

shorttakes**BICHOLIM POLICE TRACE RASH DRIVER IN FATAL ACCIDENT CASE**

PANJIM: Bicholim Police received information on January 17 regarding a rashly driven blue car that rammed into a pedestrian, 75-year-old Shambhu Ramnath Tari, near Amona Bridge in Bicholim. The driver fled the scene without providing medical aid or notifying the authorities. The victim succumbed to his injuries while being treated at GMC Bambolim. Upon receiving the information, Bicholim Police formed teams to trace the driver. After extensive efforts and technical analysis, they identified the driver as Navin Govind Gawade, 34, from Bhironda, Sattari. The car involved in the incident, was seized. An FIR was filed under the relevant sections. PSI Viraj K. Dhauskar is leading the investigation under the supervision of Police Inspector Dinesh Gadekar.

THEFT REPORTED AT NEXA SHOWROOM IN ARLEM, RAIA

MARGAO: Savio Araujo of Borda, Fatorda, filed a complaint with the Maina-Curtorim Police Station regarding a theft at the Nexa Showroom near the RTO office in Arlem, Raia. Four accused individuals forcibly entered the showroom by cutting through the wire mesh fencing and stole a safe locker containing approximately Rs 93,571 in cash. An offence has been registered in the case, but no arrests have been made so far.

MAHARASHTRA POLICE ARREST MURDER ACCUSED IN SOUTH GOA

MARGAO: Maharashtra Police, in collaboration with the Colva Police, arrested two murder suspects wanted in connection with a case reported in Umarga, Maharashtra. PSI Pujarwad of Umarga Police Station requested assistance from the Colva Police, leading to the apprehension of Vikas Jamdar (also known as Nilesh), 26, and Akash Sahadev Mutle, both from Umarga, Maharashtra, at Batalbatim. The accused were taken into custody for further proceedings as required by the Maharashtra Police.

CHHATTISGARH MAN ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED ATM THEFT AT MAPUSA

MAPUSA: A 26-year-old man from Chhattisgarh, Raju Tirki, was arrested for attempting to break into an ATM at Xavier Complex, Alto, Mapusa, on January 15, 2025. Using a metal rod, Tirki attempted to force entry into the ATM counter but was unable to access the cash. The Branch Manager of HDFC Bank, Swati Naik, filed a complaint regarding the incident. An FIR has been filed, and the investigation is led by PSI Abhijit Naik.

PANJIM POLICE ARREST MAID FOR STEALING JEWELLERY AND CASH

PANJIM: The Panjim Police have arrested 21-year-old Sanjeela Ekka from Jharkhand for stealing gold ornaments and cash worth Rs 25,000 from a villa in Dona Paula. The theft occurred when Ekka, who had been employed as a maid, took two pairs of gold earrings, one gold pendant, and the cash from the villa of Verna Angelica D'silva. An FIR has been registered, and the investigation is ongoing under the supervision of Suraj Madgaonkar of Panjim Police Station.

Chimbel Manch calls for safeguarding well**Team Herald**

PANJIM: Residents of Chimbel, under the banner of Chimbel Manch, called for the protection of a traditional well in the village, in accordance with a court order. Speaking to the media, the villagers explained that in 2010, a builder had blocked access to the well by constructing a compound wall and covering the well with a metal sheet. However, after a 14-year legal battle, the villagers secured a victory in court, which ordered the protection of the well.

The Fast Track District Court in Panjim has directed

ed that the religious significance of the public well located at Gaulembhat, Chimbel, be safeguarded. The court also ordered that no construction be allowed within a five-metre radius of the well.

According to the villagers, every April, the Devi Chimbalkarin palkhi procession arrives in Chimbel from Marcel-Ponda, and various important religious functions take place at the public well before the palkhi proceeds to other significant locations in the village.

The villagers have now decided to maintain the traditional well and use its water for daily needs.

Old Goa p'yat up ante against Bainguinim solid waste plant

Vow to stand ground against proposed plant in vicinity of world heritage site

Team herald

PANJIM: The Old Goa Village Panchayat has demanded the scrapping of the proposed solid waste management (SWM) facility at Bainguinim, warning that locals will initiate an agitation if the government goes ahead with the proposal.

Addressing a press conference on Saturday, Old Goa Sarpanch Medha Parvatkar along with other panchayat members and villagers, said that the opposition to the SWM plant has been ongoing since 2002.

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tion on the plant. The government itself is not clear whether it is 100-tonne plant or 250 tonnes. Hence, the whole plan has to be scrapped," Amonkar said.

Four-time panchayat member and former sarpanch Vinayak Fadte said that the site for the plant was being opposed even before he became a panchayat member.

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Panchayat member Ambar Amonkar said that in the public hearings held

for the proposal, more than 90 per cent of the people had expressed their opposition against the plant. He also said that local MLA Rajesh Faldessai will not back out, despite party pressure.

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Kadamba plateau where the plant is proposed, is the fastest growing, and is even called by some as Upper Panjim. The proposed site is at the top of the geological ecosystem. It will cause problems like water

contamination, heritage destruction, and destruction of eco-sensitive zones. People living in the areas at the foot of the plateau will be affected," Amonkar said.

