

shorttakes

MAN ARRESTED FOR ABDUCTION IN THIVIM; VICTIM RESCUED FROM KARNATAKA

MAPUSA: Colvale Police have arrested 34-year-old Mustafa Abdul Kanchangar from Thivim for allegedly abducting a 27-year-old woman and confining her at an undisclosed location. According to police, on January 23, Riyana Shaikh of Madel-Thivim, filed a complaint stating that Kanchangar had allegedly kidnapped her sister and held her in secret. An FIR was registered and a team led by PI Vijay Rane of Colvale Police Station was formed. The victim was traced and rescued from a room in Malebennur-Davangere, Karnataka, where the accused had reportedly confined her. Kanchangar was presented before the 2nd ACJ and JMFC court in Davangere before being brought to Colvale Police Station on a transit warrant.

TWO-WHEELER STOLEN FROM MALBHAT, MARGAO

MARGAO: Lal Chand, a resident of Malbhat, Margao and a native of Shrawasti-Uttar Pradesh, filed a complaint with the Margao police regarding the theft of his motorcycle. The theft occurred between 1 am and 3 am on February 6, from an open parking area near Ganga Wines Shop, Old Station Road, Malbhat-Margao. Following the complaint, the police conducted a panchanama and registered the offence under section 303(2) of BNS 2023.

RIDER INJURED IN COLLISION BETWEEN TWO SCOOTERS AT QUEPEM

MARGAO: Piedade Rocha, a resident of Chinchamol, Amona-Quepem, was seriously injured in an accident involving two scooters at Gudi-Paroda, Quepem. The rider of the second scooter fled the scene after the collision, leaving Rocha injured. According to Quepem police, the incident occurred at approximately 9 pm on February 6. The rider of the motorcycle, which had an invalid registration and no number plate, was travelling from Quepem towards Margao in a reckless manner. Upon reaching GudiParoda, the rider swerved onto the wrong side of the road, colliding with an oncoming scooter. The rider of the motorcycle abandoned his vehicle and fled the scene. The police have registered an offence under section 281, 125(b) BNS, and section 134 (a) (b), 192 of the MV Act, and Rule 50 of CMVR, based on a complaint filed by Head Constable at the Quepem Police Station. Sandeep R Mahajan, HC of Quepem Police Station, is handling the investigation.

GOLD ORNAMENTS WORTH RS 1.9 LAKH STOLEN FROM SERAULIM HOUSE

MARGAO: Some unknown persons broke into a house in Bolcho Waddo, Seraulim-Salcete and stole gold ornaments and other valuables worth approximately Rs 1.9 lakh. Tony Rodrigues, a resident of Seraulim, Salcete, lodged a complaint stating that between February 1 and 8, unknown individuals entered the house of his sister, Sanetra Colaco, by breaking open the back door latch. The burglars stole two gold necklaces, one gold chain, a bracelet, four bangles, earrings, cash, and a CCTV with DVR system, totalling approximately Rs 1.9 lakh in value. Colva Police have registered an offence under section 331(3), 331(4), and 305 of BNS, and further investigations are underway.

OUR LADY OF SUCCOUR TRIUMPHS AT INTER-SCHOOL RELIGION QUIZ



MARGAO: Hosts Our Lady of Succour High School emerged victorious in the 24th edition of the Late Rev Fr Bruno A Diniz Memorial Inter-School Religion Quiz, held on the school premises. A total of eight schools participated in the event, which was conducted by Rev Fr Onasis D'Cruz, Assistant Director at the St Joseph Vaz Spiritual Retreat Centre, Old Goa. Fatima Convent secured second place, while St Anthony High School claimed third. St Jude High School, Betalbatim, finished in fourth place. The winners and runners-up were awarded cash prizes of Rs 10,000, Rs 8,000, Rs 6,000, and Rs 4,000, respectively, along with trophies and certificates. Speaking at the event, Rev Fr Edson Fernandes, the school manager, highlighted the significance of the quiz in promoting knowledge and understanding of the Holy Scriptures. Quizmaster Rev Fr Onasis commended the students for their dedication and preparation, urging them to engage in daily reading of the Scriptures. Headmistress Olympia Pereira proposed the vote of thanks.

POWER SHUTDOWN

MARGAO: On February 12, from 9 am to 6 pm. Affected areas are Kalika Building, Nanu Office and surrounding areas.
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Govt 'indifference' prompts Ponda carnival lovers to self-fund parade

Out of Tourism Dept's list for three consecutive years, locals to organise float parade on March 4 from Tisk-Ponda to bus stand

Team Herald

PONDA: Frustrated over the government's neglect in organising the Carnival for three consecutive years, Ponda People's Carnival Committee (PPCC) has decided to hold the float parade by crowd funding the event.

Following an urgent meeting, the PPCC led by Agustin Fernandes, has decided to organise the parade through public contributions and sponsorships, as the government has refused to provide funding. The Carnival Parade is set to take place on March 4, starting at Tisk-Ponda, at 4 pm and culminating at the Ponda Bus Stand.

