

Canacona man held for rape of minor after victim comes forward

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MARGAO: A minor schoolgirl has reported that she was confined and raped by a 32-year-old man, identified as Girish alias Niles Velip, a resident of Cola, Canacona.

This crime has come to light while the people of South Goa are still processing the gang rape of a mentally unsound girl in Cansaulim, reported last week.

The Cuncolim police, following a complaint filed by the victim's family, arrested the accused and produced him before the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Margao, where he was remanded in three days' police custody.

According to Cuncolim police, the accused Velip was working abroad, and recently returned to Goa. He befriended the victim via WhatsApp. Using this connection, he visited her home in November 2024 when she was alone. He allegedly confined her in a room, sexually assaulted her, and issued threats to deter her from reporting the incident.

The case was initially

“Perversion and a distorted sense of male bonding in certain cultures turn acts of aggression—including sexual violence—into a twisted way of reinforcing dominance and solidarity. This reflects a hatred of women, played out on one unfortunate victim who is often caught in weak circumstances. Outsiders should be profiled without fear of judgement, as rapists can often be identified beforehand based on certain attributes, such as their backgrounds

— Adv Seoula Vas, Fatorda

“It is the State's utmost responsibility to ensure the safety and dignity of all citizens, as guaranteed by our constitution. Mechanisms of a democratic society, including the police and other relevant government departments, must work collaboratively to address these major concerns. There should be no loopholes that allow accused persons to exploit gaps in the case and hinder justice. Advancements in artificial intelligence should be employed to strengthen investigations in cases of rape, murder, and other serious crimes

— Adv Lida Joao, former Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee (South)

brought to the Women's Cell, Margao, which transferred it to Cuncolim police. Investigations led to Velip's arrest late Monday night. He is being charged under Sections 376(2) and 354 of the Indian Penal Code, along with relevant sections of the Goa Children's Act, 2003, and the Protection of

Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), 2012.

The victim was initially taken to the Bali Health Centre and later shifted to the South Goa District Hospital and finally to the Goa Medical College Hospital. PSI Sudan Bhosale of the Cuncolim Police Station is investigating the case.

Congress slams govt over rising crimes against women

Accountability demanded after gang rape of mentally challenged woman

MARGAO: The Congress party has strongly criticised the State government and police over the rising number of crimes against women in Goa, particularly in light of the recent gang rape of a mentally challenged woman.

The party has demanded accountability from the authorities for their failure to address women's safety concerns. Speaking to reporters, GPCC General Secretary Manisha Usgaonkar accused the government of merely paying lip service to women's empowerment and safety by organising events and programmes without implementing any concrete action.

She questioned whether women are truly safe in Goa, given the increasing crimes against them.

“This government only talks about ‘Beti Padhao,

Beti Bachao,’ but has done nothing tangible to protect women from criminals. Where were the police when the mentally challenged woman was abducted from Margao and gang-raped at Cansaulim? Where is the police presence at bus stands and public spaces? Where are the women's police stations and the Pink Force? Why have these agencies failed to prevent the rapes and molestations taking place in the State?” Manisha asked.

She further expressed concern about the safety of women in the State, saying, “Do you think any woman would feel safe stepping out at night after this horrific gang rape? Instead of strengthening security by deploying more personnel, the government is embroiled in job scams.”

Two booked for Rs 1.73 lakh mobile theft in Mapusa

MAPUSA: The Mapusa Police have registered a case against two individuals from Vasco for allegedly stealing a mobile phone valued at Rs 1.73 lakh.

According to the police, Abhinav Shrirang Narvekar,

a resident of Ansabhat-Mapusa, filed a complaint stating that on January 26, at Golden Orchid, the accused—identified as Shreya Vardhan, also known as Shreya Surai Naik, from Headland Sada-Vasco,

and Suraj Naik from Mandrem-Pernem—stole his daughter's mobile phone. The accused are reportedly relatives of the complainant.

An FIR has been registered, and the case is under investigation by PSI Aditya Gad.