He also pointed out that there is a discrepancy in the March 2024 gazette notifica-

BACK TO WORK

ERWIN FONSECA



Farmers transplanting chilly, onion, brinjal and other vegetable seedlings in their fields at Moira

Vendors cry foul over allocation of stalls at Lokotsav

Team Herald

PANJIM: High drama was witnessed at the 24th edition of Lokotsav 2025 at the Kala Academy Darya Sangam, Campal-Panjim as some vendors complained that they were not allotted stalls even after making payments while another vendor complained that his stall number was allotted to somebody else.

The aggrieved vendors met Art and Culture Minister Govind Gaude, who assured that he would conduct an inquiry into the matter.

Pankaj Kumar, a vendor from Uttar Pradesh complained that he had paid Rs 12,000 and was allotted stall Number 42. But when he went to occupy it, he found somebody else had displayed his articles and

claimed that it was allotted to her. The woman who occupied the stall said that she had paid Rs 10,000.

"How can Directorate of Art and Culture allot the same stall to two vendors and that too in advance?" Kumar asked.

24TH EDITION OF LOKOTSAV 2025

Many other vendors protested at the venue alleging that they too were not allotted stalls. A vendor said that he was given a small stall. A vendor from Mumbai said that he came with his goods but was unable to display it in the absence of the stall. The allotment of stall lacked transparency, they rued.

Many vendors were hop-

ing location of their stalls near the entrance considering footfalls was highest there.

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Around 550 stalls have been put up exhibiting handicraft items from different States including Goa. The exhibition and food stalls is open for public from 10 am to 10 pm from January 17 to 26.

A craft workshop on Mollela, a traditional terracotta art of Rajasthan will also be organised in collaboration with the West Zone Cultural Centre, Udaipur for the benefit of public and art lovers at the rehearsal hall of Kala Academy from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm from January 20 to 24.

Internet providers: halt cable cutting

Team Herald

PANJIM: The All Goa Internet Service Providers Association (AG-ISPAs) has expressed its willingness to comply with the Electricity Department's regulations regarding overhead cable installation. However, the association has requested that the power department should halt the ongoing cutting of wires until the court rules on the pending case concerning wire installations.

Representatives of the newly formed AG-ISPAs pointed out that the real losers in the wire-cutting issue are the end users. "There are students, elderly people, and offices for whom internet access is essential. How does cutting wires serve their interests? The real victims in this situation are not the internet service providers, but the end users," said Mahendra Tiwari.

"We understand that Goa should not appear untidy due to exposed wires. However, since the issue involves multiple departments—namely the Electricity Department, the Department of Information Technology, and internet service providers—a solution must come from the government," he added.

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Goa chicken traders seek CM's intervention over poultry supply issue

Highlight problems faced at border checkpoints; claim QR code requirement has caused disruptions, harassment at border; meet CM over concerns

Team Herald

MARGAO: A delegation of chicken suppliers from Goa, including members of the South Goa Poultry Products Shopkeepers and Traders Association, met Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Saturday to raise issues regarding the QR code system being enforced for business operations.

The traders highlighted problems faced at border checkpoints, where the QR code requirement has caused disruptions. Many Goan poultry traders operate farms outside the state, and the additional compliance measures have led to delays and accusations of harassment at the borders. They warned that the system could increase

production costs, which would likely result in higher chicken prices, affecting both businesses and consumers.

The delegation urged the Chief Minister to intervene and provide a solution that ensures smoother operations without placing an

undue burden on traders. The meeting aimed to resolve these concerns while maintaining regulatory compliance. They called for a circular to be issued that could clarify these issues and possibly create a scenario where a minimum amount of local produce is

brought to prevent a situation where they are closed to shut down as the cost margins are not working out in their favour. They also urged the government to help ensuring that pending bills are cleared

The traders also touched upon recent issues be-

tween neighbouring States that had already affected the supply chain. They feared that attempts are at play to hurt the businesses of local operators, which could have a long-term impact and that it also affects their livelihood.

They received assur-

ances from the CM that the matter would be looked into on priority.

Poultry rendering plant to dispose of chicken waste in Ponda

PONDA: A poultry rendering plant will soon be established in Ponda to properly dispose of chicken waste, according to Jaykrishna Naik, President of the All Goa Poultry Farmers' and Traders' Association (AGPFTA). Naik stated that the AGPFTA is committed to providing healthy and high-quality chickens for consumers. He confirmed that a site for the rendering plant has already been

identified in Ponda, and 95% of the groundwork has been completed. A meeting with Chief Minister Pramod Sawant is expected to accelerate the progress of the plant's development. Once operational, the plant will help dispose of chicken waste in a responsible, scientific, and environmentally friendly manner, eliminating the need for open dumping. This initiative is part of the association's

broader effort to enhance the poultry industry in Goa. Naik also highlighted that the state aims to increase its chicken production to regulate prices and reduce its reliance on imports. Currently, around 150 tonnes of chicken are imported daily from neighbouring states. The association's goal is to produce 30% of the chicken needed locally within Goa.

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