

Labourer from Cutbona jetty, with dengue symptoms, dies

Dengue outbreak suspected with one suspected death and seven confirmed cases; Balli PHC has sought help from Margao to tackle rise in cases

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MARGAO: Surjit Rohidas, a labourer hailing from Odisha, died due to suspected dengue at Cutbona jetty, in Salcete taluka. Rohidas had displayed dengue-like symptoms prior to his death. The Cuncolim police on Monday registered a case of unnatural death, pending further investigation.

Goa's largest fishing hub, the Cutbona jetty in Salcete, is once again grappling with a dengue outbreak, raising concerns among local residents. The situation has escalated with one suspected death and seven confirmed cases, primarily affecting migrant workers employed as crew members on mechanised fishing vessels.

Earlier on Monday, the Health Department officials confirmed that there were a total of seven dengue cases among the fishing crew members. Six cases were initially detected last week, with an additional case identified on Monday.

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A health worker sprays insecticide inside a tyre heap to prevent breeding of mosquitoes

11 DENGUE PATIENTS FOUND IN CUTBONA JETTY

CUNCOLIM: On Sunday 11 dengue patients were found in Cutbona and four dengue suspected patients were identified at Cuncoim Industrial Estate. Some of the dengue positive patients were admitted to South Goa District Hospital, Margao, and some to a private hospital. The Balli Primary Health Centre (PHC) has started the inspection at Cutbona jetty. At the same time, the doctors of the health centre said that precautionary measures have been planned to prevent the spread of dengue. The possibility of finding more dengue patients cannot be ruled out. The officials clarified that every worker working in every ward and especially on the fishing vessels will be checked. About 4,000 workers work on various fishing vessels at Cutbona jetty. Although it is mandatory for these workers to undergo all the checks before they join work, some trawler owners do not conduct such checks on their workers. Meanwhile, a team of doctors from Balli PHC visited the Cutbona area, collected blood samples and sprayed insecticides. Although the PHC authorities have informed that six people have been infected with dengue, locals claim that around 12 people are dengue patients.

DEFT STROKE



An artisan gives final touches to an idol of Lord Ganesh ahead of 'Ganesh Chaturthi' festival, in Nadia, West Bengal, on Monday

GKF exhorts Goans to ask MLAs for their stand on Romi Konkani

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MARGAO: Global Konknni Forum (GKF) has urged people to come forward to form a delegation in each constituency and meet their respective MLAs, to ask for his/her stand on Konkani in Roman script and to request the concerned MLA to propose and pass a Bill in the Assembly to give equal status to Roman script, by amending the Official Language Act 1987.

GKF added that they will seek appointments with these MLAs to assist the delegation in finalising a date, time and place to meet them.

GKF added that it is time to ask these MLAs if they are interested in keeping their seats or are interested in the common demand of the people - for Romi Konkani to be recognised as Goa's official language on part with the Devanagari script.

GKF President, Kennedy Afonso said that the question is not whether the Official Language Act can be amended or not but if this government is willing to take such action, as if they are not going to do so, then it is time to bring in a new government who will take the necessary steps and grant justice to Romi Konkani.

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Cry of Sancoalkars: Bhutani Infra and Govt are road-rolling their village

700-villa project in tiny Sancoale with private pools; area identified as private forest in Araujo Committee Report; complaint against the project filed by Independent Cortalim MLA who supports the ruling party

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SANCOALE: The public outcry against mega projects in Goa is falling on deaf ears as land after land is getting converted for big-ticket projects and holiday homes for the rich across the country.

The Bhutani Infra project in Sancoale is a 700-villa project with independent swimming pools and big-ticket amenities.

According to locals, bouncers and police were roped in recently to start the work of the project. Villagers want the project to be completely stopped. But sadly, the police were seen directing the people towards the Mamlatdar of the taluka.

Villagers have alleged that the said area was identified as a private forest by the Araujo Committee Report and the same has been illegally converted into C-1 Zone. The locals have alleged that there is no access road of 10 metres available for the property on-site.

The locals have also alleged that massive tree felling was noticed at the site inspection of the property, without any permission from the Forest Department. Locals have

“The MLAs that we elected to safeguard Goa are out to destroy Goa. One example of this destruction is the Bhutani project. This will finish our trees and hills. These mega projects will finish our villages and villagers - **Xencor Polgi, local activist, in a prayer to the local deity**

“By letting a construction come up at this site the government will manufacture another Wayanad-like tragedy - **Capt Venzy Viegas, MLA Benaulim**

“Minister Godinho started his political career in this place. He passes from here daily. Now he doesn't even have the desire to look at the problems of this place - **Narayan Naik, activist, Sancoale**

informed that even before the heat on the project could die down, the developer has gone ahead and cut over 50 trees that are on a slope. Concerns have also been

MEGA PROJECT-ED DESTRUCTION

- No access road of 10 metres available for the property
- Massive tree felling was noticed at the site inspection of the said property
- Severe strain on groundwater, power and garbage management imperative

CONGRESS FILES FIR AGAINST BHUTANI INFRA PROJECT

PANJIM: The Congress party has filed an FIR against the upcoming Bhutani Infra project at Sancoale and illegal laterite stone mining across the State.

