

shorttakes

**OLD POLICE INTENSIFY PATROLLING ON HOLI EVE, DETAIN HABITUAL OFFENDERS**

**PANJIM:** The Old Goa police intensified patrolling on the eve of Holi and made 10 preventive arrests in order to maintain law and order in the area in view of peaceful celebrations. The police also arrested three youth for drinking in a public place while seven habitual offenders were detained for causing public nuisance in Chimbel and Mercedes. The cops also advised people to celebrate Holi safely, avoid causing nuisance, refrain from throwing colours and garbage on the road.

**CANCA MAN BOOKED FOR HURTING RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS**

**PANJIM:** The Porvorim Police have registered an offence against Suraj Arondekar from Verla Canca, Mapusa, for allegedly making derogatory comments in a WhatsApp group chat, promoting enmity between different groups based on race and religion and 'hurting religious sentiments'. The complaint was filed by a resident of Alto, Pilerne. The incident occurred before March 13, and further investigation is underway. The case is being investigated by PSI Arun Shirodkar of Porvorim Police Station.

**WOMAN ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF GOLD BANGLES AT CHORAO**

**PANJIM:** The Old Goa Police arrested Gauri Sawant for allegedly stealing two gold bangles worth approximately Rs 1.5 lakh from the residence of Reshma Manjrekar at Carabhat, Chora, between February 20 and 23. The complaint was lodged on March 14 and further investigation is underway. The bangles were stolen from the cupboard of the complainant's house. Further investigation is in progress with PSI Saiesh Bhonsle, police said.

**UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS BOOKED FOR EXTRACTING LATERITE STONES ILLEGALLY**

**PANJIM:** The Valpoi Police have booked unidentified persons for extracting laterite stones at Sattari without obtaining necessary permission from concerned authorities. An FIR has been registered and the case is being investigated by PSI Prathamesh Gawas of Valpoi Police Station.

**UNIDENTIFIED MAN DIES AFTER BEING HIT BY TRAIN**

**MARGAO:** An unidentified man, aged around 45, succumbed to injuries after being hit by a train in Sanvordem. The victim was initially being treated for injuries at the South Goa District Hospital before being shifted to the Goa Medical College (GMC) where he breathed his last. According to Railway Police, the victim was hit by a moving train while walking or crossing the Sanvordem-Kaley railway track. The body has been preserved at GMC Morgue, Bambolim, for identification and legal formalities. Investigations are ongoing.

**GOA REMEMBERS FIRST CM DAYANAND BANDODKAR ON 114TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY**

**PONDA:** Floral tributes were paid to Goa's first Chief Minister and Maharashtra Gomantak Party (MGP) founder, Dayanand Bandodkar, fondly known as 'Bhausaheb', on his 114th birth anniversary at Farmagudi on Wednesday. Ponda Municipal Council (PMC) Chairperson Anand Naik and councillors offered flowers at his statue, acknowledging his pivotal role in Goa's education system. Naik credited Bandodkar for establishing schools across the state, leading to Goa's high literacy rate. MGP President Deepak Dhavlikar hailed Bandodkar as a visionary leader who contributed immensely to Goa's development in education, sports, and industry. Several local representatives, including panchayat members and Shigmo Committee members, also gathered to honour his legacy.

**Act on illegalities in Calangute, Candolim, CCF tells authorities**

**Says degradation of coastline in full swing as officials turn a Nelson's eye to damage to eco-system**

Team Herald

**CALANGUTE:** The Calangute Constituency Forum (CCF) has called on authorities to take immediate action on multiple complaints regarding violations of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) rules and the Environmental Protection Act (EPA).

In a memorandum submitted on Thursday to the Chief Secretary, the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA), and other officials, the CCF expressed frustration over the lack of response to complaints filed over the past few years. The forum stated that continued inaction is allowing environmental degradation to persist unchecked.

"We are writing to bring to your attention the continued inaction on several complaints filed before the GCZMA regarding blatant violations of CRZ rules and the Environmental Protection Act, 1986. Despite multiple representations, no cognisance or necessary action has been taken, enabling unauthorised and environ-



An alleged illegal structure being constructed on Aguada plateau

mentally damaging activities to continue," the memorandum reads.

The CCF warned that such violations pose a severe threat to Goa's fragile coastal ecosystem and urged authorities to schedule hearings for long-pending complaints as a priority, issue stop-work orders for ongoing violations of CRZ and EPA regulations, conduct thorough inspections and investigations to assess the extent of environmental damage and initiate legal proceedings against violators to prevent further destruction of coastal areas.

The memorandum listed multiple alleged violations, including irregularities in the renovated Aguada Jail complex, CRZ breaches by builders in Candolim, building permissions granted based on false documents, and destruction of sand dunes and beach vegetation.

