

# High Court cracks the whip against illegal structures at Agonda beach

## Eight properties sealed, 9 dismantled; GSPCB directed to act against 20 establishments for non-compliance with environmental regulations

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** Acting on directives from the High Court of Bombay at Goa, authorities on Wednesday sealed eight properties and oversaw the voluntary dismantling of nine others at Agonda beach. The action targeted establishments operating without mandatory consent from the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB).

Three resorts and shacks managed to avoid sealing by presenting valid GSPCB certificates during the operation.

The court, in its March 6 order, had instructed the GSPCB to take action against 20 establishments located on the southern end of Agonda beach for non-compliance with environmental regulations.

The sealing process commenced on Tuesday morning, led by Canacona Deputy Collector Madhu Narvekar, Mamlatdar Manoj Korgaonkar, Canacona BDO Savio Coutinho (nodal officer for sealing), Agonda Panchayat Secretary Amol Naikgaunkar, Electricity JE Chari, and GSPCB JE Raj



Mohan Prabhudesai, along with a police team under the Canacona police inspector.

A brief dispute arose when a property owner contested the decision to disconnect electricity, arguing that the court order only mandated sealing, not cutting off power. The Deputy Collector defended the move, citing the need to prevent potential short circuits in the sealed premises.

Another confrontation occurred when a property, previously shut down following a Supreme Court order, was listed for action by the GSPCB. Authorities proceeded to seal it and disconnect its power supply despite the owner's objections.

Two stakeholders presented pending applications for the required GSPCB certificates, and officials assured them that the seals would be removed once ap-

provals were granted. Five structures, which had been undergoing dismantling for the past two days, were allowed to continue the process until completion.

Meanwhile, four more resorts opted to dismantle their properties after seeing officials arrive for sealing. By the end of the day, a total of nine properties had been voluntarily removed by their operators.

Some properties still had guests on-site at the time of



sealing, and they were permitted to vacate before the enforcement took place.

Given the expansive area of the resorts, authorities chose to seal only the main entrances, leaving huts and restaurants inside untouched. However, strict warnings were issued

against operating the premises in any capacity, with officials cautioning of strict penalties for violations.

The Deputy Collector was also tasked with submitting a compliance report to the High Court detailing the enforcement actions carried out.

### shorttakes

#### WOMAN'S MANGALSUTRA SNATCHED BY BIKE-BORNE THIEVES AT RAIA

**MARGAO:** Two unidentified individuals on a motorcycle snatched a portion of a gold mangalsutra valued at Rs 1,10,000 from a woman and fled the scene at Tembi-Raia, on March 10. The victim, Sushma Shirodkar, a resident of Maina-Curtorim, lodged a complaint with Maina-Curtorim police, stating that at around 9.10 am, an unknown pillion rider forcibly snatched part of her mangalsutra while the motorcycle rider assisted in the getaway. Police confirmed the incident as a theft and stated that the accused remain unidentified. The victim raised an alarm, but the culprits managed to escape before bystanders could react.

#### 10-YEAR-OLD BOY DIES AFTER BEING FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN SCHOOL TOILET

**MARGAO:** A 10-year-old boy who was found unconscious in the toilet of his school in Nagoa Verna and later passed away while undergoing treatment at Goa Medical College (GMC), Bambolim. According to police, the school staff discovered the child on March 8 and immediately rushed him to South Goa District Hospital (SGDH), Margao, before he was referred to GMC Bambolim, where he succumbed. A post-mortem conducted by the police surgeon determined the cause of death as a cerebrovascular accident due to intraparenchymal haemorrhage. Verna Police, led by PSI Carey Fernandes, are conducting an inquiry.

#### COPPER WIRES WORTH RS 6 LAKH STOLEN FROM KUNDAIM SHOP

**PONDA:** Thieves stole five to six bundles of expensive copper wire along with scrap material worth Rs 6 lakh on Tuesday night from Irfan Electricals Motor Repair and Service shop in Kundaim. The shop owner has filed a complaint at Mardol Police Station. The stolen copper wires were brought in for motor repair work and police have launched an investigation into the incident.

#### ILLEGAL HILL CUTTING AT AGONDA: POLICE REGISTER CASE

**MARGAO:** Canacona police have registered an offence against unknown persons for carrying out illegal hill cutting at Agonda. The case was registered following a complaint by Rohan Bhandari of the Town and Country Planning Department. The illegal activity was reported at Survey No. 41/15 of Nagorcem-Paloleim village, prior to February and an offence has been booked under Sections 17-A and 17-B of the TCP Act, 1974.

