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DUO BOOKED FOR ASSAULT CASE AT BIRLA CROSS, VERNA

MARGAO: Two individuals, Bijay Mal and Kina Mal, both natives of West Bengal residing in Birla Cross, Verna, have been accused of assaulting Shubankar Ghatowal, a resident of Purulia, West Bengal. The assault, which took place in Birla Cross, Cortalim, Verna, involved the use of a glass bottle and a tree branch, causing injuries to Ghatowal's face, head, and a serious injury to his left eye. In addition to Ghatowal, the accused also allegedly assaulted his roommates—Abhijit Pal, Sushant Mahato, Pawan Rajwar, and Ramesh Rajwar—all residents of Birla Cross, Verna, and natives of West Bengal. These individuals were injured while attempting to intervene and rescue Ghatowal. Verna Police have registered an offence under sections 118(2), 115(2), and 3(5) BNS. Further investigation is ongoing.

POINGUINIM RESIDENT BOOKED FOR RASH DRIVING AND INJURING DUO

MARGAO: Ulhas Parwar, a resident of Khalwade, Canacona, has filed a complaint with the Canacona police regarding a road accident involving a scooter. The accused rider, Jose Barreto, from Poinguinim, Canacona, is said to have driven the scooter in a reckless and negligent manner, without due care for oncoming traffic. The incident occurred near the Chicken Centre in Khalwade while Barreto was heading from Chaudi towards Shristhal, Canacona. He allegedly collided with a motorcycle ridden by Ulhas Parwar, causing him to fall onto the road and sustain grievous injuries to his face and body. The pillion rider, Sanjay Ulhas Parwar, sustained minor injuries. Canacona Police have registered an offence under sections 281, 125(b), and 125(a) of BNS 2023. The investigation is continuing.

LABOURERS AT AGONDA BEACH SHACK ACCUSED OF SAND THEFT

MARGAO: Rajesh Naik, Range Forest Officer for South Goa Marine Range in Galgibag, Canacona, has filed a complaint against several labourers working at the Shore Shack in Agonda. The accused are said to have illegally removed sand, a minor mineral, from Agonda Beach, allegedly to use it for tiling the shore shack. Additionally, the accused are accused of setting fire to coconut leaves on the beach, resulting in the destruction of the Turtle Nesting site. The incident has prompted a police investigation, and an offence has been registered under sections 303(2) and 326(f) of BNS 2023.

REVISED EDITION OF E-BOOK ON TUBERCULOSIS RELEASED

PANJIM: An E-Book on Tuberculosis: Recent Concepts a revised edition edited by Dr RG Wiseman Pinto, professor of Pathology, former Dean Goa University and the President Asian Society of Cytopathology has been released, recently, by the Asian Society of Cytopathology. The topics covered include pathology of tuberculosis, clinical features, laboratory tests, imaging modalities, newer methods for tuberculosis diagnosis, pediatric TB, a glance at TB control measures, treatment of TB, TB and Hematology, TB with HIV and prevention of TB, history of TB and history of AFB acid fast bacillus staining. The authors who have contributed to this book include Dr Savio Rodrigues former medical superintendent GMC and former professor and Head of Microbiology Department, GMC; Dr Vaishali Joshi professor of Pediatric Department GMC; Dr Sanjivani Keni, in Charge of RNTCP Revised National TB Control and Elimination Programme, GMC; Dr Mahadev Swamy, consultant hematologist and bone marrow transplant physician Manipal Hospital, Dona Paula; Dr Wanda Viegas, in charge of HIV and AIDS unit GMC; Dr Swapnil Solanki, resident Department of Respiratory Medicine GMC; Dr Swizzel Pereira; resident Radiology Department GMC; Dr Cigy Borges, in charge of TB, Diagnostic Laboratory GMC and Dr Wiseman Pinto. The E-Book is available free of cost on the Patho India website. Link is <https://pathoindia.com/pi-articles/>

FORMER PERNEM MLA PASSES AWAY

PERNEM: Former Pernem MLA Parshuram Kotkar passed away after a brief illness on Friday. He was 75. Kotkar was elected on MGP ticket in 1994 Assembly elections. He had also served as sarpanch of erstwhile Pernem village panchayat and also as the president of Pernem municipal council. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, MLAs and former MLAs have condoled the death of Kotkar. Sawant said, "Saddened to learn about the demise of former MLA Parshuram Kotkar, who served the second Legislative Assembly after Goa got the Statehood. My deepest condolences to the family. May his soul attain sadgati. Om Shanti."