"The delay in addressing these issues not only undermines the spirit of environmental conservation but also raises concerns regarding enforcement and accountability. We request an expedited response and decisive action to safeguard Goa's coastal environment," the CCF stated.

**VIOLATIONS GALORE**

- Irregularities in renovated Aguada Jail complex
- CRZ breaches by builders in Candolim
- Building permissions granted based on false documents
- Destruction of sand dunes and beach vegetation

**ACTION DEMANDED**

- Authorities urged to schedule hearings for long-pending complaints as a priority
- Issue stop-work orders for ongoing violations in CRZ
- Conduct inspections, probe environmental damage,
- Initiate legal proceedings against violators

The forum has urged authorities to take urgent steps to prevent further degradation of the State's coastline.

**Fisheries Director visits Khareawado jetty**

Team Herald

**VASCO:** Director of Fisheries Yashaswini B visited the Vasco fishing jetty at Khareawado, here following appeal by boat owners to repair and expand the jetty.

The Goa Fishing Boat Owners' Association has urged the Directorate of Fisheries to inspect the jetty and to take immediate measures to repair it.

Yashaswini said that she visited the jetty following request by the boat owners to conduct an inspection. "I have come to see first-hand the struggles faced by the fishermen. For any development, a proposal needs to be submitted and forwarded to the Union Ministry of Fisheries. We will assess what can be done from our side."

Former Minister and Goa Fishing Boat Owners' Association president Jose Philip D'Souza expressed his concern over the delay to repair the dilapidated jetty. He pointed out that the government was spending money to expand Malim, Cortalim and Betul jetties, while Khareawado jetty, Vasco continues to be neglected.

He feared that if the repair work is delayed by another year, then the boat owners will suffer heavy losses and appealed to the Director of Fisheries to expedite the process to repair it.

Highlighting inadequate facilities at the Khareawado jetty, a boat owner pointed out that there were no toilet facilities. The area is too small and only 10-12 trawlers can dock at a time thereby often leading to fights among boat owners as fish catch gets spoiled. He too appealed to the Director of Fisheries to at least carry out temporary repairs and expansion works and provide much-needed relief to them.

**AGGEU meet demands hike in min salary of Rs 20,000**

Team Herald

**PONDA:** The All Goa General Employees Union (AGGEU), affiliated with the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), held its convention in Ponda, where a resolution was passed demanding a minimum salary of Rs 20,000 per month for employees. The union also called for a pension of Rs 10,000 per month for retired employees.

The convention was attended by Comrade R Laxamayya, General Secretary of the All India Road Transport Association Federation, who was present as a special invitee. On this occasion, AGGEU President Comrade Anand Bethkikar was felicitated, while Comrades Subash Volvoikar and Jaydev Velip were also honoured for their contributions.



Anand Bethkikar felicitated by R Laxamayya

Both resolutions were proposed by Association General Secretary Nilkant Fatde and were unanimously approved by all members present.

In addition to wage and pension demands, the as-

sociation urged the government to immediately withdraw the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA). Members also raised concerns over rising inflation, which they claimed was severely impacting the

general public, particularly low-income groups. The union further demanded the repeal of anti-labour laws, stating that such policies were detrimental to workers' rights and welfare.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**REQUIRED URGENTLY**

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**QUALIFICATIONS**  
Any graduate (Preferred but not essential).

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2. 19:00-07:00 Hrs (UK Timings) (4 Nights a Week)

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**  
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• Maintain the computer services management system.  
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**KEY QUALITIES**  
• Fluent in English with excellent communication skills.  
• Team player.  
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Instituto Nossa Senhora de Piedade, D.B.Marg, Panjim Goa, 403001, INDIA  
Applications with full biodata are invited from Indian citizens  
**FOR THE POST OF PRINCIPAL**  
(Full time Regular basis-Growth-Aid)  
**FOR ST. JOSEPH VAZ COLLEGE, CORTALIM, MORMUGAO- GOA**  
(Affiliated to Goa University & Recognized by the UGC)

- A) Eligibility:**  
i) Ph.D. degree  
ii) Professor/Associate Professor with a total service/experience of at least 15 years of teaching/research in universities, colleges and other institutions of higher education.  
iii) A minimum of 10 research publications in peer reviewed journals as approved by Goa University from time to time or UGC-listed journals out of which at least two should be in scopus/web of science journals.  
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v) Minimum qualifications and other requirements as prescribed by Goa University Statutes SC-16.4

**B) Tenure:**  
A College Principal shall be appointed for a period of five years, extendable for another term of five years on the basis of performance assessment by a Committee appointed by the University, constituted as per the Statutes of Goa University.