#### 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL BROUGHT DEAD AT SOUTH GOA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

**MARGAO:** A 17-year-old girl from Kazur, Quepem, was declared brought dead at South Goa District Hospital, Margao. Quepem police rushed to the scene after receiving a call from PSI Promod Tari of Curchorem Police Station. The girl was referred from CHC Curchorem for medical treatment but did not survive. An inquest panchanama was conducted, and the body was sent for a post-mortem examination. Further inquiry is being carried out by PSI Somesh Prabhudesai of Quepem Police Station.

#### POLICE OFFICER OBSTRUCTED WHILE SERVING NOTICE AT FATORDA

**MARGAO:** LPSI Veronica Coutinho of Maina-Curtorim Police Station was allegedly obstructed while performing her official duties. Fatorda Police have registered an offence under various sections of BNS following a complaint lodged by Coutinho. The incident occurred on March 10, at Rocha Co-operative Housing Society, Fatorda, when she attempted to serve a court notice. The accused allegedly insulted her, restrained her, attempted to snatch her phone and prevented the service of the summons.

#### MOTORCYCLIST INJURED IN COLLISION WITH CAR IN VASCO

**MARGAO:** Mohammad Hanif Shaikh of Sada, Mormugao, sustained injuries in a collision between his motorcycle and a car at Katem-Baina. According to the police, Francis Xavier Pinto of Katem-Baina, Vasco, made a sudden U-turn at high speed without giving a right indicator, leading to the crash. Shaikh, riding a Suzuki Hayate, collided with the car's front bonnet and sustained a fracture. A case under Sections 281, 125(b) BNS has been registered, and further investigation is in progress.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client Mrs. A.N. Breganza, C/O Adv. B.P. Natekar, Y-5, 5th floor, Building B-1, Jairam Complex, Rua De Qurem, Mala, Neugi Nagar, Panaji, Goa is willing to purchase the Flat Bearing No. E-9, having House No. 487/SF-1(E), admeasuring Super built up area of 156.50 sq. mts. Plus 28 sq. mts. terrace, situated on the Second Floor of Block E in the commercial and Residential Complex 'Landscape City Cooperative Housing Society Limited' along with the undivided proportionate share in Land constructed on the Plot of Land under Survey Nos. 59/1B and 60/1A of Village Pilerne, Bardez - Goa from intending seller namely Mr. Keith Donald Anthony Mascarenhas, residing at E-6, Landscape City Chogm Road, near Holy Family Church, Alto-Povrim, North Goa 403521, who has inherited the said Flat by virtue of Judgement/ Order dated 07/02/2022, passed in the Inventory Proceeding No. 551/2021/F, by the Court of the Civil Judge Junior Division at Mapusa.

My Client intends to purchase the said Flat by availing loan from SBI, Badem branch, Goa Br. Code 05825 and intends to create charge viz. Equitable mortgage or otherwise on basis of title documents including Photocopy of unregistered Agreement dated 08/05/1995 and Certified copy of Agreement of Sale dated 05/04/2004.

My client wishes to create charge for availing a loan/credit facility from State Bank of India, Badem, Branch, Goa, Br. Code: 05825.

In case any persons, Bank or Financial Institution has any claim towards the said documents and/or said Flat, the same should be lodged with me or with the above stated branch of the State Bank of India within 15 days from publication of this notice, failing which, my Client will proceed to Purchase and Create equitable Mortgage of said Flat.

Panaji/Goa, Date 06/03/2025

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### IN THE COURT OF MAMLATDAR OF BARDEZ AT MAPUSA GOA

Mutation Case No. 100555

Village: Anjuna  
1. Paulo Martinho Fernandes  
2. Maria Antonia Fernandes,  
r/o H.No. 557, Vagator, Anjuna, Bardez  
Goa ... Applicant

V/S  
1. Anna Maria Dsouza 2. Arnold Ross Dsouza 3. Felicidade Fernandes 4. Joana Françoisa Fernandes alius Guilhermina Fernandes 5. John Stephen Dsouza 6. Loyola Milagrina Dsouza 7. Manuel Rosario De Souza 8. Maria Jenia Dsouza 9. Mervin Bernard Lourds Dsouza 10. Nella Fernandes 11. Anton Fernandes ... Opponents

### PUBLIC NOTICE

To, The above name Opponents/Legal heirs if any/interested parties if any. Whereas the applicants Paulo Martinho Fernandes and Maria Antonia Fernandes, both H. No. 557, Vagator, Anjuna, Bardez Goa, has applied for mutation under section 96 of L.R.C. To include the legal heirs names in occupants column under Sy. No. 311/4 of Village Anjuna, Taluka Bardez after deleting the existing name of Anton Fernandes from occupants column as per Inventory Proceedings No. 204/2023/PC passed in the Court of the Civil Judge Senior Division A Court at Mapusa Goa.

