

Chief Minister says opt for public transport to avoid road accidents

Team Herald

PANJIM: Expressing concern over road accidents, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has appealed to the people travelling long distances mostly on two-wheelers to use KTC buses in a bid to avoid risk of accidents.

Sawant was speaking at the 44th anniversary of the Kadamba Transport Corporation Limited (KTCL) at the KTC Bus Terminus, Panjim on Saturday, on the occasion of Dussehra.

Speaking further Sawant urged long-distance travellers to consider using public transport more often, explaining that it could help lower the incidence of road accidents, particularly those involving two-wheelers, which have been on the rise. He further noted that public transport carries a lower risk. "Reduction in the use of two-wheelers and cars will reduce traffic congestion," Sawant said.

Sawant assured that the KTC bus service will remain operational despite the launch of

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the 'Mhaji Bus Scheme'. He also inaugurated two new Kadamba buses and stated that the KTCL offers a 50 per cent concession on bus fares to students and senior citizens, while cancer patients, HIV patients, and those with more than 40 per cent disability can now avail free transportation when travelling on Kadamba buses.

The Chief Minister explained that KTC had to stop its long-distance, profitable inter-State routes like Kolhapur, Pune, Bengaluru and Belagavi due to shortage of buses.

However, this decision demonstrates the Corporation's dedication to providing services on shorter routes, even at a loss, to benefit the public.

Sawant further stated that the Kadamba electric bus service, launched under the Smart City initiative, had been providing excellent service to the public. He added that the government plans to expand this service across the entire State with the goal of reducing carbon emissions and later congratulating the KTCL team, acknowledging the corporation's commitment to public service.

KTCL Chairman and MLA Ulhas Tuenkar highlighted that the Kadamba family, including drivers, conductors, and mechanics, has been serving the people across the State for the last 44 years. He acknowledged challenges such as a shortage of buses and the need to upgrade bus stands, but appreciated the continuous support from the government.

Tuenkar mentioned that due to regulations, around 100 buses which were 15-years-old had to be scrapped, causing a shortage of buses on 100 routes. He thanked the government for providing 50 new buses and urged the Chief Minister to sanction 50 more buses annually to help fill the gap. He further mentioned that out of the 150 electric buses, the KTCL received 87, with the remaining 43 expected by December this year.

According to Tuenkar, the KTCL has earned Rs 42 lakh as income through the 48 Smart EV buses which have been plying in the capital city under Smart City project since July this year.

Speaker to continue disqualification petition hearing against 8 MLAs on Oct 14

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PANJIM: Goa Assembly Speaker Ramesh Tawadkar will hear the disqualification petition filed against eight rebel Congress MLAs at 5:30 pm on Monday, October 14.

The disqualification petition filed by former Congress leader Girish Chodankar targets eight MLAs who defected from Congress to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on September 14, 2022 claiming merger of two-third as per the Tenth Schedule of Anti-defection Act.

The Speaker has issued notices to the petitioner and eight MLAs, asking them to appear either in

person or through their advocates on October 14. Chodankar had filed the petition in November 2022, citing violations of anti-defection laws. In December 2022, the petitioner had moved an application before the Speaker for speedy disposal of his petition as per the Supreme Court order and also filed a writ petition before High Court in January last year seeking directions to the Speaker for time-bound disposal of his petition.

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VENERATING WEAPONS



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Police personnel performed the 'Shastra Puja' (worship of weapons) at the Panjim town police station on the occasion of Dussehra on Saturday

Undertrial on road to recovery at GMC

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MAPUSA: The condition of the undertrial Raju Das, who attempted suicide by self-immolation in the dispensary of the Central jail, Colvale, was stated to be improving.

"The condition of Das, who is admitted in the Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC), Bambolim is improving. He had less than 40 per cent burns and is undergoing treatment in the medicine ward of GMC," informed police.

The Colvale police has also recorded his statement. The incident occurred on October 9 when Das who was working in dispensary suddenly bolted the door and set himself afire. It is suspected that he used sanitiser.

The Colva police had arrested Das for alleged sexual assault and under the relevant Sections of POCSO Act.

