

COP LENS ON POLEM BEACH TO REIN IN UNRULY TOURISTS

Day after Herald Media report highlighted unchecked drinking, littering and harassment, coastal police keep guard on beach stretch

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CANACONA: A day after a Herald Media report brought to light the trouble created by cross-border tourists from Karwar at Goa's last beach, Polem – littering, drinking in public, harassing other tourists and local residents – Coastal Security Police were deployed there on Thursday to keep things in order.



Local residents have repeatedly voiced serious concerns about the deterioration of safety and cleanliness in the area. They complain that tourists frequently drink on the beach, smash glass bottles and leave garbage lying around, despite being asked to dispose of their waste respon-

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sibly. Incidents of rowdy behaviour – fighting among drunk visitors, public disturbances, and even cases of eve-teasing and flashing – have been reported. A local resident highlighted the frequent pres-

ence of intoxicated tourists along the roadside in the evenings. “While returning home in the evening, I often find tourists sitting along the roadside, drinking liquor. Sometimes they fight among themselves, throw bottles along the roadside and create a nuisance,” she said pointing to empty bottles and garbage.

An elderly woman voiced the fear many residents experience while walking home at night. “When we get off the bus and start walking towards our homes we feel unsafe. There have been instances of eve-teasing,” she said.

A villager recounted an instance where he urged some tourists from Karwar to clean up after themselves.

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40 years on, Union Carbide toxic waste disposal trial begins

PTI, DHAR/INDORE: The process for the first round of trial incineration of 10 tonnes of waste connected to the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy has begun in Pithampur in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district on Thurs-

day amid tight security, officials said.

Earlier, the Supreme Court refused to intervene in the MP High Court's order directing the transfer and disposal of waste at a private

company-operated plant at Pithampur. A bench of Justices B R Gavai and A G Masih also refused to stay Thursday's trial disposal.

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Lobo trains guns on sub-letting of shacks

Calangute MLA takes on Tourism Minister, wants idli-sambar off shack menus

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CALANGUTE: Local MLA Michael Lobo on Thursday waded into the controversy around sub-letting of beach shacks to non-Goans, pointing to this practice as one of the principal reasons for the decline in tourism across the state.

His words led to a sharp reaction from Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte, who called on all MLAs to be responsible in their public statements. “When it comes to Calangute and Baga, the sarpanch Joseph

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– Michael Lobo, Calangute MLA

“Whenever the sarpanch or the MLA of Calangute have called out to us for help we have ensured that due support has been given to them. We will not compromise on any illegality and touting that brings a bad name to tourism

– Rohan Khaunte, Tourism Minister

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cooking, to serve seafood because that is promotion of our culture. But if they've started sub-letting, then what are we trying to tell the tourists? That we're going to serve idli-sambar on the beach? If we start showing their culture on our beach-

es, then there is nothing left on the beach,” Lobo said, adding that the Tourism Department should take stricter action and cancel the licences of establishments.

Addressing the broader issue of tourism, Lobo shifted the blame away from social media influencers, who have been accused of tarnishing Goa's image. “It's not the influencers who are defaming Goa. It is we who are defaming Goa and we stakeholders have to accept that,” he remarked.

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PREACH AS YOU PRACTICE, CM



UP CM Yogi Adityanath is seen all masked up as he fishes out waste from the waters of the Ganga at Sangam a day after the conclusion of Mahakumbh in Prayagraj, on Thursday. Last week, Adityanath had dismissed scientific reports of faecal bacteria in Sangam's waters, insisting that the sacred waters are not just fit for bathing but also for drinking

PUNE BUS RAPE

Police announce reward; deploy drones for manhunt

PTI, MUMBAI/PUNE: Police on Thursday announced a reward of Rs 1 lakh for information about the history-sheeter who allegedly raped a 26-year-old woman inside a bus in Pune and deployed drones as part of their manhunt, officials said. Amid the frantic police efforts to make a breakthrough, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut drew parallels between the crime and the 2012 Delhi gang rape and targeted Pune guardian minister Ajit Pawar over law and order.

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Noise panel to be set up on Mon: HC

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PORVORIM: The ongoing tussle between the government and the noise pollution crusaders from Anjuna-Vagator over nominating members of the Noise Monitoring Committee (NMC) is likely to come to an end by Monday, with Justice MS Karnik of the High Court of Bombay at Goa confirming that the second name on the panel would have to be finalised by March 3. The name of Janice Crasto, a resident of Vagator, has already been included in the new NMC.

At the hearing on Thursday, when Advocate Gen-

STABBING, NOISE DEMON KEEP ANJUNA ON THE EDGE

ANJUNA: Shiva Valley wanted to host a party on Mahashivratri, just days after an individual was stabbed on February 18 during an all-night event at the party spot. Harichandra Gawas, Police Inspector of Anjuna Police Station, stated, “They wanted to have a party yesterday for Mahashivratri, but we did not allow it,” adding that the party was stopped the night the stabbing incident took place. “We went to the hospital to meet the victim, and since he said he did not want to file a complaint, we had to return.”

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eral Devidas Pangam informed the court that he had two names for the NMC to select from, Justice Karnik observed that there was a need for a

wider pool of candidates to ensure the best selection. The judge noted that since the old committee did not exist, a two-member committee would be

formed. “Since we have already agreed on one name, the other one should be sorted by Monday,” Justice Karnik said.

However, the nomination of Janice Crasto to the NMC, as suggested by Amicus Curiae Nigel Costa Frias and accepted by the Government and all respondents, created some dissonance as petitioner Desmond Alvares raised an objection. Advocate Gilman Coelho Pereira expressed surprise: “It is shocking that you are not in favour of the name suggested by the Amicus Curiae.”

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