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**BENGALURU MAN ARRESTED WITH RS 1 LAKH WORTH GANJA AT MONTE GUIRIM**

**MAPUSA:** Mohammad Rehan, 28 from Bengaluru has been arrested by the Crime Branch from Monte Guirim Ground after he was found with 1.2 kg of ganja worth Rs one lakh. According to police, Rehan was arrested after he was caught red-handed with the drug during a raid conducted near Monte Guirim Ground, Guirim, Bardez. An FIR has been registered and the case is being investigated by PI Kishor Ramanan under the supervision of DySP (Crime) Rajesh Kumar and under overall supervision of SP (Crime), Rahul Gupta, IPS.

**FIRE BREAKS OUT AT CALANGUTE RESTAURANT, LOSS ESTIMATED AT RS 20,000**

**CALANGUTE:** A fire broke out at the Rasoi restaurant near Union Bank in Khobrawaddo, Calangute, on Thursday afternoon. The owner estimated the loss at Rs 20,000. Officials from the Pilerne fire station confirmed that they received an emergency call at around 1.35 pm. Firefighters from the Mapusa fire station, along with a fire tender from Pilerne, quickly arrived at the scene and managed to bring the fire under control. The cause of the fire is suspected to be a short-circuit, which led to damage to the electrical wiring and some kitchen equipment, according to fire brigade officials.

**CASE AGAINST BIKE OWNER FOR ALLOWING JUVENILE TO RIDE WITHOUT LICENCE**

**MARGAO:** The Margao police have registered an offence against Geyaula Malmigane, a resident of São José de Areal, Curtorim, for knowingly and negligently allowing a juvenile to ride his scooter without a driving licence, endangering both the rider's and others' safety. The incident led to a serious accident at Ring Road near the Margao Railway Station. The police have filed the case under Section 125 of BNS 2023 and Sections 199A and 181 read with 4 of the Motor Vehicles Act. The juvenile's scooter collided with a Jupiter scooter driven by Sanjay Ginani, with pillion rider Bhisham Ginani. As a result, Bhisham Ginani lost his life. Police are continuing their investigation.

**TWO ARRESTED AT MARGAO RAILWAY STATION FOR THEFT, GOLD RECOVERED**

**MARGAO:** The Konkarn Railway Police arrested two individuals at Margao Railway Station in connection with stolen property worth Rs 34,000, including a mobile and a laptop. The suspects, identified as Shadab, 28 from Loni Dehat, Ghaziabad, and Zubir, 22 from Bagpat Road, Uttar Pradesh, are allegedly linked to a theft case registered at the Ratnagiri Rural Police Station. The duo was arrested after acting suspiciously, and the inquiry revealed their involvement in the theft. Ratnagiri police have taken them to their station after completing legal formalities. Additionally, Konkarn Railway Police arrested Bibi Jan Shaikh (54) from Hubballi, Karnataka, for stealing gold ornaments at Margao Railway Station. She confessed to the crime, leading to the recovery of 60.050 grams of stolen gold worth Rs 4.4 lakh from a jeweller in Hubballi. Shaikh was produced before the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) in Margao and remanded in five days for further investigation.

**CUNCOLIM BOOKED FOR NEGLIGENCE AFTER WORKER FALLS FROM THIRD FLOOR**

**MARGAO:** Faiyazuddin Shaikh, the contractor of an under-construction building in Cuncolim, has been charged with negligence after failing to provide safety equipment to workers and supervise them while plastering the third floor. Due to this negligence, mason Chandan Shah accidentally fell from the third floor and sustained grievous injuries. The Cuncolim Police have filed an offence under Section 125(b) of BNS 2023. The investigation is ongoing under PSI Kishor Velip of Cuncolim Police Station.

**COLVA POLICE FILE CHEATING CASE AGAINST COURIER OFFICIALS IN CHEATING CASE**

**MARGAO:** Colva Police have registered an offence against officials of courier company and Tushar Bansal in a case of cheating. A resident of the Third Ward in Colva, lodged a complaint stating that between 25 September 2024 and 14 January 2025, Blue Dart officials took possession of four tickets he had booked for the Coldplay concert on Viagogo for Rs 3.86 lakh. However, the consignment was delivered to Tushar Bansal instead, without any verification, resulting in the complainant being cheated. The police have launched an investigation into the matter.

