

shorttakes

1 PEDESTRIAN INJURED IN MOTORBIKE COLLISION AT NAVELIM

MARGAO: William Frances Vaz, a pedestrian from Majorda, Salcete, sustained injuries after being struck by a motor-cycle while walking from the Navelim Four Road Junction towards Sinquetim.

According to Margao Police, Tosif Ahmed M. Agadi, a resident of Davorlim, Salcete, was riding a Duke motorcycle in a rash and negligent manner, endangering lives. The collision caused grievous head injuries to Vaz, who was subsequently transferred to the District Hospital, Margao, for further treatment. An offence has been registered against the rider under sections 125(b) and 281 of the BNS 2023 and section 194D read with section 3 of the Motor Vehicles Act. Investigations are ongoing.

2 MINOR GIRL REUNITES WITH FAMILY AFTER ALLEGED ABDUCTION

MARGAO: A minor girl, reported kidnapped from her residence in Cuncolim, has returned home safely. Police registered an offence under section 137(2) of the BNS and section 8(2) of the Goa Children Act following a complaint from the girl's mother.

Investigations revealed that the girl was alone at home when an unidentified individual allegedly abducted her. The girl's parents, employed as labourers, were at work during the incident. Descriptions of the minor were circulated throughout Goa and neighbouring states. PSI Sudan Bhosale of Cuncolim Police Station is leading the investigation.

3 PREGNANT MINOR'S RAPE CASE REFERRED TO MARGAO WOMEN'S CELL

MARGAO: Cuncolim Police have transferred the investigation of an alleged rape case involving a minor girl to the Women's Cell in Margao. Sushan Nayak (21), a resident of Sarzora and originally from Kaloni, Jharkhand, was arrested under sections 65(1) of the BNS 2023, 8(2) of the GCA 2003, and section 4 of the POCSO Act 2012.

The girl, reportedly pregnant, will provide a statement in court. Nayak, employed as a waiter at a South Goa hotel, was apprehended at his rented residence in Salcete. Police stated the victim was brought to Goa from Jharkhand without parental knowledge and sexually abused.

4 VASCO MAN DIES IN SELF-ACCIDENT NEAR MES JUNCTION

MARGAO: Deepak Chalwadi from Bhute Bhat, Vasco, succumbed to injuries sustained in a self-induced vehicle accident near MES Junction, Zuarinagar, Sancoale.

Verna Police received a report from GMC Bambolim's casualty department, prompting an inquiry. A post-mortem examination revealed the cause of death as "cranio-cerebral damage with blunt chest and abdominal injuries due to blunt force impact." LPSI Pramila Fernandes is conducting further enquiries.

5 GERMAN TOURIST DIES IN MARGAO HOSPITAL

MARGAO: Erhard Alois Bamberg (70), a German national residing in Margao since September 2024, was declared dead at the district hospital's casualty ward.

According to Colva Police, Bamberg complained of uneasiness before being rushed to the hospital. He had been undergoing treatment at local hospitals since December 2024.

His body is preserved at SGDH Margao for medico-legal formalities. Further investigation is being conducted by PSI Manju Vantamuri.

6 DECOMPOSED BODY FOUND NEAR SAW MILL IN SANVORDEM

MARGAO: Curchorem Police discovered a partially decomposed body near a saw mill in Sanvordem following reports of a foul smell.

The deceased was identified as Joslee D'Souza by his mother, Maria D'Souza. D'Souza lived alone at Bharat Saw Mill premises. Post-mortem results were inconclusive due to decomposition but indicated signs of haemorrhagic pancreatitis. Viscera samples have been sent for analysis. PSI Dinesh Gaonkar is investigating.

7 FIREFIGHTERS ATTEND TO MULTIPLE FIRE INCIDENTS IN MARGAO

MARGAO: The Margao fire personnel responded to five incidents, including fires and a rescue operation. A banyan tree fire near St. Paul Chapel, Benaolim, and multiple dry grass fires in Davorlim, Gogol, and Borda were successfully contained. Firefighters also rescued a cat trapped on the second floor of Wilson Park Building near Fatorda Stadium. Fire Station Officer Gil Souza confirmed that prompt actions prevented further damage.

