

Kundaim locals call to protect eco-sensitive zones

Say rampant constructions in CRZ, hill cutting will destroy village biodiversity

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PONDA: Residents of Kundaim have urged the authorities to safeguard No-Development Zones (NDZs) and Coastal Regulation Zones (CRZ), fearing that unchecked illegal constructions, hill cutting, and mangrove destruction will severely impact biodiversity and traditional fishing activities.

Locals stated that an inspection of illegal structures in the CRZ area had been conducted by the panchayat eight months ago, and they are now demanding that action be initiated based on the site inspection report.

Farmers and residents have raised concerns about construction activities being carried out in



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no-development zones by means of extensive hill cutting. "Hill cutting has started where the CRZ line ends, with a seven-me-

tre-high section already cut," said Vijesh Naik, a local resident adding that at least four constructions have cropped up in the CRZ

and no-development zone areas. He further noted that mangroves have been destroyed to facilitate construction.

Expressing his concerns, Kamlesh Bhandari warned that if construction activities continue unchecked, they will disrupt traditional fishing activities. "CRZ areas are crucial as they serve as catchment zones during heavy rains to prevent flooding," he emphasised.

Meanwhile, local farmers have also voiced concerns over illegal fishing activities being initiated at Manaswada Khazan fields without consulting them. They fear that such activities will negatively impact the traditional khazan farming system in the future.

Barred from performing wife's last rites on ancestral land, alleges Quepem man

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PANJIM: A senior citizen from Avedem, Quepem, has alleged that he was barred from performing the last rites of his wife on their ancestral property on Saturday.

Speaking to reporters at Azad Maidan, Ganesh Gauns Dessai claimed that his wife, Sumitra, passed away on February 25 and while all arrangements were in place for the cremation, he and his family were stopped and forced to perform the last rites elsewhere.

"We had made all the arrangements, but suddenly, Prashant Dessai, along with Vishal Dessai and Ulhas Dessai, told me that we could not perform the last

rites at that place. All my ancestors were cremated here, and we have owned this property since the Portuguese era," he stated.

His son, Chandradas, expressed deep distress over the incident. "We wanted to conduct the final rites at our ancestral property, which we have inherited. However, since the land is under legal dispute, we were prevented from doing so without any court order, notice, or justification. A large police force was deployed against us, treating us like criminals. Meanwhile, my mother's body remained at home, de-

caying, while we were left begging for a simple act of humanity in our moment of grief," he lamented.

However, Quepem PI Arjun Sangodkar stated that upon receiving a complaint regarding the cremation site, both parties were summoned before Manohar Karekar, Deputy Collector and SDM, Quepem. "Since both parties were relatives, the SDM requested an amicable resolution. Following this, the husband and son of the deceased agreed to conduct the cremation at an alternative location on the same day. The matter now stands resolved," he said.

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ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION REPORTED IN XELDEM-QUEPEM

MARGAO: A complaint has been lodged against an unidentified property owner in Xeldem, Quepem, for illegal construction and landfilling on paddy fields. Vrinda Phal Desai from the Town and Country Planning Department reported that, before January 8, unauthorised construction of a house with six to eight rooms and landfilling up to 1.2 metres was carried out at Survey No. 168-1 in Xeldem. The land is designated as an irrigation command area under the Goa Regional Plan 2021. The construction was undertaken without permission from the Deputy Town Planner. Quepem police have registered the case under Sections 16-A and 17-A of the TCP Act. PSI Somesh Prabhudessai is investigating the matter.

WOMAN DIES FROM SEVERE BURNS WHILE UNDERGOING TREATMENT

MARGAO: Nalini Paryekar of Murquem-Sancorda, Dharbandora, succumbed to burn injuries while undergoing treatment at Goa Medical College (GMC), Bambolim. Collem police received a wireless message from GMC's casualty department about the death. A police team was sent to the scene, and an investigation was conducted. An autopsy confirmed the cause of death as "shock and acute renal failure due to extensive flame burns." PSI S T Dessai is conducting further enquiries.

YOUNG MAN DIES BY SUICIDE AT MADKAI

MARGAO: Rohan Parwar of Madkai-Ponda, allegedly died by suicide at his residence on Friday. South Goa police arrived at the scene and found the deceased lying in the living room. His mother, Vandana Pawar, identified the body and stated that she, along with a neighbour, had lowered it. An autopsy at South Goa District Hospital confirmed asphyxia due to constriction of the neck. Meanwhile, Vijay Kadlaskar, a resident of Quela-Ponda, was found dead after he allegedly hanged himself inside a workshop at Nallem-Keri. Margao police received a call from Damador Naik reporting the incident. A police team arrived at the scene and found the deceased hanging from a wooden rafter using an electric cable. Preliminary enquiries suggest Kadlaskar was suffering from depression and had attempted suicide a month earlier by consuming poison.