**NYAYA YATRA TO LAUNCH LEGAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN MARGAO**

**MARGAO:** Adv Sangram Desai, Chairman of the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa, will launch the Nyaya Yatra – Journey to Justice – on January 17, at 9.30 am at the Konkarn Railway Station, Margao. The event will be attended by Adv Pravin Faldessai, Deputy Solicitor General of India. The Nyaya Yatra, an initiative by G R Kare College of Law, aims to create a legally informed community and enhance justice through legal knowledge. In association with the South Goa District Legal Services Authority and Konkarn Railway Corporation, the event will feature a Legal Help Desk offering free legal advice to the public. Law students from G R Kare College will also perform a skit with a legal awareness theme.

**21ST LIVESTOCK CENSUS UNDERWAY IN GOA, SAYS ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DIRECTOR**

**PONDA:** VP Singh, Director of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India on Thursday announced that the 21st Livestock Census, held every five years, is currently underway across India. The census began in October nationally and in Goa in November, with data collection expected to conclude by the end of February. Speaking at the Stockman Training Centre in Curti, Ponda, near the Goa Dairy Veterinary Hospital Complex, Singh highlighted the significance of the census. "Based on this data, the government implements various schemes for livestock, including vaccination programmes," he stated. Singh explained that "inventors" (employees of the Animal Husbandry Department) have been tasked with visiting villages to gather data on livestock owned by farmers and locals. He appealed to the people of Goa to cooperate with the inventors in providing accurate data.

# Mormugao CO shunted for refusing to toe Minister's line

Civic body official in the firing line for delaying regularisation of 545 houses in Housing Board Colony at New Vaddem; Joint Secretary (Protocol) appointed as new chief officer

Team Herald

**VASCO:** Hours after Panchayats Minister Mauvin Godinho slammed the Mormugao Municipal Council Chief Officer Deepesh Priolkar for delaying the regularisation of 545 houses in the Housing Board Colony at New Vaddem, Vasco, the State government on Thursday transferred him and posted Joint Secretary (Protocol) Siddhivinayak Naik as the new chief officer.

During the launch of repair works on toilet blocks

at the Housing Board Colony at New Vaddem, Godinho could not hide his frustration over the pending regularisation of houses, which were approved by the Goa Housing Board and awaiting a formal request from Mormugao municipal council. The Minister had accused Priolkar as inefficient and incompetent and that he would request Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to remove the chief officer from his position.

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the Mormugao Municipal Council to send a simple request, the chief officer had not acted. He has certain reservations and he is unfit to hold the position of the chief officer. I will

personally meet Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to address this issue and ensure that a competent officer replaces him," Godinho said on the sidelines of the programme.

The Minister claimed that the all the houses will be regularised as promised, but not with officers delaying work unnecessarily. If someone cannot adjust to the system of working, they should step aside, he said adding "We cannot allow mockery of the system."

Mormugao councillors Sudesh Bhosle and Vinod Kinlekar were also present at the function.

In September last year, the Minister in the presence of Goa Housing Board Chairman and MLA Jit Arol-

kar and other board of directors at New Vaddem, had assured the residents, many of whom are workers of the Mormugao municipal council of regularising their houses.

Meanwhile, the netizens have criticised the Panchayat Minister for accusing a honest officer and instrumental for his transfer and for brining an officer who was suspended on two occasion for alleged irregularities. Taking to social media, the people have accused the Minister of vote bank politics.

## DIRECT THREAT



SAGUN GAWADE

A worker digs the earth to install a signboard just next to a speed breaker near the material recovery facility (MRF) at Santa Cruz. It's a norm that signboards depicting speed breakers should be erected metres away, cautioning motorists

## Cong alleges scam in PWD works during Modi's Margao visit

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**MARGAO:** Slamming the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for claiming to be a party with a difference, the Margao Block Congress Committee highlighted that the saffron party is embroiled in numerous scams and does not even spare the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in siphoning off public funds.

Margao Congress leader Savio Coutinho revealed details of a fraudulent project linked to the Prime Minister's visit in February 2024 as part of the Viksit Bharat/IEW programme.

Speaking at a press conference, Coutinho presented documents obtained from the Public Works Department (PWD) under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, which he claimed showed how the information was provided only after multiple RTI applications and appeals.

"Over Rs 120 crore were claimed to have been spent on various works executed by the PWD in Margao and surrounding constituencies, but some of these projects had no connection whatsoever to the Prime Minister's visit or the IEW programme," alleged Coutinho.