POWER SHUTDOWN

**TALEIGAO:** On February 27, from 9 am to 1 pm, at NIO Colony at Taleigao.

**MARGAO:** On February 27, from 9 am to 6 pm, areas opp. Ram Mandir, Malbhat, Saibaba temple, Shri Sai Niwas, Kamakshi Niwas, Sai Baba temple and surrounding area.

Murder accused nabbed after 35 years

Team Herald

MARGAO: In a significant breakthrough, the Maina-Curtorim Police apprehended a murder accused, who had been on the run for 35 years.

The accused was arrested in Raia, following coordinated efforts with the Loddhika Police Station, Rajkot, Gujarat.

The accused, identified as Basappa, a native of Arakera K, Khalsa, Laxmipur in Yadgir, Karnataka, was wanted in connection with a 1990 murder case registered under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

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MARGAO: In response to a surge in fatal accidents, largely attributed to drink-driving, the Margao Traffic Cell has intensified its enforcement efforts over the past month and a half, booking 96 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Police Inspector (PI) Sanjay Dalvi of the Margao Traffic Cell stated that 50 people were booked in January, with an additional 46 cases recorded until 15 February. All cases have been forwarded to the Regional Transport Office (RTO) with recommenda-

Team Herald

PANJIM: The High Court of Bombay at Goa has stayed the construction of four-lane flyover from Zuarinagar to Bogmalo and has directed the Indian Navy to decide on granting No Objection Certificate (NOC) to the project.

During the hearing, the three petitioners Commodore Atul Pant, Sanjay Redkar, Jayesh Shetgaonkar and the Forum Against Corruption, Illegals and Destruction, Mormugao brought to the notice of the Court, a communication dated October 23, 2024 and the information received under the Right To Infor-

mation (RTI) Act wherein the Area Public Information Officer of the Indian Navy stated that no application for No Objection Certificate was received.

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Following this, the High Court stayed the construction work and directed the Indian Navy Flag Officer Commanding, Goa Area to decide on the application of the NHAI within next two weeks.

The construction work has been awarded to the M Venkatrao Infra Projects Private Limited.

Reacting to the High Court order, South Goa MP Capt Viriato Fernandes said that it has brought relief to the people. He said that the NHAI months back suddenly went on a construction spree at the MES Junction, Zuarinagar, Sancoale by building huge pillars without obtaining NOC from the Indian Navy. Despite repeated reminders and stern warnings from the Navy, the NHAI refused to respond to the concerns raised by the Navy.

According to Capt Fernandes, the flyover would be a threat to the security of the Dabolim International Airport.

CAPTIVATING & IMMERSIVE



UPENDRA NAIK

Sea shells of different sizes and shapes washed onto the shore on Siridao beach. Artisans use these seashells to make ornaments like necklaces, bracelets, etc

Assn wants notice banning cabs at airports withdrawn

North Goa Rent-a-Cab Association members threaten to take law into their hands; reassert they have a right to operate rent-a-car vehicles

Team Herald

PANJIM: The members of the North Goa Rent-A-Cab Association have threatened to take law into their hands if the Transport Department fails to withdraw the notice prohibiting rent-a-cars from operating from airport and railway stations within eight days. The Association representatives met the Deputy Director of Transport and submitted a charter of their demands.

It may be recalled that the Directorate of Transport, Goa had issued a notice February 20 prohibiting rent-a-cars from

operating from Airport and Railway stations. The notice has enraged the stakeholders, prompting them to urgently meet the Deputy Director of Transport with their grievance.

The members unequivocally stated that the notice served is illegal and reasserted that they have a right to operate rent-a-car vehicles from any location in the State.

The Association has warned the Transport Department to withdraw the notice within eight days or else the stakeholders and those dependent on the business will take law into their hands.

