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DEPORTEES FILE FIR AGAINST AGENT WHO TOOK LAKHS

The Vasco police have registered a case against Staney Goerge under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and under Sections 10 and 24 of the Emigration Act, 1983.

The two Goans were among the second batch of 116 Indian immigrants who were deported by the USA last week. They reached home on Sunday.

FORGET 4 HOURS, PARTS OF TALEIGAO GET WATER FOR ONLY 60 MINUTES!

Speaking to O Heraldo, Laxi Kuttikar, a resident of Odxel, said, "We are forced to wait as we receive water only around 8.30 pm or 9 pm. Earlier, we used to bring water from Taleigao. Our demand to the authorities is that water be provided in our area at least twice a day and for at least for two hours."

Rekha Kuttikar, another resident, said, "The water supply timings are irregular. Sometimes we receive supply at 8 pm or 9 pm. Some people have overhead water tanks, but we cannot afford them. We face a lot of hardship as there are no wells in our area. Nobody cares. We want the authorities to supply water at least twice a day. If that is not possible then at least we should be provided water in the evening for at least two hours."

Jaishree Harmalkar, another resident from the area, said, "We receive water only in the evening which is stored in buckets. But, receive water bills on time. There is an overhead tank from where water is released. Despite several requests for providing us proper water supply, we are forced to wait for water as the timing is irregular. It is also not so easy to visit the Public Works Department (PWD) again and again leaving our household work. The sad part is that nobody cares."

Rajmani Vishwakarma, a farmer, said, "We receive irregular water supply. Sometimes we receive water daily and at times on alternate days. We have no idea as to when we will receive water."

Another farmer, on the condition of anonymity, said that he has observed that ground water level in the area has reduced to a great extent in the last decade.

Social activist Cecille Rodrigues said, "The Taleigao residents are suffering on account of the water shortage for years. Despite regularly informing the Taleigao panchayat not to approve any more construction licenses and asking the Public Works Department (PWD) to inform us via a message about the water shortage, all our pleas have fallen on deaf ears. Not only locals of Taleigao, even those residing in areas that come under the jurisdiction of Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) are also facing water shortage."

Social activist Francis Coelho said, "The Chief Minister has failed the people of Goa miserably. During the budget session of 2019 he had promised that by the end of 2024 there would be 24x7 water supply but now we are in February of 2025 and now the same CM says that the water supply is going to be for only four hours. So 20 hours have been deleted from his promise. This has happened because of zero development and zero infrastructure in the water supply and Water Resources Department."

CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN NOISE PANEL NAMES

Costa Frias presented three alternative names for consideration – noise pollution crusaders Janie Crasto and Jeremy Ferreira, and Dominic Pereira, who was in the previous NMC – and pointed out that none of them had any links with the tourism and nightlife industries.

Justice MS Karnik expressed interest in exploring the possibility of appointing non-practicing advocates. "Is it not possible to suggest the names of two lawyers who are not practicing?" the judge asked. Costa Frias acknowledged the challenge in finding such names but promised to attempt again.

Advocate General Devidas Pangam indicated support for Costa Frias' proposed names, stating, "If he is confident in the people he has suggested, we can proceed with their appointment."

Justice Karnik, however, emphasised the need for trust in the new names. "We need a good retired government servant who can be trusted. The question of trust is very important because the reports that have been coming are all conflicting... The new people should not be linked to any organisation involved in tourism or any trade where music is played. Their work will be to make a report and to submit it to the authorities concerned, and not to the court," clarified Justice Karnik.

During the hearing, petitioner Desmond Alvares questioned how businesses facing FIRs could still continue operations, prompting Justice Karnik to turn to the Advocate General for a response. Pangam, however, remained silent, prompting the judge to suggest that Alvares share his concerns with the Amicus Curiae for further presentation in the next hearing.

Following the hearing, local resident Anna Fernandes expressed relief over the decision. "It's a relief to see the government's nominees rejected," she said. "It's clear they were trying to bring back the status quo with two government-friendly members. If the government truly cared about us, we wouldn't have been in this situation."

Desmond D'souza, another local resident, also voiced his concerns, saying, "We knew the government wouldn't accept the Amicus Curiae's suggestions. We approached the High Court because we felt the government was not supporting us, and our list of complaints keeps growing."

