

Total neglect of road from DG Mart junction at Old Goa

It is deeply disheartening to witness the deplorable condition of the road in this area where thousands of commuters including the families residing in the vicinity. The recently constructed and tarred road, spanning from the DG Mart junction at Old Goa to the three phases of Casa Amora and surround-

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ing localities of Old Goa, has turned out to be a complete sham and bogus. A waste of public money as the road started deteriorating within just one month of its completion.

What remains is a hazardous stretch riddled with loose pebbles, gravel, and large potholes, making it extremely dangerous to traverse by hundreds of families residing here. This poor road condition has



led to numerous accidents, especially with two-wheelers skidding on the gravel. Moreover, vehicles are suffering significant damage as flying pebbles are cracking windscreens, further endangering commuters.

This road is a lifeline for the residential area which is needed to ensure safe and smooth travel and is a basic requirement that continues to be ignored. Despite the repeated appeals from residents, the various govern-

ment authorities including the Village Panchayat and PWD have taken no action. The citizens of the area are left questioning the proper utilization of our tax contributions to the Panchayat. Are we not en-

titled to the benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana? Why are we excluded from the Har Ghar Jal Yojana, even as we continue to suffer without reliable government water supply? The lack of basic infrastructure such as a properly constructed all weather road with proper drains for overflow of rainwater, functioning streetlights, clean water, and a sanitary environment is unacceptable. The littered garbage further exacerbates the situation, posing serious health and safety risks to residents as there is no dustbin provided for the public to dispose of the garbage.

We earnestly urge the concerned authorities to address these pressing issues without delay. The residents of this area deserve basic amenities and a dignified quality of life. It is high time our grievances are acknowledged and resolved.

Supervision required for ongoing underground cabling works

Recently the Goa Electricity Dept in Panjim has decided to remove all cables from network providers which are found tied to the poles. A good move if the electricity poles are to be removed. Why is the Department not making other alternatives for the private cable operators to use underground cabling systems. If one has to excavate the road side mud then there will be so many unused cable pipes laid by the Govt. BSNL, Jio etc. for their use but hardly put into good use.

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Cable operators have asked the court to intervene and rightly so got a stay but if the Government is serious in seeing the citizens are getting jobs, then private cable network of some young locals should be provided with use of unused underground cable conduits or there should be a tie up with BSNL to provide local cable network to houses especially in the villages. The Electricity Dept. has surprisingly spared the advertisement boards on electricity poles which most of them are illegal and there is no revenue collected by the Dept? Will the JERC check on this loss of revenue rather than keep on raising the unit charges while there is destruction



without proper supervision of the ongoing underground cabling works.

Dire need for traffic signals at Chicalim junction



The Chicalim junction happens to be the main entry and exit point for the port town of Vasco. It is also a vital junction as it connects to the

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Dabolim International airport. Five roads converge at this point. Of late there has been a tremendous increase in the number of ve-

hicles, both light and heavy vehicles, passing through this junction, especially after dusk. A lone traffic cop tries to bring a semblance of order with regards to the flow of vehicles amidst the chaotic scene that unfolds here. It seems prudent for the authorities concerned to install traffic signals at this vital junction in order to regulate the movement of vehicles.

Stop mess outside Mapusa fish market

Shopping for fish at the Mapusa fish market is a dangerous and disgusting proposition because of how messy the space is. Entering the fish market, one is greeted by a horrible stench - a common factor across most of our

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wet markets, true - but here, the floor is slippery with a viscous mix of water, ice, blood and guts. Wholesalers who deliver or transport the fish to this market callously empty the contents of their fish crates at the entrance of the market, leaving sludge-like puddles of water which is



then tracked by customers all across the market. Add to this the poor garbage management at the market and you have a very unpleasant shopping experience, which is unacceptable considering

the number of citizens who frequent this market. I appeal to the Mapusa Municipal Council to look into this and ensure that cleanliness is maintained at a market where people purchase their food.



Is 'No parking' for parking?



