

Eco warrior rings water crisis alarm bell for N Goa

Urgent action needed to save natural water resources of Bicholim, Sattari and Bardez, says Rajendra Kerkar

Team Herald

BICHOLIM: Even as Bardez limps back to life after facing days of crippling water shortage, environmentalist Rajendra Kerkar has rung the alarm bells, saying that the water crisis might become a regular feature in the talukas of Bicholim, Sattari and Bardez, since the government has neglected the vital water

“The situation is dire... If the government continues to ignore the deteriorating condition of the Bicholim river, the region could face long-term environmental and socio-economic disaster. The water crisis will be inevitable if urgent action is not taken now

— Rajendra Kerkar, environmentalist



sources in the region. Speaking to the media on

Friday, Kerkar highlighted the growing pollution and

decline in the flow of the Bicholim river, which traverses both Goa and Maharashtra. He warned that this deterioration could soon trigger a severe water crisis, not only in Bicholim, Sattari, and Bardez, but also in the Amthane river, if immediate remedial measures are not taken.

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Sunita Williams sets spacewalk record

PTI, WASHINGTON: Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams has broken the record for total spacewalking time by a woman by logging 62 hours and 6 minutes of spacewalk.

Williams and her colleague Butch Wilmore, who have been stranded on the International Space Station (ISS) since June 2024, conducted a spacewalk on Thursday.

The duo ventured outside the ISS to remove degraded radio communications hardware and collect samples that may show whether microorganisms exist on the exterior of the orbiting lab. The spacewalk began at 7:43 am Eastern Time (ET) and concluded at 1:09 pm ET, lasting 5 hours and 26 minutes.

"NASA astronaut Sunita Williams just surpassed former astronaut Peggy Whitson's total spacewalking time of 60 hours and 21 minutes," NASA said in a post on X.

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