

# 30th e-auction announced; 7.56 lakh metric tonnes extracted iron ore to be e-auctioned

Team Herald

**PANJIM:** The Directorate of Mines and Geology has announced the E-auction of 7.56 lakh metric tonnes of already extracted iron ore lying at various locations in the State.

This is the 30th E-auction by the Mines Department. The average sales price (ASP) of the 7,56,518 metric tonnes iron ore to be e-auctioned in five lots ranges from Rs 895 to Rs 1,680 per ton. The auction will take place on Metal Scrap Trading Corporation (MSTC) platform 'www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/indexnew.jsp' and it will be a single stage forward auction.



The cargo that is being auctioned is on 'as is where is basis' lying on the jetties or within the erstwhile mining leases or on the plots other than jetties/erstwhile mining leases and is in the form of fines, lumps and ROM (run-of-mine). The person participating should be an exporter or an end user. If the successful bidder is an exporter, then he

is permitted to sell the cargo only once to the subsequent exporter or end user for captive consumption. The subsequent exporter shall only export the ore. If the successful bidder is an end user, then he is permitted to sell the ore to another end user. The subsequent end user shall only use the ore for captive consumption. Meanwhile, the State En-

vironment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) granted environment clearance (EC) to Block III - Monte De Sirigao Mineral Block in Sirigao village, Bicholim taluka. The mine with area of 95.6712 Ha was e-auctioned to M/s Rajaram Bandekar (Sirigao) Mines Private Limited for the production of 0.5 MTPA of iron ore. The mine was auctioned in the first phase of mining block e-auction.

Vedanta Ltd which won the first ever e-auction for Bicholim-Mulgao mining block had already started its operation. The block had got over 84 million tonnes of iron ore reserve available for extraction.

## Crimes against women soaring in Goa, claims Mahila Cong observer

Says statistics of last six months shocking; urges women to take cognisance of figures, atrocities against them

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**PANJIM:** All India Mahila Congress observer Sheetal Mahatre on Saturday said that the statistics of last six months of crime against women in Goa were shocking, which means the last decade was a disaster.

Speaking to media persons at Panjim, Mahatre said that from January to August this year, 41 rapes, 30 molestation, 27 kidnapping, two domestic violence, five murders, two attempt to murder and four flesh trade cases were registered in the State. These are the registered cases at various police stations while unregistered cases will account to more than

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— Sheetal Mahatre, Congress Goa Observer

the double, she said.

The State government is busy poaching elected

MLAs while there is chaos in the State. The Panjim Smart City shows there is no control on the corrupt officers who embezzled lakhs of rupees or the attack on journalist or the manhandling of Congress elected representatives in the government office and manhandling of a woman panchayat member where the police took a day to file FIR that too on the intervention of Goa Pradesh Mahila Congress president Beena Naik.

Stating that Goa needs a strong government having control over the administration, Mahatre said, "The people of Goa particularly women need to think about electing the government and to take

note of the increasing figures. I am sure, if we calculate figures of the last decade, it will be wildest and it will be troublesome for any woman. I appeal to women to take cognisance of these figures and atrocities against women."

Meanwhile, on the occasion of 40th foundation day, the All India Mahila Congress will launch its website on Sunday so as to reach and connect every State aiming to empower women to voice their demands fearlessly with confidence and be a part of the governance. She said that membership drive will also be launched wherein it has set a target to enrol 10,000 mahila Congress members.

## FIXING IN PROGRESS

SAGUN GAWADE



Taking cognisance of a photo appearing in O Herald, the authorities finally swung into action and commenced the repair works of the protection wall, which collapsed at Mahakhajan, Dhargalim. O Herald had highlighted the issue in its edition dated August 30

## CM launches Mobile Cancer Screening Abhiyan Van at Sankhali

Expresses concern over rising cases; says early diagnosis can minimise risks

Team Herald

**BICHOLIM:** Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Saturday expressed concern over rising cancer cases in the State and said that early diagnosis can lead to cure and a healthy life.

### HEALTH IS WEALTH

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of the Goa government, Goa Medical College and Hospital, Goa Dental College and the Directorate of Health Services.