AUCTION FOR PLUCKING MANGOS FROM MANGO TREES at Goa Football Association Stadium, Duler Mapusa will be held on 01.02.2025 at 10 am at stadium hall

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CHANGE IN NAME

I MARIA RITA ESPERANCA SEQUEIRA R/O HNO 137 CUXEM CORJUM ALDONA NORTH GOA HAS CHANGED MY NAME FROM MARIA RITA ESPERANCA D SOUZA E SEQUEIRA TO MARIA RITA ESPERANCA SEQUEIRA HEREFTER IN ALL MY DEALINGS AND DOCUMENTS AND I WILL BE CALLED OR KNOWN BY THE NAME MARIA RITA ESPERANCA SEQUEIRA.

CHANGE IN NAME

I, “MRS ANITA FURTADO”, R/O, Shamiana Hsg. Co-Op Society, Flat No. D-3, Comba, Margao, Salcete - Goa, 403601 would like to change my name and my Mother's name on my Indian passport. My name from “ANITA PEREIRA” to “ANITA FURTADO” and Mother's Name from “CONCEICAO FURTADO” to “MARCELINA CONCEICAO PEREIRA” as per birth certificate.

Hereinafter in all my dealings, and documents, I will be known by the name “ANITA FURTADO”.

Sd/- ANITA FURTADO

PUBLIC NOTICE

Known to all person by this notice that my client is intending to purchase from 1) MRS. MARIA ROSALINA MARTA SILVA alias ROSALINA MARTA DA SILVA and her husband 2) MR. BENSON BORGIO SECUNDO NETUANO DE JESUS ALMEIDA alias BENSON ALMEIDA, both r/o H. No. 276, Aquem, Margao, Salcete, Goa, the property known as “2nd PALVEM” admeasuring an area of 1197 sq. mts., surveyed under Survey No. 916/8 of Village Dausus, Chinchinim, Salcete, Goa along with house bearing H. No. 276, which originally formed part of bigger property described in the Land Registration Office under No. 13857 and enrolled in the Land Revenue Office under Matriz No. 188 in Sub-Registration Jurisdiction of Salcete, in the South District of Goa in the State of Goa and that the said property is bounded as under: EAST: by property bearing Survey No. 916; WEST: by property bearing Survey No. 915-A and 921; NORTH: by Public road; SOUTH: by village boundary of Chinchinim.

That any person or persons, banks, institutions or any body are having any kind of right or claims to the above said property by way of purchase, gift, will, inheritance, mortgage, lease or any other kind of right then such person or persons, institutions or banks or other claimants should file their objection before my office within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which my client shall proceed with the sale deed and any claims or objections received after the period of 15 days shall be null and void.

Sd/- Adv. Manoj M. Naik
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CHANGE IN NAME

I, SAMIRA MATEUS FERNANDES, resident of H. No. 1236, Dapot Maxem Lollem Canacona South Goa 403728 would like to change my name from SAMIRA MATEUS SOARES to SAMIRA MATEUS FERNANDES. Hereafter in all my dealings & documents, I will be known by my name SAMIRA MATEUS FERNANDES.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my clients are desirous of purchasing the property mentioned herein below from Mrs. Juliana Fernandes, resident of Vaddem, Socorro, Bardez, Goa. All the property known and identified as CHINVAR, surveyed under Survey No. 432/3A admeasuring an area of 1033 sqmtrs, that is situated in the Village of Anjuna, within the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat of Anjuna, Bardez, Taluka, Anjuna, Goa which is bounded as under: To the East: by road; To the West: by property surveyed under survey No. 432/3; To the North: by property surveyed under survey No. 432/5; To the South: by road.

That any person's, banks, financial institutions, companies, entity (legal corporate or otherwise) or anybody having any right, claims, title or interest in or over the said property by way of purchase, sale, exchange, transfer, tenancy, license, assignment, gift, succession, will, inheritance, claim, mortgage, encumbrance, lease or any other legally enforceable right of whatsoever nature should file their claims or objections at my office with the documentary evidence in support thereof within a period of 20 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my clients shall be entitled to presume that no such objection, claims exist or that any such claims or objections shall stand waived and/or relinquished and my clients shall be entitled to proceed with the execution and registration of the proposed deed of sale in respect of the above mentioned property. Mapusa, Dated 28.01.2025

Sd/- Adv. Fernando Dias
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Near Civil Court, Mapusa, Bardez, Goa

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TENDER DOCUMENT FOR SELECTION OF AGENCY TO HANDLE PORT OPERATIONS INCLUDING CUSTOMS CLEARANCES AND FREIGHT FORWARDING SERVICES
Tender No. NCPOR/OSG/TD/2025

Director, NCPOR, invites bids for the appointment of shipping agency for the NCPOR shipping activities.

