

## Dug-up roads for laying HT-UG cables and the aftermath

After months and months of patiently waiting and with the next monsoons round the corner, it is but very sad to point out that the dug-up roads for laying HT-UG cables have been left unattended. In construction methodology, there is something called Planning and Execution Strategy but unfortunately there does not seem to be one.

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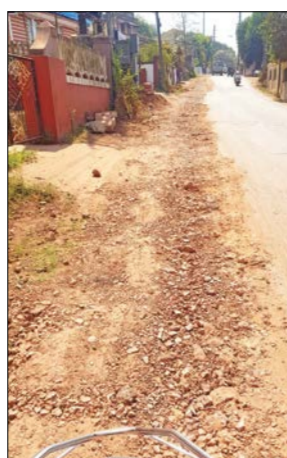
Roads after roads have been dug, roughly filled with loose mud and stones with no ground presence of either PWD or Elect. Dept. to repair the dug-up roads even after the cable laying been completed (in most of the areas).

We have some stretch of roads which are very critical and need to be backfilled, compacted and tarred/restored. Shown



in pics are areas that need immediate action. Aldona roads are very busy, and they cater to commuters from Aldona, Bicholim, Mayem. I recall that the local MLA has been voicing the subject frequently and calling for urgent attention.

We cannot wait for an untoward incident to make headlines. Safe roads are one of those basic facilities that every ordinary citizen



needs and ask for and as taxpayers (in whatever manner), he is entitled to same.

Leaving politics aside, request concerned authorities to please expedite fixing these highlighted areas as soon as possible and also, if possible, to conduct a survey of those tight spots which are dug and need urgent attention be in Aldona constituency or any part of Goa.

## Potholed road repaired at Sangolda



Through the Citizen Herald dated February 17, I had highlighted as to how a huge pothole was posing danger at the Livrament Vaddo junction at Sangolda. The authorities swung into action and immediately

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repaired it the next day.

The residents of the area can now travel in peace after a longtime. The pothole really posed danger to commuters along the route.

My sincere thanks goes to O Herald for allowing citizens to place their grievances through the column of this

Huge pothole poses risk to motorists at Sangolda



A huge pothole in the middle of the road at Sangolda poses threat to motorists at the Livrament Vaddo junction. The road has been repaired and again but one fails to understand the quality of material used to repair roads. The pothole is right in the middle of the road and catches commuters along the route. People do have the right to travel safely on the road when they contribute toward road construction and repairs. It's time the government repairs the

newspaper and getting them solved immediately.

## Thick, 'smokescreen' at Fatorda's Ravindra Bhavan Circle is an accident risk

A very silly and dangerous installation at the Shree Damodar Circle near Ravindra Bhavan, Fatorda, is a disaster waiting to happen. Every night, post 1.30 am, the coloured lights that circle the golden bell installed at this Traffic Circle have begun to emit some kind of artificial fog – the kind they use in horror movies – which envelops the entire

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lane. Driving through the Circle towards the stadium, one is completely blinded for a few seconds, exactly at the turning – the smoke is so thick and opaque in the centre, that you cannot see the side of the pavement or the circle and it causes you to stop abruptly and slow down.

I was shocked at the recklessness and the unnecessary gimmicky in-



stallation at a traffic junction – and parked safely ahead and walked back to click a photograph. I walked into the smoke, took a few pictures on my phone, and beat a hasty retreat as the smoke was so thick, it was suffocating. As I drove away in my car, I began feeling breathless and light-headed, and had to stop and throw up my dinner on the side of the road. It was a terrible feeling, worries me that

whoever incharge of the "beautification" of this circle did not even stop to think or check if they are pumping chemical smoke into the air, and if the fog makes visibility so poor at the turning. All that is required of a traffic circle is that it is well lit, well maintained and well-designed for the smooth movement of vehicles. We do not require these gimmicks that cause more harm than good.

## Need for KTC buses during peak hours

I wish to bring to the attention of the concerned authorities regarding a pressing issue affecting daily commuters on the Mapusa-Panjim route. During peak morning hours,

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particularly between 9 and 10 am, the Kadamba Transport Corporation (KTC) buses are being sent empty to the depot instead of being deployed to serve passengers. This practice is causing severe inconvenience to commuters, especially office-goers and students, who are left at the mercy of private bus operators.