SC ORDERS STAY ON ALLAHBADIA'S ARREST

Justice Surya Kant added, "You tell us, if there is anyone on earth who would like these kinds of words. You are insulting parents... We don't want to say anything further but there is something very dirty in his mind that has been vomited by him in this kind of a programme. Why should the court entertain this kind of person? You please tell us," said Justice Surya Kant.

A bench of Justice Kant and N Kotiswar Singh told senior advocate Abhinav Chandrachud, who was representing Allahbadia, "The words you have chosen, the parents will feel ashamed, daughters and sisters will feel ashamed, your younger brother will feel ashamed, the entire society will feel ashamed."

While granting the interim relief, the bench restrained Allahbadia or his associates from airing any other show till further orders and said, "Stop this show business for the time being."

The bench further asked, "We would like to know, in this country if this is not obscenity then what is the standard of obscenity?"

Justice Surya Kant said Allahbadia should be ashamed about the embarrassment he had caused to his parents through his language used on the show.

Chandrachud said personally he was disgusted by the petitioner's utterances but asked if it attracted criminal prosecution.

"What is that level that you should invite the criminal proceedings or prosecution? What are the words, according to which you invite criminal prosecution?" the bench retorted.

The court went on to add, "The society has broadly some self-evolved values where you as a responsible citizen commit yourself to behave in those parameters."

Justice Surya Kant further asked, "What are those parameters and values? We would like to know from the petitioner and other artists who have joined him. How do you behave yourself? According to them, what are those parameters of Indian society?"

Chandrachud referred to a top court ruling and said it was held that anything that gave rise to disgust or revulsion would not amount to obscenity, and profanity would also not amount to obscenity.

If something gives rise to lustful thoughts or sexual thoughts in the mind of a reasonable person, that would be obscenity, he said.

The bench however said, "There has to be a height of lack of responsibility. This is condemnable behaviour. Somebody thinks he has become so popular and therefore I can speak any kind of words and I can take the entire society for granted."

Chandrachud agreed with the court's view as he couldn't defend morality being disgusted himself.

The bench said only because there was a judgement in petitioner's favour (defining obscenity), he did not have a license to speak vulgarly.

"We are aware of that judgement, which is in your favour. Therefore, does it give you the license to speak all kinds of vulgarity? Can he speak his depraved mind anywhere and anytime. Is this the standard? Has that judgement given you a license to utter such language. Just see the language you are using," it added.

Chandrachud referred to the threats issued to Allahbadia by a former wrestler and former legislator and said it prevented him to go to different states, where FIRs were lodged.

"If you can try to get cheap publicity by using all abusive language, then someone giving threats also wants to be popular. Everyday this happens," the bench.

The bench disapproved of the threats and said it was not a people's court where one could pronounce anyone guilty.

"Nobody will appreciate these kinds of statements. If somebody commits anything wrong, law must take its own course. We have a judicial system and we are going by the law. We are not encouraging these kinds of statements, threats. If they are doing it, law will take its own course. Whatever preventive measures are required to be taken, the state must take it. It is not the people's court that they can hold someone guilty. There is a system in place that will take its own course. We strongly disapprove of this part," said Justice Surya Kant.

Calling the former wrestler's threat as inconsequential and made for cheap publicity, the judge said the "poor fellow" might not be getting a match to play.

"Wrestlers are very innocent players," he said.

The bench directed Allahbadia to deposit his passport in the Thane police station restraining him from leaving the country without its permission.

While directing Allahbadia to cooperate in the probe of the FIRs, the bench sought responses from the Centre, Maharashtra and Assam governments on his plea seeking clubbing and quashing of FIRs.

It posted the matter on March 3.

On February 17, a case was registered in Guwahati by a resident for alleged promotion of obscenity in a publicly accessible online show.

Aside from Allahbadia and Raina, others named in the case in Assam are comics Ashish Chanchlani, Jaspreet Singh and Apoorva Makhija.

LAWYER LAUDS PROSECUTION'S WORK TO GET JUSTICE FOR DANIELLE

They held onto each other's hands, tears rolling down their faces as their eight-year legal battle concluded.

When they stepped out of the court, Joylene, along with her mother and friends, read out the family's emotional statement to the media.

"We had Danielle in our lives for 28 years and we wish we could have seen the woman she would have become but because of Vikat she will forever be 28," she said. "We will never see her smile or hear her laugh and we appreciate all that they have done for our campaign fighting for this outcome."

