

# Cabbies beat up GoaMiles driver, tourist at Calangute

Accused taxi drivers Laxman Salgaonkar, Mukesh Matkar and Hemant Malik arrested for assaulting the duo

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**CALANGUTE:** A scuffle broke out at Gauravaddo, Calangute, when a GoaMiles taxi driver and a tourist, who was staying at a resort, were allegedly assaulted by three tourist taxi drivers on Monday.

According to police, the incident occurred at around 3 pm, when the guest identified as Anurag, staying in Fairfield Resort at Gauravaddo, Calangute, contacted a GoaMiles taxi to pick him up.

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The group also threatened the GoaMiles taxi driver and the tourist with dire

consequences. In the scuffle, a gold chain belonging to Anurag was broken, the police said.

Following a complaint by resort staff Elvis Rodrigues, Police arrested the trio identified as Laxman Salgaonkar, 33, Mukesh Matkar, 40, both residents of Gauravaddo, Calangute, and Hemant Malik, 33, a resident of Pernem.

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# Investment scam accused Myron, wife chargedsheeted

Red corner notice against the prime accused soon

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**PANJIM:** The Economic Offences Cell (EOC) of the Goa Police has filed the first chargesheet against Myron Rodrigues and his wife Deepali Parab in the investment scam case.

It is pertinent to note that the husband-wife duo has allegedly cheated several investors to the tune of Rs 1.19 crore on pretext of higher returns.

The charge-sheet was filed before the Margao Sessions Court. Myron, who is the prime accused in the case, is still absconding. With the filing of chargesheet which is an essential requirement of opening a Red Notice through International Police (InternPol), a red corner notice will soon be issued to request law enforcement worldwide to locate and provisionally arrest Myron, pending extradition, surrender, or similar legal action.

It may be recalled that Myron and Deepali were booked by the EOC for dishonestly inducing the investors to invest money in stock market and other financial instruments assuring returns of around 25-45 percent on a short term basis on all investments.

The EOC had earlier issued a Blue Corner notice against Myron and had blocked a villa, a flat belonging to him, three flats belonging to Sunita Rodrigues, Myron's

ex-wife and had also frozen the bank account holding a total amount of Rs 1.94 lakh.

Additionally, two flats, fixed deposits of Rs 35.25 lakh and a bank account having a total amount of Rs 4.13 lakh have been frozen.

EOC is also investigating another case in Goa against Myron, Sunita and Deepali along with five other accused persons.

Sunita was arrested on December 7, 2024 by the Crime Branch and was released on conditional bail after being in custody for 20 days. Anticipatory bail application of five directors of Idyllic Goan Gateways is pending before Principal District and Sessions Judge, Margao.

The Crime Branch informed that it is making all out efforts to arrest Deepali, who is co-accused. Along with blocking flats and freezing bank accounts, the Crime Branch has also attached gold ornaments and jewellery weighing 4.361 kg which is worth around Rs 3.37 crore.

Another case of alleged cheating was registered at Mumbai - MHB Police Station against Myron and Sunita for duping and cheating the victims to the tune of Rs. 5.15 crore. The Enforcement Directorate is also investigating money trails and has attached properties belonging to Myron and Deepali.

# Panjim set to kick-start carnival festivities on March 1

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**PANJIM:** The float parade in the capital city will kick-start carnival celebrations in the State on March 1, at 5 pm.

Float parades will be held in Margao on March 2, followed by Vasco on March 3, Mapusa and Morjim on March 4.

Cleaven Fernandes from Benaulim has been chosen as King Momo this year.

Despite the digging and other ongoing works, the Carnival float parade in Panjim will follow last year's route from the new Patto Bridge to Campal.

In his message to Goans, King Momo has called for unity among the people.

It is pertinent to note that keeping in mind the ongoing works of the Porvorim flyover, the carnival parade in Porvorim, scheduled on February 28 stands and the Shigmo parade on March 29 stand cancelled.

The Corporation of the City of Panaji has been coordinating with authorities to manage traffic.

Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC) Managing Director Kuldeep Arolkar said, "The Traffic Police are working out a traffic plan which will be in force during the Carnival celebrations in Panjim. M G Road, which has been dug up, is expected to be ready by February 26."

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