The tender document with all relevant terms and conditions is uploaded on the NCPOR website www.ncpor.res.in

Those authorized shipping agencies having office in Goa are requested to download the tender document and submit the same in sealed cover to Director, NCPOR.

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For & on behalf of NCPOR

Dilapidated structures in Ponda identified, notices issued

Owners request additional time to vacate; those refusing to comply would be required to provide structural audit report from GEC, say PMC officials

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PONDA: Several old and dilapidated buildings within the Ponda Municipal Council (PMC) jurisdiction have been identified as posing a risk to shop owners conducting business from them, as well as to members of the general public visiting these premises. To ensure public safety, the PMC has announced that appropriate legal action will be taken after a detailed survey. Buildings deemed unsafe will be required to undergo demolition.

The PMC has so far identified four dangerous buildings, including both public and private structures. Stability notices have already been issued to some of these properties. The council has also demolished its Shastri Hall building, where shop owners operating from the ground floor were relocated before the structure



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was taken down. Additionally, the PMC has decided to demolish its old 16-flat building at Shantinagar-Ponda.

PMC officials have stated that some of the private buildings identified as hazardous have also been issued notices. While certain owners have requested additional time to vacate, officials warned that those refusing to comply would be required to provide a structural audit report pre-

pared by the Goa Engineering College (GEC).

In addition, the government has directed the council to conduct a survey of old buildings belonging to various government departments. According to PMC officials, several abandoned health department buildings near the Government Complex at Tisk-Ponda, are on the verge of collapse. Two of these structures have been flagged as

particularly unsafe.

Social worker Rocky Dias has raised concerns about the risk posed by such buildings, stating: “Buildings posing a risk to the public should be identified and barricaded to prevent entry and discourage anti-social activities.”

The PMC has reiterated its commitment to taking swift action to address the issue of unsafe buildings, ensuring the safety of both residents and visitors.

SP Sunita Sawant transferred to Police Headquarters

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PANJIM: South Goa Superintendent of Police (SP) Sunita Sawant has been transferred to the Goa Police Headquarters, with Tikam Singh Verma assuming charge as the new South Goa SP.

Sawant was appointed as the South Goa SP in February last year. Sources suggest her transfer may be linked to allegations of non-cooperation with certain MLAs from South Goa.

Sawant had taken on additional responsibilities as South Goa SP after IPS officer Abhishek Dhania was transferred to Delhi earlier. Her tenure witnessed significant developments; however, her transfer has raised questions in political and administrative circles.

Tikam Singh Verma, who previously headed the Anti-Narcotics Cell, will now serve as the SP of South Goa. The transfer underscores the dynamic changes within the state's police administration.

Kapil Phadte elected president of Goa civil service officers

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PANJIM: Kapil Phadte has been elected as the President of the Association of Goa Civil Service Officers (AGCSO) following the formation of a new Executive Committee. The announcement was made during a general body meeting held on January 28.

The new committee will be led by President Kapil Phadte, with Manohar Karekar as Vice President, Dattaraj Gauns Desai as Secretary, Sanjana Dipak Bandekar as Joint Secretary, and Pranav Bhat as Treasurer. The members of the executive committee include Vipul Naik Gaokar, Vivek Krishna Naik, Taha Hazik, Shubham Naik, Suyash Khandeparkar and Manthan Manish Naik.

This election comes after widespread criticism of the association for failing to hold elections for the past eight

years and for its perceived inability to address the concerns of its members.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary of Goa, V Candavelou, who was the chief guest at the event, emphasised the critical role of Goa Civil Service (GCS) Officers as the ‘steel frame’ of the country. He urged the association to organise meetings

more frequently to strengthen its functioning and address the needs of its members effectively.