

shorttakes

WOMAN DUPED OF RS 1.05 LAKH
IN FRAUDULENT INVESTMENT SCHEME

MARGAO: Curchorem Police have filed a case of cheating following a complaint by Alisha Naik from Tisk-Sanvordem, Sanguem.

According to police, an unknown woman posing as a representative of an investment company lured Naik into investing Rs 84,000 in multiple installments via GPay, along with an additional Rs 21,000 through a QR code, under the guise of a double-profit scheme. The woman claimed to represent "AMMRUT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS". Naik was ultimately cheated of a total of Rs 1.05 lakh. Police Inspector Tukaram Chavan is investigating the case, which has been registered under Section 318 (3) of BNS and Section 66 (D) of the IT Act 2000.

CONWOMAN TRICKS VICTIM INTO PAYING
RS 2.5 LAKH OVER PHONE SCAM

MARGAO: Joyce Cardozo from Poinguinim, Canacona, filed a complaint with Canacona Police regarding a fraudulent phone call. On October 28, 2024, a caller impersonating an official from the Delhi telecom department intimidated Cardozo into believing she was involved in money laundering activities. A second caller, pretending to be a Delhi Police Sub Inspector, threatened her with arrest unless she paid Rs 2.5 lakh. The victim complied, transferring the sum, but later realised she had been deceived. Further investigation is ongoing.

INSTAGRAM HACKING LEADS TO RS 3,000
LOSS FOR SACORDA RESIDENT

MARGAO: Collem Police have registered a case following a complaint by Vedant Rane from Sacorda, Dharbandora. Rane reported that on November 7, 2024, his friend's Instagram account was hacked by an unknown perpetrator. The hacker, impersonating his friend, convinced Rane to transfer Rs 3,000 via Google Pay. Upon verifying with his friend, Rane discovered the fraud and lodged a complaint. The police are investigating the matter under Section 318 (4), 319 BNS and Section 66-D of the IT Act.

FRAUDSTERS STEAL RS 1.15 LAKH FROM
TOURIST BOOKING SCAM

MARGAO: Fatorda Police have registered a cheating case involving multiple individuals connected to Prerna Tours and Travels Pvt. Ltd.

The victim, who had shown interest in a Thailand tour, was contacted by Kamini from the company. She and others, including Premalata Kumari, Jay Narayan Sharma, Arun Kumar, and Nischal Khanna, induced the complainant to transfer Rs 1.15 lakh for booking flights and accommodation. However, after receiving the money, the accused ceased all communication. The police are investigating further.

BLS POLYMERS EMPLOYEE REPORTS
THEFT OF RS 24.5 LAKH IN HDPE

MARGAO: Sudhir Sankarnarayanan, Manager at BLS Polymers Ltd, Verna Industrial Estate, reported a theft of 21 Metric Tons of HDPE/LLDPE granules from the company's warehouse in Sancoale on January 14. The material, worth Rs 24,59,925, was stolen by unknown individuals. Verna Police are investigating the case, and further updates are awaited.

MAN LOSES RS 2.6 LAKH TO FAKE IPO
INVESTMENT SCHEME

MARGAO: Alex Fernandes, aged 58, from Matol, Verna, lodged a complaint with Verna Police after he was defrauded of Rs 2.6 lakh by fraudsters claiming to offer investment opportunities in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs). The accused contacted Fernandes via WhatsApp, pretending to represent BoFA Securities India Ltd, and promised high returns on investments. After transferring the money, Fernandes was cut off, realising he had been deceived. Police Inspector Melson Colaco is investigating the case under Section 318 (4), 319 (2) BNS, and Section 66-D of the IT Act.