Their presence in the courtroom was made possible by a GoFundMe campaign initiated by Danielle's best friend. "She was so much more than a daughter, sister and best friend," the family's statement continued. "She lit up every room she entered and touched the lives of all who met her. She brought so much good into this world and he so quickly took her from this world with his cruelty."

Throughout the eight-year campaign, Andrea Brannigan's determination never wavered. The family's solicitor, Des Doherty, while speaking to the BBC, noted that despite the challenging length of the process, Andrea stayed committed to the Indian legal system, working closely with both the British and Irish consulate staff. "I lost my eldest daughter, she was stolen from us, she was stolen from her sisters and friends," Andrea said. "She was also robbed of the opportunity of becoming a mother herself."

McLaughlin had been a gifted student of drama and dance who grew up in Buncrana, County Donegal. She had previously volunteered at an orphanage in India and had returned in February 2017 with hopes of working as a yoga teacher. Her life was tragically cut short just two weeks after her arrival.

The case received support at the highest levels, with Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister Simon Harris acknowledging the verdict and paying tribute to Andrea's "determination and resilience in the face of unimaginable tragedy." The Irish government, in partnership with the UK government, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and diplomatic offices in New Delhi, Mumbai and Dublin, remained actively engaged throughout the case.

"We have lost nearly 8 years of our lives fighting for Danielle and we are so thankful that we now can start grieving her immeasurable loss," the family concluded. "Danielle's truth has finally been heard."

He detailed how the case faced numerous challenges, including witnesses leaving Goa and one turning hostile out of fear. Despite these seemingly impossible odds, the investigating agency managed to bring the witnesses before the trial court for their depositions. "It was a long battle of nearly eight years but justice has been done," Varma said.

Varma praised the exceptional work of the Goa Police, particularly the initial investigations by Police Inspector (PI) Filomena Costa Costa and subsequent work by Deputy Superintendent (DySP) Rajendra Prabhudessai in gathering the required evidence.

He described how the prosecution team had evolved through the years, with Public Prosecutor (PP) V G Costa initially handling the trial before it was taken over by PP Govind Gaonkar, who Varma credited with doing "an excellent job in bringing all the relevant evidence on record". He also acknowledged the crucial support of PPs S Samant and D Korgaonkar, apart from Director of Prosecution Poonam Bharné.

"Such teamwork, labour and commitment does assist the courts in getting to the truth and delivering justice. To any mother nothing can compensate for the loss of a child, but the verdict and the sentence to my mind has done justice and would have diluted the grief of the family," Varma concluded.

7 killed, 18 injured as truck crashes into van in MP

PTI, BHIND (MP): Seven persons, among them four women, were killed and 18 others injured after a dumper truck hit a stationary loading van in Madhya Pradesh's Bhind district on Tuesday morn-

ing, officials said. The accident occurred around 5 am near Jawaharpura village when a group of people was returning from a wedding, Bhind district Superintendent of Police (SP) Asit Yadav said.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In everlasting memory of
SOCORRO MOVINO PEREIRA
BELLEME-NAVELIM
Born: 29.12.1977
Died: 20.02.2022

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Movino on 20.02.25 at 7.15a.m. at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim followed by prayers and blessing of the grave.

Offered by his mother Angela Pereira.
Sister -Bennet. Neice- Abigail. Nephew -Ellroy
Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation
Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

CONDOLENCE
RANVIL CARDOZO
(Margao - Goa)
BORN: 12-12-1990
DIED: 20-01-2025

"There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will be forever in our hearts"

Fondly remembered by your school friends
(Ex-Students of Bhatkar Model High School, Gogol-Margao)
ALLAN, TANVIR, RATNADEEP, ABHISHEK, MANDAR, SACHIN, HAMADAN, GLOSTON, JERRET & YADUL

Third Death Anniversary
In loving memory of
SERAFICO QUADROS
-: Margao -:

There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Serafico on Thursday, 20th February 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at The Holy Spirit Church, Margao.
The blessing of the grave will be at 5:30 p.m.
Offered by his sorrowful Family.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation
Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao 9823022194

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Everloving Memory Of
Wilson Dionisio Gomes
Arossim/ Patto Ribandár

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration in memory of our beloved Wilson, on Thursday the 20th of February 2025 (tomorrow) at 7.30 a.m. at Our Lady of Ajuda Church, Ribandar, followed by prayers and blessings at the grave, offered by his family.

