital.

Sarkar and Goswami reached the Kolkata Police headquarters at Lal Bazar leading a march of doctors.

The procession that began at the Medical College, Calcutta, was stopped by the police near Phears Lane-BB Ganguly Street Crossing, and the two doctors were escorted to the police headquarters by

senior officers. They were asked by the police to appear before it for the posts they shared on social media.

"We want justice for that young doctor, and we have not committed any crime," Sarkar said.

Manas Guinta, a protesting doctor, said that medics would intensify the stir, if attempts were made to stifle the 'demands seeking justice'.

Sarkar and Goswami were accused by the police of spreading misinformation and disclosing the identity of the post-graduate trainee doctor who was allegedly raped and killed while on duty at the hospital.

Fishermen oppose submission allowing trawlers to use 150 KVA gensets

Team Herald

PANJIM: The traditional fishermen on Monday opposed the submission made by the Directorate of Fisheries before the High Court of Bombay at Goa that trawlers be allowed to have 150 KVA capacity generators fearing that it will encourage destructive fishing methods, such as LED lights, bull trawling, and contribute to the depletion of marine resources.

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The Court was hearing a writ petition filed by Joaquim Reginaldo Mendes and 10 others opposing the use of LED lights for fishing.

FESTIVE FINERY



Children from the Koli fishing community during 'Narali Poornima' festival celebrations, in Mumbai, on Monday

Verlem students trek up the hill for connectivity; pregnant women stay at relatives' place

Students plead with the govt to install a mobile tower in the village; calling 108 (ambulance service) is next to impossible from the village

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SANGUEM: Verlem villagers, especially college and high school students, face difficulties due to the lack of a reliable mobile network, as they are compelled to trek 2-3 kilometres to a nearby hill to get internet connectivity, even at night, to complete their assignments and studies, despite the risk of animal attacks.

Swapnesh, a college student, seen with school children on the hill, said, "We have to come here because we do not get network in the village. We have to come up two to three kilometres. The area is not safe, since it is forested. Even during Covid pandemic, students used to come here and study. We had even built a shelter here to sit and do our work. During the rains we take



Verlem students face difficulties without a reliable mobile network

IN SEARCH OF CONNECTIVITY

Students trek 2-3 km to a nearby hill for internet connectivity, even at night, despite the risk of animal attacks

Pregnant women, often leave the village to stay with

relatives in areas with better connectivity to ensure timely access to healthcare

Despite promises, no public representative has addressed the issue of installing a mobile tower

shelter under umbrellas." Twelve-year-old student Deepthi Devidas Gaonkar said, "If we are given an assignment, we have to

come here to get network connectivity. If someone is not well in the village, we have to come here to make a phone call. We feel frus-

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-Swapnesh, college student

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-Deepthi Devidas Gaonkar, 12-year-old student

trated. If there is an urgent assignment, we have to come here even at night, with someone."

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RETURNED TO THE LORD



JOAO CLARO FERNANDES (JOHN CLARO)

COLLEAMODDI, QUEPEM-GOA

Born: 05/12/1930

Died: 18/08/2024

Beloved husband of
PIEADAE AFONSO

Most affectionate father/father-in-law
GODFREY/LEKA, GODWIN, GOLDA/NEWTON.

Grandfather of
VENESSA JANE.

Brother/brother-in-law
Dr. Agostinho/Maria, Inacinha, Pedro Piedade/Philomena.

Funeral Cortage will leave his residence on Wednesday 21st August 2024 (Tomorrow) at 3.30 p.m to Holy Cross Church, Quepem for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.