DABOLIM RESIDENT DEFRAUDED OF
RS 4.78 LAKH IN FAKE INVESTMENT SCHEME

VASCO: Vasco Police have registered a case against two individuals who allegedly defrauded Sudhakar Tarway from Dabolim of Rs 4.78 lakh through a fraudulent investment scheme. The accused, Rajiv Jain and Ankita, lured Tarway into investing in stocks with promises of high returns. They added him to a WhatsApp group named "Wealth Future Group" to gain his trust. After multiple transfers, Tarway realised he had been duped. The case is registered under Section 318 (3) of The Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act and Section 66-D of The IT Act. Investigations are ongoing.

BICHOLIM MAN DUPED OF RS 2 LAKH
IN COCONUT BUSINESS FRAUD

BICHOLIM: The Bicholim Police have filed a case against Sharath Kumar from Karnataka for allegedly deceiving Udit Teli from Bicholim into investing Rs 2 lakh in a coconut business. The accused induced Teli to invest online between November 21 and 25, 2024, but once the money was transferred, communication ceased. Bicholim Police are investigating the case under Section 318 (4) of BNS and Section 66 and 66-D of the IT Act.

PONDA WOMAN DUPED OF RS 74,500
BY FAKE COURIER AGENT

PONDA: A woman from Prabhu Nagar, Ponda, has fallen victim to an online fraud, losing Rs 74,500 after being tricked by a fake courier agent. According to police, the accused, using mobile numbers 9123842202 and 8252113637, contacted the woman, posing as an executive from a courier service. The fraudster convinced the complainant to download an app on her phone to correct her address and pin code for a parcel delivery. Under the pretext of this correction, she was asked to make a payment of Rs 10. However, shortly after, a fraudulent transaction of Rs 74,500 was made from her personal account at Federal Bank, without her knowledge. The complainant filed a report with the police, and an offence has been registered under Section 318(3) of the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act (BNS) and Section 66-D of the Information Technology Act, 2000, as well as the IT Amendment Act of 2008.

Kavalem Matth denies
allegations of fraud, calls
complaints a publicity stunt

Team Herald

PONDA: The Shantadurga and Mangeshi Devasthan have strongly refuted the allegations of impersonation, cheating, and forgery levelled against the head of Kavalem Matth.

Dr Sachin Mantri, a well-wisher and follower of the Matth, has described the accusations as a publicity stunt designed to influence the upcoming Devasthan elections in Goa, particularly those of Shantadurga and Mangeshi Devasthan.

Speaking on behalf of the Math administration, Dr

Mantri emphasised that the allegations were unfounded, stating, "We believe this is a tactic aimed at gaining leverage in the Devasthan elections. The Hon. Swamiji is a highly respected figure in the religious community, especially within the GSB community, and these accusations are an attack on his reputation and hurt religious sentiments."

When asked about potential legal action or a counter-complaint, Dr Mantri assured that the Matth's leadership would deliberate on the matter. "We are confident that there is no

substance to these claims," he said, adding "We are happy to let the police investigate. They will find no basis for these accusations."

Mantri also cautioned against declaring guilt before a proper investigation, highlighting that the High Court had already ruled on the matter. "The police are the proper authority to handle this investigation, and any unwarranted claims or propaganda will only damage public sentiment and religious harmony," he added.

The controversy arose after Bhushan Jack and Dr PS Ramani lodged an FIR ac-

cusing three Kavalem Matth office bearers of fraudulently executing a Power of Attorney (POA) in 2018 to sell property in Queula village, Ponda. However, Dr Mantri pointed out that the documents in question had already been declared null and void by the High Court, and he speculated that the complaint could be an attempt to exert pressure for control over the Kavale Matth affairs.

The Matth has vowed to cooperate with authorities, confident that the truth will prevail through proper legal channels.

CM assures
speedy
completion of
Tillari project

Team Herald

PANJIM: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has assured that he will speak to Maharashtra's Chief Minister to expedite the completion of the Tillari Irrigation Project, which, along with other downstream projects, will significantly boost Goa's water supply.

Once completed, the project is expected to provide 240 MLD (million litres per day) of water, with future plans to increase this to 500 MLD.

