

Black Saturday: Four lives lost on Goa's killer roads

In the first accident at Mandrem, Priyanka Kharbe (29) and her sister-in-law Sanika Kharbe (19) died on the spot; Priyanka's younger sister Siddhi Shetkar, sustained serious injuries; in the second, Pratik Kanolkar (22) and Laxman Malik (19) died in a two-wheeler-car collision at Pethwada-Nanora junction

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PERNEM: Goa's killer roads continued to snuff out lives, as on Saturday, four persons died in two separate accidents reported at Mandrem and Bicholim, respectively.

In the first accident involving a truck, rickshaw and a two-wheeler, two relatives died, while another was seriously injured in Mandrem, on Saturday.

The victims have been identified as Priyanka Kharbe (29) and her sister-in-law Sanika Kharbe (19), both from Askawada-Mandrem, while Priyanka's younger sister Siddhi Shetkar, who was seriously injured, is undergoing treatment in the Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC), Bambolim.

According to the Mandrem Police, the three women were travelling on a two-wheeler and on reaching near Mandrem Village Panchayat their vehicle was hit by a goods-carrier rickshaw from behind.



Priyanka Kharbe and Sanika Kharbe in happier times



The vehicles that were involved in the fatal accident at Mandrem



LIVES SNUFFED OUT

According to Mandrem Police, Priyanka Kharbe, Sanika Kharbe and Siddhi Shetkar were travelling on a two-wheeler when they were hit by a goods-carrier rickshaw from behind near Mandrem Panchayat

The impact was such that all three women fell on the road, and were hit by a truck, proceeding in the same direction

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In the second accident reported at Nanora, Bicholim, Pratik Kanolkar (22) and Laxman Malik (19) died after their two-wheeler collided with a car at Pethwada-Nanora junction

The impact was such that both the vehicles were badly damaged

housewife, is survived by husband Sandesh Kharbe and two minor sons.

Sanika had completed her ITI at Pernem, while Siddhi is a Class XII student of Harmal Panchakroshi Higher Secondary School and Institute of Vocational Studies, Arambol.

On receiving the information, the Mandrem Police and PI Sheriff Jacques, who was on patrolling duty, rushed to the spot, and conducted the panchanama.

The bodies were sent to the GMC for post-mortem examination, which was later conducted.

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GOD HELP US!



A 'ghat' submerged due to the sudden surge of water in the River Ganga, in temple town of Varanasi, in Uttar Pradesh, on Saturday

Pope deplores 'lack of progress towards peace' in Gaza



AFP, ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE: Pope Francis deplored a lack of progress in negotiations to end the war in Gaza, while calling out the death of babies in Israeli bombings.

"Forgive me for saying so but I don't see any progress being made towards peace," said the 87-year-old pope, who has repeatedly spoken out against the violence in Gaza.

Speaking to journalists aboard the papal plane on his return to Rome from Singapore following a 12-day tour of the Asia-Pacific, Francis said that every day he calls the Catholic Church's parish in Gaza, where he said some 600 people, Muslims and Christians, are sheltered.

"They tell me horrible things, difficult things," said Francis.

"I can't judge whether this war action is too bloody or not," he added.

"But please, when you see the bodies of babies killed, when you see that, under the presumption that some guerrillas are there, a school is bombed, this is ugly."

Mamata visits agitating docs, asks them to come for talks

Protesters claim they were told to leave after waiting for 3 hrs at the gates of CM's residence

PTI, KOLKATA: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday made a surprise visit to the site where junior doctors were protesting and assured

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them that their demands would be addressed, asking them to come for talks, but the proposed meeting fell through with the protesters claiming that they were asked to leave 'unceremoniously' after waiting for three hours at the gates of CM's residence.

CBI SLAPS EX-PRINCIPAL WITH EVIDENCE TAMPERING CHARGE, ARRESTS POLICEMAN

PTI, KOLKATA: In a significant development, the CBI on Saturday slapped charges of tampering with evidence against former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital Sandip Ghosh, currently in judicial custody in a corruption case, in the medic's rape-murder case, an official of the

probe agency said.

The agency also arrested Abhijit Mondal, the officer in charge of Tala Police Station, for his alleged involvement in the rape and murder of an on-duty woman medic in the RG Kar Hospital, he said. The hospital is under the jurisdiction of Tala Police Station.

In a hot chase, Goa's bravehearts drive away Malpe trawlers off Velsao coast

The six-minute exclusive video uploaded by O Herald and Herald TV, shot from another chasing canoe, shows seven Malpe trawlers fishing close to the Velsao coast, and a red colour unregistered trawler being chased by five traditional canoes

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VELSAO: Risking their lives using canoes, Goa's traditional fishermen put up a brave front as they chased away Malpe trawlers off the Velsao coast, on Friday.

The trawlers were fishing within three to four kilometres off the Velsao coast. They were within Goan territorial waters and the Grand Island and Bat Island can be seen in the background of the chase.

O Herald and Herald TV were the first to upload the exclusive video on its



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website and YouTube channels on Saturday.

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A red unregistered trawler being chased by five traditional canoes

INCISIVE COMMENTARY BY A FISHERMAN

This is a trawler from Malpe, which is fishing three to four kilometres from the Goa coast. These trawlers have destroyed our nets. Our traditional fishermen have got together and see how they

are fleeing. We appeal to the Goa government to support us. See how they are fleeing and our fishermen give a hot chase. They are harassing us and our Goa government is not helping us

Cong takes oath to defeat turncoat MLAs in next Assembly elections

Declares none of the rebels will be re-admitted into the party

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MARGAO: On the second anniversary of the defection by eight of its MLAs, the Congress party took a pledge to defeat these former members in the 2027 Goa Assembly elections.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF DEFECTIONS

The Congress announced that none of the defector MLAs will be re-admitted and will not be granted party tickets, like in 2022 polls where the party did not entertain those who had switched their loyalties.

Two former MLAs who had defected were desperately trying Congress renomination in 2022 but

CONG CLAIMS LOBO DEFECTED TO THE BJP TO HIDE HIS ODP ILLEGALITIES

CALANGUTE: Elected on a Congress ticket, Calangute MLA Michael Lobo defected to the BJP to hide his ODP illegalities, Congress' Aldona MLA Carlos Ferreira claimed on Saturday at a protest meeting held by the Goa Pradesh Congress Committee at Calangute to mark the second anniversary of defection of eight Congress MLAs to the BJP.

were not entertained. It was only in 2017 polls that the party gave tickets to some defectors, but again paid the price as they defected.

Numerous Congress leaders and their supporters assembled at Lohia Maidan, Margao, On Saturday, voicing their frustration over the de-

fection of eight MLAs. The gathering was marked by strong sentiments against the former members who switched parties.

The Congress also accused Margao MLA Digambar Kamat of orchestrating the defection, alleging that he was the mastermind behind the shift of the MLAs to the BJP.

Additionally, the Congress leaders accused the eight defector MLAs of being part of a broader nexus involved in several detrimental activities. They claimed that these MLAs were contributing to the selling of Goan land, environmental destruction and widespread corruption in the State.

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