AND WHEREAS, the notice in form No. X were generated to be served to the party by registered A/D. Party was unserved with postal remark as unserved. Party deceased etc hence to be served through alternative means and so the notices are prayed to be served by way of publication in local newspaper.

AND WHEREAS, the applicant have prayed vide his application for substitute service, by publication of public notice in any one newspaper as required under order V Rule 20(1A) of C.P.C as the applicant does not know the legal heirs and the addresses of the interested parties. All the interested parties are hereby given notice of the said mutation entry and called upon to submit to me their objection if any to the mutation entry within 15 days from the date of publication of this notices failing which the suitable order under the provision of L.R.C shall be issued by the certifying Officer.

Place: Mapusa Dated: 11.3.2025  
SD/- (Anant Mallik)  
Mamlatdar of Bardez Mapusa-Goa

### Citizen wants DGP to probe bull caretaker's death

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** Following the tragic death of 32-year-old caretaker Mehboob Walikar from Zuari Nagar, who was fatally attacked by a fighter bull near Velsao lake, a concerned citizen has filed a formal complaint with the Director General of Police (DGP), Alok Kumar.

The complainant stated that the incident marks the second fatality linked to illegal bullfighting in Cortalim constituency. The complaint highlights that despite 'Dhario' being banned, such events continue to persist in Goa, endangering both public safety and animal welfare. The complainant referenced an earlier grievance filed on January 10, 2025, which allegedly went unaddressed, pointing to a pattern of inaction.

The complainant urges the DGP to investigate and take strict legal action against those responsible for Walikar's death, impound all fighter bulls used for Dhario—reportedly more than 10 in the Cortalim constituency—and enforce a crackdown.

### CCP calls meet to tackle vehicles abandoned on Panjim roads

Team Herald

**PANJIM:** The Department of Urban Development has directed the Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) to convene a meeting to address concerns regarding abandoned vehicles occupying crucial parking spaces in the pay parking zones of the capital city.

The directive follows a letter from the Goa Civic and Consumer Action Network (GOACAN) highlighting the issue. Additional Director of Urban Development, Pankaj Rane, has instructed the CCP Commissioner to hold the meeting within two weeks, bringing together officials from the Traffic Police, Directorate of Health Services (DHS), Fire and Emergency Services, Police Department, and the pay parking contractor.

"It is also learnt that the

government will be initiating a vehicle mela for scrapping vehicles in the coming months. Hence, an updated database of all such abandoned vehicles is necessary for proper disposal," Rane stated.

GOACAN had earlier submitted photographs of abandoned vehicles at the Patto parking area, pointing out how their presence gives a poor impression of the city's parking management. The consumer rights group also revealed that there is currently no reporting mechanism for the pay parking contractor to alert the Traffic Police or Directorate of Transport about abandoned vehicles.

In its letter to CCP Commissioner Glen Madeira, GOACAN requested a joint meeting of relevant officials to establish a system for reporting and clearing abandoned vehicles.

### Two fake 'godmen' arrested for cheating Parsem woman

Team Herald

**PERNEM:** The Mandrem police arrested two persons for allegedly posing as 'godmen' and duping a woman of gold ornaments worth Rs 8.5 lakh under the pretext of performing special rituals for peace and prosperity.

The accused identified as Vijay Shinde and Dada Ingole, both from Solapur, Maharashtra along with another unidentified person, visited the complainant Amita Naik's house at Chonsdaiwadda-Parsem in Pernem taluka, on February 11. Disguised as religious figures, they convinced and induced her to hand over her gold ornaments but later fled with them.

The police arrested the two accused and recovered all the stolen ornaments from them. The police are investigating to find out if the accused are involved in any more offences of similar modus operandi in on the State.

A case has been registered against the accused under Sections 316 (2) AND 318 (2) read with 3 (5) of BNS. Mandrem PI Sherif Jacques is conducting further investigations under the guidance of Pernem DySP Ashish Shirodkar and SP North Akshat Kaushal, IPS.

### Advanced hematology dept planned at GMC

Team Herald

**PANJIM:** A new state-of-the-art immunohematology and blood transfusion centre will be constructed at the Goa Medical College (GMC), Bambolim.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed between the GMC and the Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC) Limited. The facility is expected to support GMC's super-specialty block and the upcoming tertiary cancer centre while integrating the latest advancements in transfusion medicine.

Additionally, the new centre will offer post-graduate programmes in transfusion medicine, a specialisation currently available in only a few medical colleges across the country, informed Health Minister Vishwajit Rane.

