

## CANSAULIM HORROR: Mentally compromised girl gangraped by five youth in a flat

### Tech intelligence led to the arrest of Adil Algur, Mohammed Ali Mulla, Shahzad Shaikh, Viresh Aguanda and Mohammed Yasir Shaikh; four of the five accused rapists are just 18

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** In a horrific act, a mentally compromised girl was brutally gangraped by five accused in a flat at Cansaulim on intervening night of January 22-23. Following a complaint lodged by the victim's mother with the Fatorda Police, multiple teams were formed and a massive hunt was launched. The police through digital mapping and scientific investigation arrested all the five accused within two hours.

The heinous crime unfolded when the main accused identified as Adil Algur, (18), from Chicalim, enticed and befriended the mentally unsound girl, abducted her from the Margao KTC bus stand and travelled by bus to Vasco bus stand.

From Vasco bus stand, Adil allegedly made the victim pillion ride the scooter and took her to the Dabolim junction. He then contacted his four accomplices identified as Mohammed Ali Mulla (22) from Mangor

### HOW THE HEINOUS CRIME UNFOLDED

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Hill-Vasco, Shahzad Shaikh (18) from Khariwaddo, Vasco, Viresh Aguanda, (18) from Vasco and Mohammed Yasir Shaikh (18) from Bogda Vasco, who arrived in a four-wheeler. They then took the victim to a flat in Cansaulim, where Adil allegedly raped the victim, followed by the other accused persons who com-

mitted the heinous act by taking advantage of her vulnerable mental condition.

The victim narrated the horrific incident to her mother who later filed a police complaint with the Fatorda Police, who registered an offence under Sections 138, 70(1) and Section 64(1) (k)(m) of BNS Act 2023.

“We also pressed into service the officials from Finger Print Bureau and the Forensic Team for investigation. The flat owner is being questioned by the Fatorda Police and licences are being checked as to how the place was given out to the accused to commit the crime. The case was finally solved within two hours after the mother lodged a complaint with the Fatorda Police – Sunita Sawant, South Goa SP

All the accused have been remanded in seven days police custody.

The Fatorda Police immediately informed the South Goa SP Sunita Swant who directed the high technical surveillance at the Margao bus stand and in Cansaulim and launched a massive manhunt. She got the lead which led to the arrest of the five accused persons.

Multiple raids were conducted with various teams and the vehicle used in committing the offence and five mobile phones have been attached as corroborative evidence into the matter, said SP Sawant.

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Finger Print Bureau and the Forensic Team for investigation. The flat owner is being questioned by the Fatorda Police and licences are being checked as to how the place was given out to the accused to commit the crime. The case was finally solved within two hours after the mother lodged a complaint with the Fatorda Police,” said SP Sunita Sawant.

The team comprised Fatorda PI Nathan Almeida, Verna PI Melson Colaco PS, Fatorda LPSI Priyanka Naik, PI Arjun Sangodkar and Qepem PS staff, under the supervision of SDPO Margao, SDPO Vasco, SDPO Qepem and South SP Sunita Sawant.

### DEMOLITION OP

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Labourers raze an alleged illegal structure at Tonca-Caranzalem, on Friday. Officials from the Tiswadi Mamlatdar and Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) carried out the demolition

## Cong wants action on land grab probe, writes to PM

Team Herald

**PANJIM:** Requesting his intervention on pressing issues of public concern and to ensure justice, transparency, and fair governance the Congress has written a letter to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Requesting an investigation and action on land grabbing, Goa Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) Vice President Sunil Kawthekar said that the recent land grabs by organised syndicates in Goa have raised serious concerns amongst the

public. “Special Investigation Team (SIT), which was constituted in June, 2022, had registered over 40 FIRs involving 90 properties demonstrating severity of the problem,” he said.

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## 8 killed in Bhandara ordnance factory blast

**PTI, BHANDARA:** Eight workers were killed and five others injured as a blast ripped through a unit of the ordnance factory in eastern Maharashtra's Bhandara district on Friday morning, officials said.

At the completion of rescue operations after nearly eight hours, the final death toll stood at eight, said a district official.

“Ordnance Factory Bhandara has constituted an inquiry committee to conduct a probe into the incident,” the factory said in a statement late in the evening.

The impact of the blast was so powerful that the building where it took place was completely destroyed. Residents of three villages in the vicinity felt the ground shaking, said a local man whose 20-year-old cousin was among the deceased.

Pictures taken immediately after the explosion showed a huge cloud of smoke rising above the site.

Earlier, Union minister Nitin Gadkari had said



A blast at the ordnance factory, in Bhandara district, Maharashtra, Friday

that as per the preliminary information, eight persons had died in the incident.

The blast took place around 10.40 am in LTPE (Low Temperature Plastic Explosives) building number 23 in HEX (High Energy Explosives) sub-division at Jawahar Nagar, officials said.

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## People ask why there aren't cases against politicians for the Chandor anti-double tracking protest

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**MARGAO:** With police tightening the screws on anti-double tracking activists, questions have been raised as to why politicians, mainly ruling party ones, who were part of the agitation at Chandor, have not been charged by the police.

On November 1 and 2, 2020, over 5,000 people had participated in the mega protest against the double tracking work

“Why are the police not calling the MLAs as witnesses? Let them tell the story, based on their own involvement in the protests that happened then. They may change their tune today, but let their statements be recorded too – Renata Fernandes, Eco conscious youth

“What is the government trying to do? Do they think that by filing cases against us and intimidating us, we will back down? Even if they try to block us, hundreds will take our place immediately as we are fighting not for ourselves but for the future of Goa and to protect its environment – Vikas Bhagat, one of the activists facing charges

“The government continues to be a slave of crony capitalists hell-bent on killing all life on earth for a few pieces of coal. The people will rise and defend the future generations and planet, and ill-intended cases against peaceful protestors will only strengthen the will of the people – Abhijit Prabhudesai, another activist who is also facing charges

carried out by the Railways. The accused have questioned why turncoat Congress MLAs, now in BJP such as Digambar Kamat,

Aleixo Sequeira, Sankalp Amonkar as well as Independent MLA Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, are not facing any charges, despite

the fact that they too were present for the protest.

Those who participated in the protests also recalled how these MLAs including IT Min-

ister Rohan Khaunte were supporting their agitation against the double tracking.

And no one is being charged

## Carnival float parades from Feb 28 Shigmo festivities to begin from March 15

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**PANJIM:** The annual carnival float parades will commence from February 28, while Shigmo parades will begin in the State from March 15.

Director of Tourism

Kedar Naik on Friday announced the dates of the most awaited calendar events.

Naik told media persons that the carnival parades will be organised from February 28 to March 4, 2025, offering

five days of colourful celebrations and float parades across Goa. A grand curtain-raiser will be held in Porvorim on February 28 which will set the tone for the event.

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