Meanwhile, the Goa Human Rights Commission (GHRC) has issued suo motu notices to the North Goa District Magistrate and the Inspector General of Prisons in connection with self-immolation attempt by the undertrial of the Central jail, Colvale. Both, the North Goa Collector and the IG (Prisons) have been asked to inquire into the matter and to submit their replies on or before December 10.

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State sets April 1 as GST anti-profiteering deadline

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PANJIM: The State government has notified April 1, 2025, as the sunset date after which no more anti-profiteering cases under Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be taken up.

According to the notification, issued in line with the directions from the union government, the ongoing cases will, however, continue.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 171 of

the Goa Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (Goa Act 4 of 2017), the Government of Goa, on the recommendations of the Goods and Services Tax Council, hereby appoints the 1st day of April, 2025 as the date from which the Authority shall not accept any request for examination as to whether input tax credits availed by any registered person or the reduction in the tax rate have actually resulted in a commensurate reduction in the price of the goods or

services or both supplied by that registered person," the notification said.

Recently, the central government had notified April 1, 2025, as the sunset date for the anti-profiteering clause in the GST Law. This was done as per the recommendations of the GST Council, which in its 53rd meeting held on June 22, had recommended to amend Section 171 and Section 109 of Central GST Act 2017 with a provision of sunset clause for anti-profiteering under GST.

Ordinance to disallow change in use of Comunidade land notified

PANJIM: The State government has notified the 'Goa Legislative Diploma No. 2070 dated 15-4-1961 (Amendment) Ordinance 2024', which is aimed at preventing the utilisation of Comunidade land for any objective apart from the one for which it has been allotted. 'Article 31-A' has been introduced through the Ordinance which will debar a grantee, purchaser or licensee of Comunidade land from altering the use of the land and using it for purposes other than for which it was originally granted. The Ordinance was promulgated by the Governor on October 6, 2024 and has been notified.

Eight more shacks for Pernem beaches

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PANJIM: The Department of Tourism has increased the number of beach shacks by eight in Pernem taluka for tourist season 2023-26.

It has invited applications from applicants having zero experience to erect and operate the shacks. Two more shacks will be allotted on each of the beaches at Morjim, Mandrem, Arambol and Kerim Applications will have to be submitted to the Department of Tourism office, Patto-Panjim from October 14 to 18. However, applications will

be liable to be rejected if the same are found having previous experience.

The shacks will be allotted through draw of lots on October 29 at 10:30 am. The Department had already allotted 255 beach shacks in North Goa and 98 in South Goa so far.

This year, the Department of Tourism has started granting provisional licences to shack operators in August considering complaints of shack operators that delay in issuing of licences in November was affecting their business and causing revenue loss during tourist season.

this regard by the Director of Education Shailesh Sinai Zingde.

Through the circular, the Directorate of Education has instructed all government-aided primary, secondary, higher secondary schools and special schools to upload a copy of the advertisements for teaching and non-teaching posts as per the NOCs granted by the office. This shall be a mandatory requirement in grating approvals for the appointment to the said post.

Reacting to the circular, Goa School

Managements' Association Action Committee convenor Prashant Naik said that the managements had no issue about posting advertisements on the directorate's media portal. But the Directorate of Education should consider the genuine request of the school managements that whenever they deserve a full-time post of a teacher, it should not give contract basis appointments. Moreover some "preferred managements" are given NOCs to fill posts on regular basis.



Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration
Government of Goa

Do's & Don'ts for Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

What are Antimicrobials: Antimicrobials include Antibiotics, antivirals, antifungals and antiparasitics used to treat and prevent infections.

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites no longer respond to antimicrobial drugs. As a result antibiotics and other antimicrobial drugs become ineffective and infections become difficult or impossible to treat, increasing risk of disease spread, severe illness, disability and death.

Do's



Don'ts

Only use antibiotics when prescribed by a Physician

Take antimicrobials exactly as prescribed by Physician

In case of missed dose of antibiotics, get physician's advice.

Safely discard leftover medicines.

Prevent infections by regularly washing hands, preparing food hygienically, and avoiding close contact with sick people.

Don't demand antibiotics if your Physician says you don't need them

Don't self-medicate

Don't take antibiotics prescribed for someone else

Don't share antibiotics with others

Don't skip doses or alter prescribed dosing regimen

Don't stop antibiotics early even if you feel no longer sick

Don't use leftover or expired antibiotics

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