BODY FOUND OUTSIDE VASCO RAILWAY STATION

VASCO: The Vasco police on Friday recovered an unidentified male body found lying outside the Vasco Railway Station. According to the police, the deceased was aged between 40-45 years and was found unresponsive at the railway station. The Vasco Railway Police informed the Vasco Police, who rushed to the spot and conducted the inquest panchanama. The body was later sent to the Hospicio-South Goa District Hospital, Margao for preservation and medico-legal formalities and for identification. Preliminary investigations revealed no signs of foul play and the case has been registered as an unnatural death under Section 194 of the BNS Act, the police informed. PSI Pristly Carvalho is conducting investigation under the guidance of Vasco PI Kapil Nayak and overall guidance of Mormugao DySP Gurudas Kadam.

12-YEAR-OLD GIRL MISSING, KIDNAPPING CASE REGISTERED

PONDA: A 12-year-old girl has gone missing from the Matruchhaya Ashram, an NGO-operated orphanage in Dhavalim, prompting the Ponda Police to register a case of kidnapping against an unknown person. According to police, the girl was brought to the ashram from Apna Ghar on January 10. She was reported missing on the morning of January 16, with the incident believed to have occurred around 11.30 am. Ashwini Patil, the in-charge of Matruchhaya, informed the police about the disappearance. Following this, police registered an offence against an unidentified individual under Section 137(b) of the BNS and Section 8 of the Goa Children's Act. The accused is alleged to have taken the girl away from lawful guardianship without consent and concealed her whereabouts.

Panic in Ponda as sealed illegal scrapyards catches fire at midnight

Team Herald

PONDA: A sudden midnight fire at an illegal scrapyard recently sealed by the Ponda Municipal Council (PMC) caused panic among residents of Warkhandem, Ponda. The quick response of the Ponda Fire Brigade prevented the fire from spreading to nearby buildings. While the fire caused minor damage, some wood and furniture stored in the scrapyard were gutted.



SANTOSH NAIK

The scrapyard, located on PMC-owned land, was sealed after it was found operating illegally. Just last week, it was also involved in the production of maggot-infested onion

and garlic paste, which was seized and destroyed by the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA). The fire has reignited calls for the immediate

clearance of the sealed scrapyard. Residents are questioning whether the fire started accidentally or if it was deliberately set. The location of the scrapy-

ard in a residential area has heightened concerns, given the potential risks posed to nearby buildings. PMC Chairperson Anand Naik confirmed that three

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- The scrapyard, located on PMC-owned land, was sealed last week as it was operating illegally
- The FDA had raided the place after it was found that maggot-infested ginger-garlic paste was being packaged here
- Residents pointed out that the scrapyard was located close to homes and the fire could have wreaked even more damage to life and property
- Quick action from the fire brigade averted a potential tragedy

illegal scrapyards, including the one in Warkhandem, were sealed due to fire hazards. "The scrap owner has been instructed to vacate the premises immediately. Once cleared, the land will be taken over by PMC for development purposes," Naik said.

Residents recalled a similar incident a few years ago when a massive fire at a scrapyard on the Dhavalim Highway disrupted traffic for two days. Since then, there has been a growing demand to remove all illegal scrapyards from Ponda to ensure public safety.

SKYLINE SPECTACLE



VINCENT BRAGANZA

The Mapusa skyline is lit up with neon lights from the ferris wheel and other rides installed as attractions to the Bodgeswar zatra held near the town

PMC recovers Rs 1.5 crore in rent arrears, seals defaulters' shops

Team Herald

PONDA: The Ponda Municipal Council (PMC) has recovered Rs 1.5 crore, including postdated cheques amounting to Rs 21 lakh, from shop owners at the Ponda Market Complex who had defaulted on rent payments since 2016.

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— Anand Naik, Chairperson, Ponda Municipal Council

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shop owners have now started making payments," Naik said. He urged all shop owners to clear dues promptly to avoid penalties and interest charges on overdue rent.

The defaulters included ten shop owners who had subleased their premises at high rents while failing to pay PMC. These individuals were asked to clear their arrears in full immediately, without any extension. Shop owners managing businesses themselves were given the option to pay 50% of their dues immediately, with the balance payable within six months.

Some shop owners owed amounts as high as Rs 9 lakh, Rs 10 lakh, and even Rs 12 lakh. The mezzanine floor of the Market Complex housed all the 24 defaulter shops. The PMC's strict measures have been lauded for enforcing financial discipline and significantly improving rent collections.

After repeated warnings and notices failed to prompt the defaulters to clear their arrears, PMC officials, including the Chief Officer, Municipal Engineer, supervisors, and other staff, sealed 24 shops for rent arrears totalling over Rs 2 crore. These arrears had accumulated over eight years.