Family & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation
Confidant 9881711706Panjim

MONTHS MIND
In loving memory
ADLER JOE RODRIGUES
SECREAVADDO- CHINCHINIM

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Adler Joe Rodrigues on 20th February 2025 (Tomorrow) at 8.00am at Our Lady of Hope Church, Chinchinim followed by prayers and blessing at the grave.

Offered by his sorrowful parents: Joe /Janet Rodrigues
Brothers: Arnold, Alvin and Aaron and family .

Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation
Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

ONE YEAR WITH THE LORD
IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED MAI
QUITERIA PIEDADE RODRIGUES
-: Cortalim -:

A Year has gone by, but your love and guidance continue to light our way. Your memories are our blessings.

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved mother QUITERIA at 8.00 a.m. on Thursday, 20th February 2025 at St. Philip & James Church, Cortalim, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave, offered by her sorrowful family.

Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao, Ph. 9823022194

Funeral Announcement
SOCORRO VAS
187/8, Near Military Camp, Central Horta, Aquem Baixo
Navelim Salcete Goa
Born: 21-08-1966 - Died: 30-01-2025

"I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

Loving Wife: Savita Vas, Devoted Sons: Saviro Vas and Sheldon Vas, Sister & Brother-in-law: Querobina & the late Edwin Braganza, Brother & Sister-in-law: the Late Custadio & Manualina

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on 20th Feb at 2:30pm to Rosary Church Navelim for Eucharistic Celebration at 3:00pm followed by burial.
Relatives & Friends Kindly accept this as the only intimation

DEATH
JOSE INACIO ROSARIO FERNANDES
SARVODEM /
AQUEM BAIXO- NAVEILIM
Husband of Fatima Fernandes.
Father/father-in-law of Dawson/Persima, Myron/Queency.
Grandfather of Keona, Kaylee and Ava

Brother/ brother-in-law of Seby/Lucy, Conny/Rosy, Sylvester /Jane, Inacio/Leona. Sister Piedade and late Miquel and children.
Deeply missed by his family members.

Funeral Cortege will leave his residence on 20.02.2025 (Tomorrow) at 4.30 pm to Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim for Eucharistic Celebration and burial.
Relatives, neighbours and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation
Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

DEATH
ANDREZA RODRIGUES
Born: 16/01/1941 Died: 18/02/2025
(Calcondia, Margao)

Daughter of late Mariano Rodrigues/late Rosa Maria Fernandes, sister/sister-in-law of late Maria Conceicao/late Jose Silva, late Leopoldina/late Pedro Fernandes, late Laxmi/late Narayan Naik, Elinio/Eliza Rodrigues, aunt of Inacio/Carmo, Francisco/Flavia, late Vincent/Carmelin, Freddy/Mariani, Leopoldina/late James, Maria/Jack, Sunny/Mila & Agnelo/Ruby.

Funeral cortege will leave her residence on 19th Feb. 2025 at 3:15 pm to Our Lady of Grace Church, Margao, for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial at Our Lady of Rosary Church Cemetery, Navelim.

Family and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Rebello Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992

DEATH
LEOPOLDINA NATALINA DO ROSARIO RIBEIRO
~ Saligao ~
Born: 09/04/1924
Died: 18/02/2025

Beloved daughter of late Tomas and late Maria Helena Cordeiro.
Loving sister of late Jose/late Olivia Faleiro, late Zena/late Vicente Costa, late Margarida/late George Velloze.

Funeral cortege will leave the residence on 19th February 2025 at 10:00 a.m. to Mae de Deus Church, Saligao for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Lord I am coming home

LOURDES MAGGIE RODRIGUES
SIRLIM BAND
Beloved wife of late Bernabe Rodrigues
Mother/mother-in-law of Blossom/Leo, Maria/Edwin, late Bobby/Pressy, Christopher/Jean, James/Jovina.
Grandmother of Vailancia, Reyhan, Shaneika, Brandon & Joella.

Funeral cortège will leave the residence on 19.02.25 at 3:30 pm to Our Lady of Mercies Chapel, Sirlim followed by Eucharistic Celebration and burial
Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation
Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904