CASHEW ORCHARD DESTROYED IN FIRE AT TIVRE-VARGAO

PONDA: A fire at Tivre-Vargao gutted several cashew trees, causing significant losses to orchard owner Omkar Falari. According to locals, the fire broke out around 6:30 pm on Tivre hills and quickly spread to nearby areas, engulfing several cashew trees. Fire brigade personnel from Kundaim and Ponda rushed to the site to contain the blaze, while locals also made maximum efforts to douse the flames.



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POLICE RECOVER MISSING BAG WITH RS 1.5 LAKH, RETURN IT TO UK TOURIST

CALANGUTE: In a commendable effort, the Calangute police successfully traced and recovered a missing bag containing Rs 1.5 lakh, belonging to a United Kingdom (UK) national. The bag was reported missing near the resort at Candolim beach promenade. Acting swiftly, the police launched a search operation and managed to locate the lost bag. It was later handed over to the UK tourist at the Calangute Police Station.

CYBER CELL CONDUCTS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR PARISH PRIESTS IN SALCETE

MARGAO: In an effort to combat cyber crime and spread digital awareness, the Cyber Cell, under the banner of 'Cyber Surakshit Goem', conducted a comprehensive Cyber Awareness Campaign for parish priests across Salcete. The session took place at John Paul Complex, Borda, Margao, recently, saw the participation of 70 parish priests from South Goa. The session was led by PI Deepak Pednekar, who engaged in a detailed and interactive discussion with the attendees. He delivered a presentation on various cyber threats, online scams, financial frauds, and safe online practices, emphasising the need for strong cyber hygiene. Particular focus was placed on the pivotal role of parish priests as community leaders in spreading awareness within their churches, institutions, and local communities. In addition to cyber awareness, priests were also given an overview of the key provisions and salient features of newly introduced criminal laws, equipping them with basic legal knowledge to better guide their congregations.

TESTING TIME



JOSEPH FERNANDES

SSC students arrive for their first day of SSCE board exams at St Thomas High School, Aldona, on Saturday

DD Kosambi Festival of Ideas concludes with inspiring talks

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PANJIM: The DD Kosambi Festival of Ideas concluded with a captivating talk by Abhilash Tomy, the first Indian to circumnavigate the world solo. Sharing his experiences, he described the challenges of solitude at sea, a near-fatal fall that fractured his spine, and struggles to secure funding for his 2022 Golden Globe Race, which was ultimately financed by a Dubai-based AI company. He emphasised that spending time at sea can be a transformative experience for young Indians.

The festival opened with Gaur Gopal Das, who engaged the audience with his humour and wisdom. He compared stages to success, stating that the higher one rises, the lonelier it gets, as people become more interested in using

rather than loving. He also reflected on the paradox of chasing happiness—the more one seeks it, the more it eludes them.

On the second day, renowned Hindi writer Alka Saraogi addressed mental health in a session titled "And It Says, Save Me from Suicide".

Speaking to students and the public, she discussed the human dilemma, urging people to look beyond their personal struggles to understand larger global issues. She also stressed that writers should remain true to their craft, regardless of societal reactions.

Day three featured Aditya Gupta, an entrepreneur and mountaineer, who used Mount Everest as a metaphor for personal challenges. He said, "Everyone has their own Everest, whether it's exams, parenting, or

running a business. It's an internal journey of resilience." He shared that he succeeded in climbing Everest only on his second attempt, emphasising perseverance.

On the final day, Nivedita Bhide, Vice President of Vivekananda Kendra, Kanayakumari, highlighted Swami Vivekananda's teachings, particularly his impact on the World's Parliament of Religions. She lamented that his vision for India and the world remained unfulfilled, but expressed hope through youth empowerment camps.

She said her organisation was doing everything to deal with it by organising camps for young people from around the country.

The festival brought together thought leaders from diverse fields, each offering insights into resilience, self-discovery, and societal transformation.

Mandrem murder accused remanded in judicial custody

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PERNEM: The Pernem Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) on Saturday remanded the murder accused Deepan Rajeev Batra from Delhi to 14 days judicial custody.

Batra (23) was again remanded in judicial custody after completion of four days police custody sought by the Mandrem police.

Batra was arrested on the charge of killing Mary alias Maria Fernandes at Junawa-

da, Mandrem after he drove his car in a reckless manner and deliberately knocked her down on February 20.

Batra allegedly took revenge as there used to be fight between the accused and the deceased over the fight between the dogs owned by them.

The Court had earlier remanded in judicial custody but the police later sought his four days police custody.

On February 24, the villagers had protested over the alleged "VIP treatment" given to the accused by police.

Vasco truckers suspend protest

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VASCO: Transporters and truck owners protesting against alleged monopolisation in Mormugao Port Authority (MPA) operations have temporarily suspended their strike following assurances from Vasco MLA Krishna 'Daji' Salkar.

On Friday, local truck operators staged a protest at Varunapuri junction, blocking loaded trucks, alleging

that an external lobby was being given preference over local transporters. They demanded fair business opportunities to sustain their livelihoods.

The protest led to a major traffic jam, prompting Vasco police to intervene. MLA Salkar arrived at the scene, urged the protestors to withdraw, and assured them he would take up the issue with the Chief Minister for a resolution.

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