Speaking further, Sawant said early diagnosis can lead to cure and a healthy life. The State government is committed to health, happiness of the people of Goa, I appeal to people to avail the services offered. Early diagnosis can minimise risks, quickens treatment, and recovery. Be aware, be safe, be healthy, and live longer, he said.

The Chief Minister asked people of the State to be alert. Stating that it is a lifestyle disease, he appealed to the people to keep a check on their lifestyle. The Cancer Screen-



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A total of 254 screenings were done at the programme held at CHC Sankhali. Earlier, it was held at Mandur, Valpoi, and Curchorem. The Ab-

hiyan will continue at various places, Sawant said

## Unknown persons attack YouTuber Amit Naik at Rivona

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**QUEPEM:** A group of unidentified persons attacked You Tuber Amit Naik and his driver Chattan Madval at Rivona, Cavrem in Sanguem on Friday night.

The attackers, armed with hockey sticks and rods, targeted their car, leaving it severely damaged. They also pelted stones towards the car. Due to attack, Amit sustained minor injuries, while his driver, Chattan Madval, suffered serious injuries in the assault. The duo escaped by running to take cover in the forest.

Both have now been admitted in the hospital at Quepem. When contacted, Amit said that two assailants attacked him but he fled from their clutches and ran in the opposite direc-

tion, where a two-wheeler rider gave him a lift and dropped him about 100 metres away.

Reacting on the attack, Amit's wife Rakhi Naik, who is also member of Netravali village panchayat alleged that it was a pre-planned attack. She said that some people had alerted Amit to be cautious and to take precautions since he had exposed corruption in the Netravali panchayat wherein lakhs of rupees were paid to a contractor for a gutter which was never built. "It was only because of the corruption issue which we had raised an inquiry is being ordered by the Sanguem BDO and police complaint is likely to be registered. This was an act by coward people and we will not bow down by such attacks," she said.

## Vasco hotel workers face job termination

Move sparks outrage among long-serving employees; demand full and final settlement as per wage code

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**VASCO:** In a surprising turn of events, as many as 32 long-serving employees of a starred hotel in Vasco were prevented from resuming work on Saturday, as the hotel management announced their termination.

The affected workers, are now demanding a final settlement from the management. The hotel management told them that it was facing severe financial difficulties and made the decision to cut down its workforce to reduce losses. The move has sparked outrage among the staff, with many having worked for more than 30 years.

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"We have dedicated decades of our lives to this establishment. Being asked

to leave without a full and final settlement or explanation is both, unfair and disheartening. We want full and final settlement as per Wage Code and we will not accept cheques," said one of the workers.

The affected workers have also sought intervention of

the State government to ensure they receive their due compensation as per the Wage Code.

## IFFI 2024 introduces new category to honour debutant filmmakers

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**PANJIM:** The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Saturday announced a new category to the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024 that will celebrate the work of debutant filmmakers.

The new category, called the best debut Indian film section, will be introduced in the 55th edition of the prestigious festival, which is slated to be held in Goa from November 20 to 28.

As part of the segment, a new award will be handed out - best debut director of Indian feature film, carrying a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh and a certificate.

The best debut Indian film section will showcase a diverse range of narratives and cinematic styles from across the country, the ministry said in a statement.

"These selections will highlight the creative vision and



unique storytelling approaches of young filmmakers. It aims to provide a platform to the young talent, showcasing the work of new directors and will be presented to Indian Debut Director for his/her creative vision, artistic merit, storytelling and overall impact

"A maximum of five debut

feature films showcasing the work of new directors who are contributing fresh perspectives and stories to Indian cinema shall be selected in accordance with the rules and regulations and shall be shown in the Best Debut Indian Film section," it added.

The new award, the best debut director of Indian feature film, aims to honour the creativity and potential of first-time directors, acknowledging their contribution to the evolution of Indian cinema, the statement said.

The entries for the new category of awards are open now and the film can be submitted at <https://iffigoa.org/festival/indian-debut-director> by September 23.



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Sunday 2024  
at Clube Harmonia  
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Time:  
10:30am to 5:30pm  
Entry Fee:  
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