On Friday, Sawant visited the Tillari Irrigation Project site, the Sal Barrage project, and the Amthane Minor Irrigation and Raw Water Pumping Station, accompanied by WRD Minister Subhash Shirodkar, Bicholim MLA Dr Chandrakant Shetye, and WRD Chief Engineer Pramod Badami. During the inspection, Sawant assured that these projects would improve water supply across three talukas in North Goa.

Regarding the Sal Barrage, which lifts 250 MLD of water, Sawant stated, "The project is progressing well and will play a crucial role in supplying water to treatment plants in Assonora, Pilerne, Guirim, Chandel, and Mopa." He also highlighted that the Amthane project will further enhance water supply to Latambarcem and Assonora.

On the Tillari Canal breach, Sawant confirmed that Rs 128 crore had been allocated for repairs.

CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA

SAGUN GAWADE



Lokotsav 2025 has been drawing a massive crowd, with people from across Goa thronging Darya Sangam at Kala Academy, Campal, Panjim, for shopping

Mining company agrees to provide
pellet transportation to locals

Team Herald

PONDA: Shiroda locals, including women, celebrated a significant victory after the mining company agreed to provide pellet transportation trips on a rotational basis to local truckers, following a strong protest against the company's operations.

The protest began on Wednesday when villagers blocked the road to the company's gate, halting movement. They had long complained of heavy dust pollution, the loss of fertile paddy land, and a lack of livelihood opportunities despite their sacrifices for the mining industry.

During the protest, locals voiced their frustration over not receiving proper compensation in the form



SANTOSH NAIK

of truck transportation trips or jobs, while alleging the company favoured external contractors and influential politicians. The issue had remained unresolved for a year.

After intervention from Deputy Collector Shubham Naik, DYSP Shivram Vagankar, and PI Vijaynath Kavlekar, a meeting was

arranged between villagers and company officials. The result was a positive agreement to implement a rotational system for local truckers, which will be on trial until March 31.

"We are happy our voices were heard," said one local woman, reflecting the collective relief of the community.

Youth assaults four
minors in Undir-
Gaume, sparks protests

SANTOSH NAIK



Team Herald

PONDA: Tension flared in Undir-Gaume when four minor children were assaulted by a youth from Ponda, triggering a wave of local protests. The incident occurred when the children, who were on their way home, passed by a youth sitting with a friend at the roadside.

Following the assault, angry locals gathered at the Ponda police station, demanding swift action against the youth. The police responded promptly and arrested the individual. The youth, later claimed he thought the children were teasing him and taking offence, attacked them.

Locals informed that the road between the sluice gate, which offers a scenic beach-like view,

has long been a popular spot for couples and young people. The road, which spans half a kilometre in length and is 12 metres wide, is isolated and features retaining walls that have become spots for sitting. However, the growing trend of late-night gatherings is increasingly causing nuisance to locals, particularly those who use the road for evening walks.

Bandora Sarpanch, Ramchandra Naik, expressed concern over the road's misuse, explaining that it has been a hotspot for unwanted activities for several years. He said, "These activities go on late into the night and only lead to trouble and fights. We have had clashes in the past and it is becoming a serious concern."

Sugarcane
farmers demand
crop purchase
notification

Team Herald

PONDA: Sugarcane farmers are concerned over their livelihood, as the State government has yet to issue the promised notification to purchase their sugarcane produce. Farmers from the Sanjivani Sugar Factory, represented by the Gomantak Uss Utpadak Sangatana (Sugarcane Producers Association Goa), have urged Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to fulfill his commitment made earlier this month.

On January 4, the farmers met the CM and raised concerns over the expiry of the Five-Year Compensation Scheme, which was introduced after the closure of the Sanjivani Sugar Factory five years ago. The scheme, which provided financial compensation to farmers, ended in December 2024, however, the CM informed that the compensation scheme could not be continued.