It has become a recurring issue that four-wheelers and other vehicles are parked in areas designated as 'No Parking' zones, particularly during peak hours. This problem is most evident on the stretch near the Margao Police Station. On one side of the road, local cultivators toil hard and sell their fresh produce, vegetables, and fruits to earn their live-

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lihoods. The opposite side has rightly been marked as a permanent 'No Parking' zone to prevent traffic congestion on this busy two-way road.

However, it is deeply concerning that law enforcement agencies themselves sometimes park vehicles in the prohibited zone during busy hours. Such

behaviour undermines the effort to enforce discipline and creates a ripple effect where the public feels entitled to follow suit.

Adding to the chaos is the absence of a towing squad and traffic police enforcement in these crucial moments. While the public struggles with frequent and severe traffic congestion in the city, the lack of decisive action against errant parking aggravates their woes.

This situation demands immediate attention. The concerned authorities must step up their efforts to ensure the 'No Parking' zones are respected. Swift action should be taken against violators, including those within the system, to set an example for the public. Reinforcing traffic discipline is not just about enforcement; it is about restoring order and easing the strain on city residents.

Stagnant water in the vicinity of ferry point

On the morning of January 15, when I had gone to purchase my newspapers, I was startled to see accumulated water in the drain and on the road which the local businessman from

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the area said emanated from a newly constructed drainage and didn't have an outlet into the river Mandovi. The stagnated water had a depth of about three inches and were affecting the commuters of the ferryboat across the Mandovi



who were alighting.

It is feared that the accumulated water if stagnant for a long time will become a breeding ground for mosquito larvae which would sustain the spread of malaria and dengue caus-

ing a health hazard to the shopkeepers of the locality. The Corporation of the City of Panaji should immediately drain out the water that is accumulated in the area which is very near to the Azad Maidan.

A tragedy in the waiting

For over two years, a dead coconut tree along the road leading to Chogm Road and the Mãe de Deus Chapel in Sangolda has been dangerously leaning toward the roadway. This poses a serious risk to pedestrians and ve-

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hicles and could lead to a tragic accident if the tree falls.

Despite bringing this issue to the attention of the Panchayat over two months ago, no action has been taken so far.

I urge the concerned authorities to address this pressing issue immediately and remove the tree before an unfortunate incident occurs.



Mormugao Municipality needs to shift this garbage collection centre

Recently, while visiting my friend's house near the first water tank in New Vaddem, Vasco, I came across a distressing scene where dogs were tearing apart waste bags strewn across the road. Any attempt by passers-by to shoo them away could lead to trouble.

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When I enquired, my friend informed me that repeated requests from the people in the vicinity to the municipal representatives and waste collectors have fallen on deaf ears. The road where the waste point has been set up is in a crowded residential locality, and it is a clear failure on the part of the authorities to place such a spot in the middle of a residential area. The road connects to the



T-junction where New Vaddem Road meets Chicalim-Vasco Road, and a walking passage leads to Vaddem Lake.

As is often the case with such points, people simply throw their waste bags from a distance, either while walking or from their two- and four-wheel-

ers. This has not only exacerbated the dog menace but the foul smell is also unbearable. One wonders how the people living around the spot cope with the situation. To my surprise, the spot is within walking distance of the local MLA and Minister Mauvin Godinho's office, yet the

state of affairs is so dismal. The municipality should take action and relocate the garbage collection centre from this residential area, providing relief to the locals from the nightmare of dogs and the filth scattered around due to the waste disposal point.

Repaired pothole resurfaces on busy Cunchelim road



This pothole which was repaired sometime in November on the road leading to the Highway at Cunchelim has resurfaced within just two months. A jet patcher was

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used to repair the potholes along this road here with much fanfare by wasting the taxpayers money. It is reportedly learnt that

each pothole cost the State exchequer a whopping Rs 16,000. The government normally blames the rains for potholed roads and one wonders who or what they will blame this time. These potholes cause numerous accidents on the busy road and often result in traffic jams. The Mapusa MLA and the Municipal councillor should take immediate steps to repair the pothole before precious lives are lost.

FLAWED CONSTRUCTION



The newly repaired road at Livrament Vaddo in Sangolda, is falling into bits and pieces, even before it has been completed. The pavers have been laid out without a proper base layer, raising questions about the quality of work

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