

Old Mandovi bridge reopens, new one to shut from Sunday

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Old Mandovi bridge which was closed for repairs was reopened for vehicular traffic on Friday while, the new bridge will

now be closed for all types of traffic from March 2 to 10.

Announcing the closure of the new Mandovi bridge, the PWD, works division-(NH) executive

engineer stated that the traffic having Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) up to 12.00 tons will be diverted on the Old Mandovi bridge and vehicles having GVW more than 12.00 tons will have to

use the Atal Setu, so as to facilitate hindrance free and speedy completion of the said repair work.

The Old Mandovi bridge was closed for all types of vehicular traffic from Feb-

ruary 15 to facilitate repair work including resurfacing with asphalt. The ongoing project, part of the NH (O) Annual Plan 2023-24, includes overlaying a new surface, implementing safe-

ty measures, and painting both the old and new Mandovi bridges.

Taking a cue that since the closure of Old Mandovi bridge had caused traffic congestion, the police have

now advised parents of students answering the Goa Board class X exams to start early and, wherever possible, use the Atal Setu except for two-wheelers.

The traffic police have

also urged all motorists travelling from Porvorim towards Ponda, Bambolim and South Goa, and vice versa, to use the Atal Setu to reduce congestion on the Old Mandovi bridge.

SSC exams begin today

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PANJIM: The SSC (Class X) Public Examination of March 2025 will be conducted by the Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education from Saturday, March 1 to 21.

A total of 18,871 (regular fresh candidates) comprising 9,574 girls and 9,297 boys will answer their examination.

The examination will be conducted across 32 examination centres across the State. The examination will begin at 9.30 am.

Candidates are advised to be present at the examination centre at least 45 minutes or latest by 9 am before the commencement of the exam. Late arrival shall disqualify the candidate from appearing at the said examination.

Candidates will not be allowed to leave the examination hall during the first

hour of the examination. All candidates must carry their hall tickets issued by the Goa Board.

Only transparent water bottles (without stickers), transparent writing pads and personal drawing instrument pouches will be permitted in the exam hall.

Candidates should use only blue ball-point pen and pencils for drawing figures or geometrical constructions. Seat numbers must be written on the question paper. Candidates shall not wear multiple pockets attire during examination.

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Priya Mishal elected Mapusa council chief for second time

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MAPUSA: Priya Mishal was on Friday elected unopposed chairperson for the Mapusa Municipal Council, for the second time, at a special meeting held in the municipal hall.

Priya was the chairperson from February 2023 to 2024. The post had fallen vacant after the resignation of Dr Nutan Bicholkar on February 14, as part of a mutual understanding among councillors of the ruling group, wherein the five-year term has been split among them. Mishal had filed four sets of nominations proposed by councillors Prakash Bhivshet, Barbara Carasco, Nutan Bicholkar and Ashirwad Khorjuvekar.

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