Meanwhile, Abbott, a global healthcare and diagnostics company is slated to conduct State-wide survey assessing existing lab infrastructure in Goa and identifying areas for enhancement. The company will also work on upgrading laboratories across various health centers in Goa, informed Rane after holding a meeting with the Abbott officials.

### Quepem police register sand theft case, one held

**MARGAO:** Quepem Police have registered an offence of river sand theft worth Rs 24,000 against Gopi Kumar Paswan of Tilamol-Quepem, originally from Hazaribagh-Jharkhand. The accused allegedly transported the sand without a valid transit pass at Guddi Paroda on March 9. He was arrested for violating the Goa, Daman and Diu Mines and Minerals Concession Rules, 1985.

### GFP slams 'rushed' assembly sessions

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**MARGAO:** Fatorda MLA and Goa Forward Party (GFP) President Vijai Sardesai has criticised the government for reducing legislative processes to "mere formalities," accusing it of undermining democratic accountability. In a letter to the Speaker, Sardesai protested the conduct of Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meetings, calling them "perfunctory" and rushed.

"I regret to inform you that I am indisposed due to a viral infection and unable to attend the BAC meeting today. How-

ever, I wish to place on record my strong protest against the manner in which these meetings are conducted, reducing them to a mere formality," Sardesai wrote. He criticised the government for declaring short Assembly sessions and convening rushed BAC meetings, calling it "unprecedented in the history of the Goa Legislative Assembly" and a "dangerous precedent for the future."

Sardesai highlighted the lack of time to address pressing issues, stating, "A short session does not provide adequate time to address these concerns. It is inexplicable why, despite having a comfortable

majority, the government is choosing to restrict the Assembly session instead of allowing thorough discussions."

He also slammed the "lot system" for raising questions, which he said favours ruling party MLAs. "Previously, questions were alternated between ruling and opposition MLAs, ensuring fairness. Now, ruling party MLAs dominate, often raising issues that could be resolved outside the Assembly, wasting valuable time," he said.

Sardesai criticised the insufficient number of sitting days, noting that Goa falls far short of the recommended 50 working days per year.

### Winners of Goa Young Innovator's Award announced

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** The Goa State Innovation Council (GSInC) hosted the finals of the Goa Young Innovator's Award 2024-25 at Don Bosco College of Engineering, Fatorda, celebrating young talent and innovation. The event, aimed at encouraging students to develop creative solutions to real-world challenges, showcased impressive ingenuity from participants across Goa. Winners were announced during a prize distribution ceremony, capping off a day filled with excitement and inspiration.

The competition, open to students in two categories—Class VIII-IX and Class V-VII—saw overwhelming participation. Projects were judged on originality and usability, ensuring they addressed prac-

tical problems with innovative solutions. An exhibition from 10 am to 3 pm allowed visitors, including students, teachers, and professionals, to interact with young innovators and learn about their ground breaking ideas.

Ankit Yadav, IAS, Director of the Department of Science & Technology, attended as Chief Guest. He praised the participants' creativity and stressed the importance of fostering innovation early. "Young innovators are the future of our nation, and their ideas can transform society," he said, assuring continued support for such initiatives.

The prize distribution ceremony was the event's highlight. In Category 1 (Class VIII-IX), the first prize of Rs 20,000 went to Mohammad Razi Farooqui and Sushant

Sharma from Chubby Cheeks Spring Valley High School for their project, Shredzilla, guided by Frederic Dias. The second prize of Rs 10,000 was awarded to Purvesh Gourish Borkar from The New Educational Institute, Curchorem, for Fire Fighting Drone, guided by Gourish L Borkar.

The encouragement prize of Rs 5,000 went to Sylvan John Dias from St Joseph High School, Karai Shiroda, Ponda, for Phoenix - Medicare, guided by Sofia Fernandes.

In Category 2 (Class V-VII), the first prize of Rs 20,000 was awarded to Ayush S Shinde, Vedant B Adarkar, and Soham M Gurav from Shree Mahalasa Narayani High School, Verna, for Jeevan Amrit, guided by Priyanka P Pednekar. The second prize of Rs 10,000 went

to Sumukh G Agastipurkar from GVM's AJ De Almeida High School, Ponda, for Greenhouse 2.0, guided by Manasi Bakhale. The encouragement prize of Rs 5,000 was awarded to Ronav Chodankar and Ariana Chodankar from Sharada Mandir School, Panjim, for ISMS (Intelligent Stroke Management System), guided by Dr Deepa Chodankar.

The GSInC thanked Fr Kinley, Dr Neena, and the organising team for their support. The event underscored Goa's commitment to nurturing young talent and promoting innovation, paving the way for a brighter, more innovative future. The council also expressed gratitude to media partners and GSInC General Body Members for their contributions to the event's success.

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