One of the most glaring examples he cited was a project "Improvement of Infrastructure around KTC Bus Stand", which allegedly cost Rs 95 lakh. This work, which was scheduled to be completed between January 30, 2024, and February 8, 2024, was described by Coutinho as a blatant fraud against the public exchequer.

He argued that the logistics of completing such work, with 16 JCBs and 16 tipper trucks working simultaneously, were highly improbable, particularly given the limited space and scope for such operations at the KTC bus stand.

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**PANJIM:** The High Court of Bombay at Goa on Thursday directed the Registry of the Administrative Tribunal to henceforth accept every proceeding lodged before it, register such proceeding, and to raise such office objections as it deems fit, in writing, and notify the same to the concerned Advocate.

The Court directions came after it observed that the Administrative Tribunal staff were adopting an irregular procedure of examining the appeals and refusing to register the same until the Presiding Officer directs such registration.

The petitioner Venkatesh Prabhu Moni, who has been arrested under recovery proceedings of arrears of Land Revenue Code, 1968, had attempted to file an appeal against the impugned order of the North Goa Collector before the Registrar of the Administrative Tribunal, Panjim on January 6, 2025 and the advocate who presented the appeal was requested to come back to attend the Registry of the Tribunal next day.

The appeal was not lodged by the Registrar on January 6 and since the Superintendent of the Administrative Tribunal was on sick leave till January 7, the clerk on duty informed the advocate that he does not have instructions to examine the

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memo of appeal or to register the same.

Again on January 8, the Advocate was informed that the concerned clerk was on leave and that he was not permitted to enter the chamber of the Presiding Officer to press for interim reliefs sought in the appeal.

"As of date, there appears to be a refusal on the part of the Registrar of the Administrative Tribunal to lodge the appeal since there appears to be some kind of objection to the memo or draft of the memo presented to the Registry," Justice Valmiki Menezes said.

The Court has directed the Registrar of the Administrative Tribunal to accept the memo of appeal presented by the petitioner before it by January 17, 2025, register the appeal, raise such objections as it

deems fit and place the matter immediately before the Presiding Officer for passing necessary orders.

The Court observed that the Registry of the Administrative Tribunal was following an irregular procedure of examining the Memo of Appeal and refusing to register the same until the Presiding Officer directs such registration. It directed the Registry of the Administrative Tribunal to henceforth accept every proceeding lodged before it, and register such proceeding, noting its date of lodging; the Registry is free to raise such office objections as it deems fit, in writing, and notify the same to the concerned Advocate.

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## Goa to promote artisans making clay Ganesh idols

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**PANJIM:** Goa Handicrafts will promote artisans making clay Ganesh idols, Pravin Arlekar, MLA & Chairman of the Goa Handicrafts, Rural, and Small Scale Industries Development Corporation Ltd said on Thursday.

Speaking to reporters after disbursing subsidies under the Clay Ganesh Idol Scheme to promote handicraft artisans, he said, "The artisans who make Ganesh idols were not getting any support from the government. They portray their art through the idols which are sold. But they were not

getting any support for selling those idols. That is why the government has decided to give them two emporiums. I urge the artisans to contact the Handicraft Department and avail the benefits."

"There are various reasons because of which the artisans were not getting

support but now effort is being made to support them so that they be encouraged to pass on the art they have to the next generation," Arlekar said.

"The government cannot provide jobs to everybody but if one has art then he or she can earn livelihood easily," he said.

## Controversy surrounds cutting of banyan tree in Candolim

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**CALANGUTE:** A banyan tree located on private property along the Candolim-Calangute road was extensively hacked early on Thursday morning, raising concerns among locals and environmental activists.

The property owner claimed to have received permission from the Forest Department to cut the tree. However, when contacted, the Forest D

Department officials clarified that the permission was only granted for trimming the tree's branches, not cutting its roots or excessive pruning.

During the operation, one part of the banyan tree's root and a majority of its branches were removed. The Calangute Constit-

uency Forum (CCF), a local NGO dedicated to environmental protection, criticised the handling of the situation.

"The forest department personnel should have been present to supervise the trimming of the tree, but they were not," said CCF president Premanand Divkar. He further stated that the organisation would raise the issue with the concerned authorities to ensure accountability.

Electricity department officials were present at the site to oversee the operation, as power to the area was temporarily shut down during the trimming process.

The incident has sparked questions about the enforcement of environmental regulations and the need for stricter supervision during such operations.

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