The Chief Minister had reassured the farmers that the government would support them in continuing sugarcane cultivation by accepting their sugarcane production.

Paragliding activities
suspended temporarily

Team Herald

PANJIM: On the backdrop of the death of a Pune tourist and pilot from Nepal during paragliding at Keri a few days back, the Department of Tourism on Friday ordered suspension of the operation of paragliding activities (motorized and non-motorized) throughout the state of Goa until further orders.

An order issued by Director of Tourism Kedar Naik said the department shall undertake a review of all the existing registrations issued under the Goa Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1982, pertaining to paragliding activities throughout the state of Goa, to ensure compliance with the requisite safety standards.

All operators engaged in paragliding activities, mo-

torized and non-motorized, have been asked to submit the prescribed documentation to the department for inspection.

"Any person, company, association, firm or any other entity failing to comply with this order or obstructing any person acting under its authority shall be liable to a fine of Rs 50,000 and subject to penal action under Section 223 of BNS 2023," the order said.

The decision has come after a 27-year-old tourist from Maharashtra and a 26-year-old pilot from Nepal were killed in a paragliding mishap in North Goa's Keri last Saturday.

The incident occurred when Shivani Dabale accompanied by pilot Suman Nepali took off from a cliff at Keri plateau and plunged into a ravine.

APPOINTMENTS

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MAPUSA, BARDEZ-GOA

Managed by DIOCESAN SOCIETY OF EDUCATION (DSE)

Sr. No	Name of the Post	Qualification	No. of Post	Interview Time
1	Laboratory Assistant Contract basis till 29/03/2025	XII Science (Preferably B.Sc)	01	9.30 a.m.
2	Teacher (Vocational) Contract basis till 30/04/2025	M.Com & B.Ed	01	10.00 a.m.

Interested candidates as per Government Recruitment Rules, may attend the interview on **01st February 2025** along with application, testimonials and valid employment card, all in original and Xerox copies.

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Walk-in-Interview at ACGL Plant-1, Honda Sattari-Goa
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No. LA/Admn./2025/2737

Date :24th January, 2025

Invites applications on plain paper with attested copies of certificates for the below mentioned 'Group (C)' Non-Gazetted posts to be filled at the Goa Legislature Secretariat, Assembly Complex, Porvorim Goa by Direct Recruitment on regular basis :

Sr. No.	Name of posts	Pay Scale	Number of Posts	Category & Reservation	Prescribed Educational Qualification
1.	Multi Tasking Staff (MTS)	Pay Matrix Level - 1 Rs. 18,000/-	02	1 (UR) 1 (EWS)	Essential: (1)Passed Secondary School Certificate Examination from a recognized Board / Institution OR Passed Course conducted by I.T.I. or equivalent qualification in relevant trade from a recognized institution. (2)Knowledge of Konkani Desirable (1)Knowledge of Marathi. (2)Multi-tasking skills such as knowledge of Operating Office Machines including Computers.

Note :

* **Age Limit for the posts mentioned at Sr. No. 1, and 2**

Not exceeding 45 years (relaxable for Government Servant by 5 years)

2. The eligible and interested candidates shall submit their applications giving details such as (i) Full Name & Residential Address with Contact No. (ii) Date of Birth (iii) Employment Exchange Card Number (iv) Educational Qualification Certificates (v) Technical Educational Qualification Certificates (vi) Recent Passport size photograph (duly pasted on the right side of the application (vii) Residence Certificate of 15 years in Goa (viii) Caste Certificate if applicable. The applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Goa Legislature Secretariat, Assembly Complex, Porvorim Bardez - Goa, Pin- 403521 latest by 7th February, 2025 before 5.45 p.m.

3.It may be noted that incomplete applications and application without accompanying the supporting testimonials mentioned above and the applications received after the prescribed date will not be entertained but summarily rejected. All above certificates are subject to verification.

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