

## A week of staying away, then 20 mins in police station for Velingkar

Friendly cops give peaceful passage to Velingkar to the Bicholim Police Station

Team Herald

PANJIM/BICHOLIM: After staying away for nearly a week, and sparking off protests from Panjim to Paris over his incendiary comments on St Francis Xavier's 'DNA test', former Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Goa Prant chief Subhash Velingkar made a backdoor entry to the Bicholim Police Station on Thursday, where he was questioned for a mere 20 minutes. Velingkar only surfaced after the High Court granted him some relief and ordered him to cooperate with the police investigation.

While leaving the police station in his car, Velingkar declined to speak to reporters. The police had issued him three notices under Section 35 (3) of BNSS.

North Goa SP Kauschal said that Velingkar has been summoned by the investigating officer to remain present at the Bicholim Police Station for further questioning.

Earlier in the day, the High Court directed him to present himself before the Bicholim Police Station in the case registered against him under Sec-

On Thursday afternoon, following the directions of the High Court, Subhash Velingkar, appeared before the investigating officer (IO) at Bicholim police station. He was interrogated in relation to FIR No. 100/2024, in which he has been named as an accused. During the interrogation, Velingkar gave a written statement which has been taken on record by the IO - Akshat Kaushal, North SP

During the anticipatory bail hearing before the Hon'ble High Court, it was the learned Public Prosecutor (instructed by the police) who informed the court that the accused will join the investigation at 5 pm. This tells us that Goa Police 100% was in touch with the accused and my conclusion is that they supported the accused fully. This must be why there was extreme reluctance to arrest. Bicholim Police defeated the people. But Goans will not give up

-Adv Seoula Vas

tion 299 of BNS for deliberate and malicious comments and hurting the religious sentiments over his remarks on St Francis Xavier.

In what appeared to be a very friendly and comfortable exchange, arguing on behalf of Velingkar, senior advocate S D Lotlikar said that the applicant (Velingkar) is "ready and willing to cooperate with the investigating agency" but should not be arrested.

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## Who needs winners when you have betrayers?

Hats off to the BJP for plotting to pull off Haryana, the Congress' Goa formula of betrayal and ticket distribution by backstabbing conductors has become the party's national template

The Goa formula of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory, mastered by the Congress and its army of betrayers and backstabbers, seems to have become the national template of this "national party".

The superlative performance of self-goals by betrayer sleeper cells within the party did their job. They were of course ably controlled and mastered by the remote control held in the hands of the BJP.



The exact math of how betrayers and independents – surely planted by the ultimate winner – is as clear as fresh lassi on a Haryana highway. But before we get to that, let's go back to the Goa formula.

In 2017, in Goa, the Maharashtra AICC in charge and the conductor State President almost pulled back Congress leader Luizinho Faleiro from the gates of Raj Bhavan, where he marched with 17 plus seats (with allies ready to back him) to form the government. These 17 seats were managed despite widespread sabotage attempts.

In 2022, this was even more blatant. According to some on-ground reports, there were clear attempts by the blue-eyed conductor to offer tickets to random people who could – well – 'afford' to fight an election. The master plan of giving away tickets to those who could afford a poll battle and backing vote cutters to cut their party votes, resulted in the Congress getting just 11 seats. And even those seats were won by the 8-member Brutus' gang, who pledged that they would never defect. But as expected they did. This is how the BJP managed to split the Congress, in Goa, twice in three years.

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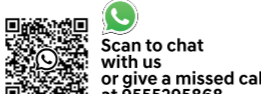
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