Despite filing a complaint, no action has been taken yet, Goa Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) vice-president Sunil Kawthankar and challenged the TCP Minister to initiate action.

Kawthankar expressed serious concerns over the proposed Bhutani Infra project at Sancoale, warning that it could lead to massive environmental destruction, including deforestation, soil erosion, and water depletion.

He called upon the government and the TCP department to address the severe environmental damage and economic losses, citing reports from organisations like the Goa Foundation and the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).

Kawthankar demanded cancellation of the development permission granted to the Bhutani Infra project at Sancoale under section 44 of TCP Act since it was fundamentally flawed.

He said that the permissions were based on incomplete and inaccurate information provided by the project proponent and goes against the regulations protecting ecologically sensitive areas.

raised that this mega-housing project could result in severe water, electricity and sewage problems in the village of Sancoale and the Cortalim Constituency.

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CBI arrests ex-RG Kar principal over 'financial irregularities'

This is the second arrest in the case, that took place 24 days after the crime was committed

PTI, KOLKATA: The CBI on Monday arrested the former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital Dr Sandip Ghosh and three others in connection with the alleged financial misconduct at the establishment, officials said.

KOLKATA MEDIC RAPE & MURDER

Ghosh was questioned for the 15th day at the agency's Salt Lake office over the alleged rape and murder of the RG Kar hospital post-graduate trainee on August 9.

He was later escorted to the CBI's Nizam Palace office in Kolkata which houses the agency's anti-corruption wing and was shown as arrested.

This is the second arrest in the ghastly RG Kar crime fallout scenario that took place 24 days after the

NIGHT-LONG SIT-IN STAGED IN KOLKATA

Participants of a mega rally, including prominent film personalities and rights activists, held a night-long sit-in here till 4 am on Monday, demanding justice for a doctor who was allegedly raped and murdered at a hospital last month.

Thousands of people took part in the protest march on Sunday, and at the end of the rally, they squatted in the Esplanade area in central Kolkata, vowing to be there till Monday morning to press upon the government for a swift probe into the heinous crime and arrest of the culprits. "We had given the 4 am deadline to the administration for addressing our demand...But we did not hear anything from any State department - police, health and women and child welfare.

"At the start of the dharna, we had sent separate emails to these departments, urging them to send representatives to listen to our grievances. Not a single state representative responded or turned up at the venue," film director Birs Dasgupta said.

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Manipur tense after drone bomb attack

AGENCIES, IMPHAL:

Three people were injured in another drone bomb attack in Manipur's Senjam Chirang on Monday, the police said in a statement on X. The security forces are in the area to repulse the attack, the police said.

The fresh attack comes a day after several drones launched by "suspected Kuki insurgents" dropped bombs in Imphal West district's Koutruk village, NDTV reported.

The attack at Senjam Chirang, also in Imphal West district, two bombs were dropped by drones at 6.20 pm. One of the three injured people has been identified as Watham Sanatonbi Devi. The bombs tore a hole in the roof of her house.

Unidentified people also attacked a post of the India Reserve Battalion at Sagolmang in Imphal at 4 am on Monday. They snatched two assault rifles and a light machine gun before fleeing, sources said.

MAX. TEMP 31.0 °C
MIN. TEMP 26.4 °C

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We can't ban the dog! It's not among the ferocious breeds.

Two Goa-based scientists amongst the winners of National Geoscience Awards 2023

For India, the potential rise in sea levels due to the polar ice melt expansion could threaten coastal cities; changes in Polar Regions will leave no region unaffected from climate change, says Rahul Mohan, one of the scientists

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PANJIM: Changes in the Polar Regions influence the monsoonal patterns, which are critical for agriculture in India.

NATIONAL GEOSCIENCE AWARDS

A disruption in these patterns could have severe consequences for food security and water resources, informed Rahul Mohan, 'Scientist F', National

“Indian monsoons are connected to the Polar Regions. Antarctica is a big refrigerator of ice and a key modulator in the climate change scenario - **Rahul Mohan, 'Scientist F', NCPOR**

Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR).

Mohan was amongst 21 recipients of the prestigious National Geoscience Award for the year 2023. He was awarded for his "groundbreaking research on climate change" in



President of India, Droupadi Murmu presents the National Geoscience Awards 2023 to Rahul Mohan, 'Scientist F', NCPOR

the Polar Regions and Southern Ocean. Reacting to his winning

the award, Mohan said, "I am humbled to receive the award, which for me is an incredible

MELTING POINTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE
➤ The rate of glaciers melting in both Greenland and Antarctica has increased dramatically over the past few decades
➤ In the last two decades, the largest ice sheets in Antarctica have shown signs of distress
➤ Its margins are showing signs and effects of warming

honour. It feels immensely gratifying to be on the list of people whose work is recognised at the national level."

Speaking about his work at NCPOR, Mohan said, "My team and co-workers are working on multiple microfossil records under the discipline of micropaleontology and

sedimentological studies in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean. These microfossils have unique niches, and they are like micro-recorders of our climate. Therefore, they help us to understand climate change at different time scales.

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