Briefing the media, Fernandes said, "The government has only declared Carnival parades for Panjim, Porvorim, Mapusa, Margao, and Vasco. We even met Ponda MLA and Minister Ravi Naik recently, who promised to raise

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the issue with Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte. However, after years of promises and no funds being sanctioned, we have decided not to approach them again this year."

He further said, "Whether the government sanctions funds or not, we will organise the event ourselves and have decided to collect contributions from the public. We will not meet any ministers for grants. If they want to help, they are welcome to, but we will carry on with the parade regardless." Fernandes also welcomed other Carnival enthu-

siasts to join the committee and support the success of the event.

Reflecting on the government's lack of support, Fernandes expressed that Ponda has been treated unfairly, particularly since the town has four constituencies. He highlighted the history of the Ponda Carnival, noting, "I was the Chairman of the Carnival Committee from 2007 to 2010 when the float parade was first introduced. Grants were provided by the government until 2012, following which they stopped after the election defeat of the local MLA. The parade contin-

ued on a self-funded basis until it was interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Since then, the government has failed to release any funds for the festivities, making this the third consecutive year."

Riva Peres, another member of the committee, expressed the feeling of injustice among the Carnival lovers in Ponda. "I urge donors and local businesses to contribute generously and encourage everyone to participate in large numbers," she said.

The absence of the float parade in Ponda for the past three years has left the local community disappointed and determined to revive the tradition. While Carnival celebrations continue in other parts of Goa, locals feel neglected as their town is excluded from the festivities. Residents are eager to showcase their creativity and talents, which they hope will once again become a highlight of the region's Carnival celebrations.

P'yat employees demand implementation of 7th Pay Commission

Team Herald

PANJIM: The All Goa Panchayat Employees' Union along with workers on Sunday renewed their demand for the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission.

The union said it will appeal to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Panchayat Minister Mauvin Godinho in fulfilling its demands, failing which the union will protest.

Speaking to reporters, All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) General Secretary Christopher Fonseca said, "We have taken payment as per the recommendation of sixth pay commission. Now 7th pay commission came in January 2016. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant says everything is settled and had promised that payments would be made as per the recommendations of the 7th pay commission and hence workers have decided to meet the chief minister for the last time and ask him whether the payments will be made as per the 7th pay commission's recommendations or not."

"Similarly we will also meet the panchayat minister and make the same demand. If the payments will not be as per the recommendations then the workers will be forced to hold protests and explore other ways of protests including total strike," he said.

SMART CITY MESS



The Smart City workers allegedly damaged a water pipeline along the MG Road near the Government printing press on Monday. The incident comes after a major gas leak disaster was averted wherein a gas pipeline was ruptured at Bhatlem on Sunday while carrying out sewerage works

Congress protests against deportation of Indians from USA

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Goa Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) staged a protest on Monday, condemning the humiliation faced by Indians deported from the United States of America (USA) and criticising the Narendra Modi government for failing to intervene. The Congress alleged that the Central government had failed to protect the dignity and rights of its citizens on the global stage.

The protest was led by GPCC president Amit Patkar, MLA Adv Carlos Alvares Ferreira, and Goa Pradesh Youth Congress Committee working president Maresh Nadar. Adv Alvares Ferreira questioned why so many Indians were leaving the country despite PM Modi's promises of economic growth. "If Modi came in as the saviour of our country and promised a trillion-dollar economy, why did so many people leave India? We don't condone illegalities, but we demand that the government stand up for our Indian brothers and sisters. The Indian government owes this duty to its citi-

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zens," he said. He further added, "The President of Colombia stood up for their people. This will be remembered as the saddest chapter in the lives of those deported in such a humiliating manner."

Patkar called on the Minister for External Affairs to intervene in accordance with India's foreign policy to assist the Indians now stranded in the USA. "Bhaktis claimed that India's global standing has elevated. Where is that standing now?" he asked.

Nadar criticised the government's handling of the situation, questioning why the media was barred when the deportees' flight landed in Chandigarh. "Why was the press not allowed when the flight arrived? They knew our countrymen were handcuffed and brought back like animals. Our Prime Minister diverted media attention by taking a dip in the Ganga," he said.

Goa Police reshuffle: Over 600 officers moved

Team Herald

PANJIM: In a major reshuffle, the Superintendent of Police (HQ) ordered the transfer of 616 police personnel on Monday. The transfers include 72 Assistant Police Inspectors, eight female Assistant Police Inspectors, 202 head constables, five female head constables, 263 police constables, 39 female constables, 27 drivers and others. The Police Establish-

ment Board recommended the transfers, as per the order issued on February 10, by SP Nelson B R Albuquerque.

Last year, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant stated that police inspectors posted at preferred stations as a favour would not be retained. He had assured that such officers, along with sub-inspectors, would be transferred to other divisions, with staff rotations across Goa police stations.

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