On the morning of February 18, between 9:20

and 9:55 am, as many as five empty KTC buses were observed heading towards the depot instead of serving waiting passengers along the route. This situation is not only leading to overcrowding on private buses but is also forcing KTC pass holders to spend extra money on private transport, undermining the very purpose of the KTC pass system.

Public transport plays a crucial role in ensuring affordable and accessible mobility, and such mismanagement directly impacts the daily lives of commuters. I urge KTC authorities to address this issue by ensuring that buses are deployed effectively during peak hours to cater to passenger demand.

## Plastic speed humps can cause spine injury, damage car suspension



While driving on Goan roads, one comes across plastic humps at several places. Speed humps are intended to reduce driver speeds while enhancing traffic flow and maintaining the safety of other road users and pedestrians. They are vertical obstacles used in traffic management that jolt the occupants of a vehicle moving too quickly

over them. However, when one crosses a speed hump at high speed, it can

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lead to damage of the car suspensions. Worse still, while driving at a speed, the speed hump may cause severe traumatic spine injuries to the occupants of

the vehicle.

It needs to also be noted that these speed humps which are made of plastic do not last for long and hence a part of it breaks up as seen in the photo. The authorities concerned need to have a relook as to whether such plastic speed humps are indeed necessary when one can have speed breakers instead.

## Sorry state of the SGPDA market, Margao

The SGPDA fruit and vegetable market sees thousands of footfalls daily but the area around the building is a mess. Missing pavers, misaligned drain covers, choked drains, rotting produce discarded by the vendors, garbage strewn around, traffic jams etc.

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lead to a very unpleasant experience for customers. The drain covers and missing pavers are a cause of accidents for both pedestrians and vehicles. The authorities concerned really need to spruce up the place, it is a dangerous, dirty and chaotic mess now.



## Water retention leaves Panjim fish market in slippery mess

The recently opened Panjim fish market appears to be a hurriedly prepared set-up by the looks

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of it. At all times, there is lot of water retention on the entire floor. The floor surface is very uneven with the type of slabs fitted. Though they could be less slippery due to their roughness,

the very fact that a lot of water is retained on the uneven surface makes the whole flooring slippery. Possibly the channels for water to flow down into the gutters are not adequately prepared. Anyone, especially the senior citizens can have a bad fall due to the slippery surface. This deficiency needs to be fixed as the floor needs to be dry and hygienic at all times.



## Abandoned vehicles take up precious space on streets

At many places in Margao and the coastal belt, abandoned vehicles are found which not only mess up the place but are



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an eyesore and dangerous too from a security perspective. Miscreants might plant an explosive device in these discarded

vehicles and engineer a blast remotely. Besides, they take up valuable space which could be productively used for parking. Would the authorities look into the matter and dispose off such scrap?

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## Stray cattle meet grisly end at Mapusa and beyond

At a time when discourse over the safety and edibility of cows is a controversial subject, the fate of homeless cattle in Goa – a name that some believe is derived from an ancient word for cowherds – is appallingly sad. Stray cattle and black buffaloes that get lost in the inky darkness of unlit, twisty village lanes regularly cause accidents and have even



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claimed lives. Now, the State is becoming rapidly urbanised, and is riddled with massive wide highways, carrying high-speed traffic. And even on these highways, cattle continue to kill and get killed.

On the Karaswada-Mapusa stretch of the highway, seeing dead, bloated cows and buffaloes on the side and sometimes in the middle has become a frequent affair. These

free-roaming cows, some abandoned by their owners, and some born and raised on the streets, stray onto the highways where once their grasslands and vast empty fields were.

With fewer unused grazing grounds left, these animals wander to densely populated areas in search of garbage for sustenance. Garbage dumpsters outside eateries and

food waste left along the roadsides attracts them and they end up settling or resting on the main roads, with no one to enforce any of the rules regarding stray cattle.

Not only do they get killed brutally and die painfully on our roads, the vehicles that crash into these large creatures with bloated bellies full of plastic and can also cause multiple crashes. We cannot blame the cattle – they are animals that suffer this existence for human need and convenience. We cannot blame the driver who hits them, especially on highways with high-speed limits.

It is a failure on the part of grassroots governance, of the high-level governance that has failed to support or enforce the panchayats to carry out this important task of impounding stray cattle and also enforcing strict rules on those who rear cattle and end up abandoning them.