

Justice turns turtle as Canacona PI waits for 'superior orders'

Five days after Forest Dept filed a police complaint, Canacona PI says he is 'yet to ascertain the shack owner's identity and will investigate'

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AGONDA BEACH: The Canacona PI seems to be waiting for inspiration to come from ace fictional detective Sherlock Holmes to simply find out who owns the Shore Shack, whose activities have seriously endangered turtles in Agonda

TURTLE NESTING SITE DESTRUCTION

It's been five days since a police complaint was filed by the Forest Department that the turtle nesting site in Agonda was disturbed by the Shore Shack owner on Agonda Beach, but the Canacona PI is supposedly "yet to ascertain the shack owner's identity". When asked to disclose the name of the shack owner, Canacona PI Harish Desai said, "I am yet to ascertain who the owner shack is. You can write the name of the shack."

When brought to his notice that ascertaining the owner's name was routine because no shack can stand anonymously, he said, "I will investigate and let you know."

Till the time of going to the press, Desai refused to respond to phone calls.



Forest Guard Ankush Karspurkar at the site where sand was illegally taken away

IS THE CANACONA PI PUTTING SAND OVER A SERIOUS COMPLAINT OF HARMING TURTLE NESTING SITES?

» Why does the Canacona PI Harish Desai appear so jittery that he can't file a straight complaint of illegal sand extraction, which are harming turtle nesting sites

» Senior forest officer RFO RAJESH V NAIK had to write to PI Desai reminding him of the pending complaint. He wrote

Attempts were made to find out the identity of the Shore Shack owner, Shamba Dessai, a restaurateur from Canacona via telephone said, "I heard

you were at Canacona at the place where sand was extracted to build my relatives' shack. Please do not write anything."

Forest Guard of Agonda

PI DESAI IN HIS REPLY TO THE RFO STATED
"I am yet to ascertain who the owner of the shack is. You can write the name of the shack. I will investigate and let you know (The name of the shack was already written)"

"I spoke to the RFO today and he asked me to file a complaint for robbing sand. I told him it is not possible and that I need to study and discuss the matter with my superiors. Forest Guards are within the law to arrest if there is an illegality and I do not understand why the complaint has been filed with the police station. I have to study under which Act a case needs to be booked

filed the complaint on January 11, and no action was initiated till January 13, Range Forest Officer Rajesh V Naik shot off another letter to the PI the same day.

When asked to explain the delay in investigation, Desai said, "Forest Guards are within the law to arrest if there is an illegality and I do not understand why the complaint has been filed with the police station. I have to study under which Act a case needs to be booked."

"The Police Inspector claims that sand has not been robbed when there is proof that it has. We have filed a complaint as per procedure and will begin our own investigation by calling the owner after we ascertain who they are, as no one wants to disclose the name. But, we will find out from the CRZ authorities," assured Range Forest Officer (RFO) Rajesh Naik.

Work was still going on in the shack with a cloth draped to hide it from public gaze. Workers could be seen fitting tiles and the dump created after the sand extraction was visible.

A total of 10 turtles walked ashore at Agonda Beach and laid 963 eggs since Dec 28, 2024, and they have been relocated to the turtle nesting site created by the Forest Department.

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FAITH AND DEVOTION

SAGUN GAWADE



A nun touches the relic of St Joseph Vaz, the patron saint of Goa, on the occasion of his feast which was celebrated with religious fervour at Sancoale, on Thursday

Saif stabbed at Mumbai home

Doctors say actor out of danger after surgery



PTI, MUMBAI: Bollywood star Saif Ali Khan was repeatedly stabbed with a knife by an intruder inside his 12th floor apartment in upscale Bandra early Thursday in a shocking attack that raises intriguing questions about security, motive, and celebrity life.

INTRUDER ENTERED SON JEH'S ROOM FIRST, DEMANDED RS 1 CR: SAIF'S STAFF TELLS POLICE

PTI, MUMBAI: A staff nurse at the house of actor Saif Ali Khan, who was attacked by an unidentified intruder early Thursday morning, recounted the horrifying incident in her statement to the police and said the man demanded Rs 1 crore when confronted. The intruder first entered the room of Saif and

Kareena Kapoor-Khan's younger son Jeh, said Eliyama Philip, the complainant in the case. As per Eliyama Philip, employed as caretaker and nurse for Jeh, she woke up around 2 am after hearing a sound in Jeh's room and found the bathroom light on.

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Khan, 54, was 'out of danger' following an emergency surgery, said the doctors at the Lilavati Hospital

where he was rushed following the incident.

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