The members said that

the rules of operating the rent-a-car were framed in 2019 which allow them to operate from anywhere and that the new rules will put them in deep trouble.

Nitesh Chodankar, president of North Goa rent-a-cab Association said, "Despite conveying their opposition to the notice, the Deputy Director proceeded by issuing the notice. He has gone wrong. We should have been given some notice to place our version."

Chodankar said that there is no rule stopping rent-a-cars from operating from any airports or railway stations.

Curti-Priol stretch a 'nightmare' for commuters

Locals warn of fatal accidents if road not hotmixed before monsoon

Team Herald

PONDA: Commuting along the 1.5 km stretch from Curti to Priol has turned out to be a "nightmarish" experience for travellers.

Naresh Naik, a local said, "The stretch was dug twice for laying underground electricity cables last year, but the road is yet to be restored to its original condition. To make matters worse for daily commuters, the stretch has developed potholes and many travellers have been complaining of suffering from back problems."

The commuters complain that they are compelled to spend their hard-earned money on repairing their vehicles. They have demanded that the government repair the road immediately and provide relief to them. With the power



Motorists ply along the pothole-ridden stretch from Curti to Priol which was dug twice for laying underground electricity cables last year. The road is yet to be restored to its original condition



PICS: SANTOSH NAIK

COMPLAINTS & DEMANDS

■ Commuters complain that they are compelled to spend their hard-earned money on repairing their vehicles

■ Want the govt repair the road

immediately and provide relief to them

■ Demand that the authorities hot mix the stretch before monsoon to prevent fatal accidents

cabling work complete, the commuters called upon the au-

thorities to hot mix the stretch before monsoon.

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They feared that if the stretch is not hotmixed before

monsoon, it could prove dangerous to commuters. The locals claimed that some portion of the road has caved in, which could lead to fatal accidents, especially two-wheeler riders.

Curti-Khandepar sarpanch Abhijeet Gaude informed that he has discussed the problem with PWD AE, local MLA and Agriculture Minister Ravi Naik.

Margao traffic cell intensifies crackdown; 96 booked for drunk driving

| TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN MARGAO (JAN – 15 FEB 2025) |                   |          |                            |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Offence                                          | January Collected | Fines    | February Cases (till 15th) | Fines Collected |
| Drink-driving                                    | 50                | –        | 46                         | –               |
| Overspeeding                                     | 68                | 67,000   | 321                        | 3,24,000        |
| Mobile use while driving                         | 12                | 2,000    | 99                         | 98,500          |
| Helmet violations                                | 84                | 90,500   | 495                        | 5,03,000        |
| Overtaking                                       | 6                 | 3,000    | 40                         | 20,000          |
| Dangerous parking                                | 222               | 1,10,000 | 52                         | 7,75,000        |
| Driving without proper lights                    | 36                | 18,000   | 138                        | 69,000          |
| Seat belt violations                             | 5                 | 4,000    | 15                         | 14,000          |
| No parking zone violations                       | 50                | 24,500   | 313                        | 1,55,500        |
| No entry violations                              | 323               | 1,61,500 | 1,761                      | 8,83,000        |
| Use of dazzling lights                           | 14                | 7,000    | 54                         | 26,500          |

tions for driving licence suspensions.

The crackdown extends beyond drunk driving and

includes various violations under the Motor Vehicles

Act. Notably, overspeeding accounted for a significant portion of offences, with 68 cases booked in January, resulting in Rs 67,000 in fines. In February (up to the 15th), 321 cases were registered, collecting Rs 3,24,000 in penalties.

Mobile phone usage while driving also witnessed a steep rise, with 12 cases and Rs 2,000 in fines recorded in January, compared to 99 cases and Rs 98,500 in fines in February. Helmet violations surged from 84 cases in January with Rs 90,500 collected in fines to 495 cases in February with Rs 5,03,000 collected in penalties.

APPOINTMENTS



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