PMC Chairperson Anand Naik commended the council staff for their efforts in recovering the dues. "The decisive action to seal shops yielded positive results, enabling PMC to recover over Rs 1.5 crore. Ninety-five per cent of the

Archbishop Ferrão leads Synodal Discussion at CRI (Goa) Major Superiors' meeting

Team Herald

PANJIM: The CRI (Goa) unit organised the 18th Major Superiors' Meeting at the Pilar Pilgrim Centre in Pilar, themed "Pilgrims of Hope on Synodal Pathway". The gathering brought together Major Superiors from various congregations serving in the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman.



Archbishop Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrão, Archbishop of Goa and Daman, graced the occasion, alongside Sr. Bromadine Palokaran SCC, Provincial Superior of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Pune Province, and Fr. Nazareth Fernandes SFX, Superior General of the Society of Pilar. The meeting was officially inaugurated with the lighting of the traditional lamp.

Sr. Estevão Rodrigues OFM Cap, Provincial Superior of the Goa Province of the Capuchins, led the opening prayer, followed by Fr. Fatima Rodrigues FMCK, Mother General of the Franciscan Missionar-

ies of Christ the King, who read the Word of God. Sr. Flory Rodrigues FMCK, President of CRI (Goa), extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and participants, while Sr. Gracy Rodrigues FDCC introduced Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrão. Sr. Livia Nunes, Secretary of CRI (Goa), presented the minutes from the previous year's meeting, which were confirmed by the assembly.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation on the final document of the Second Session of the Synod, titled "For A Synodal Church - Communion, Participation & Mission". Archbishop Fil-

ipe Neri Cardinal Ferrão, president of CCBI, along with his team, led the discussion. The team included Sr. Flory Rodrigues FMCK (Part I: The Heart of Synodality), Sr. Ayres Raimondo (Part II: In the Boat Together), and Fr. Eugene D'Silva CSSR (Part III: Casting the Net). Cardinal Ferrão introduced the topic and later shared his personal experiences from the Synod, emphasising the importance of mutual respect and treating each other as equals.

Cardinal Ferrão, who is also president of FABC, participated in both the 166th Ordinary Synod of

Bishops in October 2023 and October 2024 in Rome. He is a member of the Ordinary Council of the General Secretariat of the Synod and contributed to drafting the final document for the Synod on Synodality.

The meeting included a spiritual conversation session, facilitated by Fr. Pedro Rodrigues, Provincial Superior of the Goa Province of the Society of Jesus. Various communities presented their reflections, promoting deeper dialogue and understanding. Fr. Alan Noronha SFX and Fr. Tony Salema guided participants on matters relating to education.

Tiswadi Muslim Welfare Society launches month-long campaign on 'Road Safety'

Team Herald

PANJIM: Tiswadi Muslim Welfare Society has launched a month-long campaign on 'Road Safety', on the occasion of National Road Safety Month.

The inaugural function of the campaign was held on January 15, 2025, at EDC House. The chief guest for the inaugural function was DySP Salim Shaikh Goa Police and the guest speaker was Tukaram R Shet Mandrekar, Assistant Sub-Inspector, Goa Police. The program started



with a brief introduction of the road safety campaign by the host, Mohideen Hassan Shaikh, followed by the enlightening talk of the chief guest who spoke on the importance of such campaigns and the various reasons for accidents.

He informed the audience about the various provisions of traffic laws and why it is important to follow the rules.

During the campaign, the TMWS aims to circulate an awareness song, which was released at the

end of the inaugural programme, a short film and a documentary film via social media.

Street plays, skits, corner meets, rallies, presentations at schools, colleges and institutions and the distribution of informative flyers at public places will be undertaken by TMWS, a statement from the society said.

The inaugural programme of the campaign concluded with a vote of thanks and a pledge taken by all those gathered, to drive home the point that 'road safety starts with each one of us.'

Coconut plucker falls to death

PERNEM: A tragic incident unfolded in Mandrem when a 57-year-old coconut plucker Sagun Parsekar lost his life to age alleged negligence of a truck driver on Thursday. According to eye witnesses, Parsekar was plucking coconuts and had climbed the tree with the support of a rope at around 7.15 at Dandoswada, Mandrem. As the truck driver Sateendra was passing by, a bystander signalled him to stop but he proceeded and the rope got stuck to the truck, pulling Parsekar down from the tree.

APPOINTMENTS

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Margao/Verna

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Min. 2 years experience in similar role.
- 2) SR./SALES EXECUTIVES - 02 nos.
Salary & Incentives: 15,000 to 70,000 p.m.
Min. 2 years experience in similar role.
- 3) SOCIAL MEDIA & CRM EXECUTIVE - 01 no.
Salary & Incentives: 15,000-30,000 p.m
- 4) TELE CALLER - 02 nos.
Salary & Incentives: 12,000-35,000 p.m
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