**C) Essential Requirements:**  
a) Knowledge of Konkani language. Additionally, knowledge of Marathi shall be desirable.  
b) 15 years of residence certificate in Goa issued by competent authority  
**Scale of pay:** As prescribed by UGC, Goa University and Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa from time to time.  
**Service Conditions:** As prescribed by the UGC, Goa University, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, St. Joseph Vaz Educational Society and other competent authorities from time to time.

Applicants who are already employed shall send in their applications through proper channel.  
Application completed in all respects alongwith self-certified photocopies of statements of marks of all public examinations from S.S.C. onwards, API scoresheet and other certificates should reach the Secretary, St. Joseph Vaz Educational Society, Instituto Nossa Senhora de Piedade, D.B. Marg, opp. to Virani, Panjim, Goa, 403001, within 20 days from the date of publication of advertisement by super scribing on the envelope 'Application for the post of Principal'. Late submission or incomplete applications in any manner will not be accepted.

Secretary  
St. Joseph Vaz Educational Society,  
Panjim, Goa.

Date:15/3/2025

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**TIGER SIGHTED IN CAMERA TRAP TECH AT KHANYALE**

According to Kerkar, during the tiger census conducted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority in 2022, presence of five tigers has been proved through camera trap technique in the Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary.

Kerkar has demanded that the government should take necessary steps to stop quarrying and haphazard mining activities going on inside the ecological and hydrological sensitive areas of the Tillari reservoir.

**HOLI PICNIC TURNS TRAGIC, DUO DROWN IN USGAO-GANJEM RIVER**

The duo was retrieved by the locals before the Ponda Fire Brigade could reach the spot.

The two youth were immediately rushed to Piliem Dharbandora Primary Health Centre, but were declared brought dead by the doctors on duty. However, the locals succeeded in rescuing a youth from drowning.

The bodies were shifted to Hospicio Hospital, Margao for post mortem.

**EDU DEPT NOTIFIES DRAFT RULES FOR STARTING ACADEMIC YEAR**

"There shall be a break of one week between the end of the academic year and the beginning of the new academic year for these classes. The academic year may be suitably divided into terms by the Director of Education, by issuing an order on that behalf," the notification stated.

"There shall be a summer vacation for all classes from May 1 for five weeks as may be specified by the Directorate of Education. There shall be a break of three weeks in October or November or both, for the Diwali Festival. The Director of Education

may declare a break of not more than a week for the Ganesh Chaturthi Festival, provided that loss of actual working days on account of this break shall be made good by proportionately reducing the discretionary holidays. There shall be a Christmas vacation from December 24 to January 2," the notification added.

Goa School Education Rules are to be amended to this effect. All objections and suggestions to the said draft Rules are to be forwarded to the Director of Education, Government of Goa, Porvorim, within the next five days so that they may be taken into consideration at the time of finalisation of the said draft Rules, states the notification dated March 12.

The draft Rules are to be taken into consideration by the government after the expiry of five days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

**4 GOANS TO DON INDIA COLOURS AT AFC BEACH SOCCER C'SHIP IN THAILAND**

"We have been playing beach football for many years, but there were no recognised tournaments in the format. The breakthrough came in January 2023 when the All India Football Federation organised the first-ever beach football tournament in Surat, Gujarat," Nehal Parab told O Herald.

According to Parab, all four players attended the State trials and were selected to represent Goa. Later in October, when Goa hosted the National Games with beach football included as a discipline, they once again earned spots on the State team and secured the runners-up position in the beach football championship.

"In October, we learned about the national team trials being held in Porbandar, Gujarat. More than 100 players had come for the trials. From there, 25 players were shortlisted for the India camp that started

in February in Porbandar. After more than a month, the final list was confirmed," Parab explained.

The quartet expressed similar sentiments about their selection, describing it as a dream come true and the proudest moment of their lives. They collectively emphasised the importance of hard work, dedication, and perseverance in achieving their goal of representing India. The players also shared their gratitude to their families for their unwavering support throughout their journey.

The four Goans - 25-year-old Pratik Kankonkar from Nauxim, 27-year-old Nehal Parab from Pernem, 26-year-old Satish Naik from Vasco, and 26-year-old Latish Kunkolkar from Chimbel - are now focused on winning their group stage matches and qualifying for the knockout rounds.

"India is participating in the AFC Beach Soccer Championship after 18 years. We will try to promote beach soccer in Goa and will keep giving our best for both Goa and India," Parab noted.

The complete Indian squad consists of Pratik Kankonkar (GK), Raj Chauhan (GK), Nehal Parab, Sreejith Babu, Jaypal Singh, Latish Kunkolkar, Rohit Y, Mukthar Umarul, Musheer TKB, Satish Naik, Mohd Akram, and Amit Godara.

**UN REPORT ACCUSES ISRAEL OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST PALESTINIANS**

The findings by the Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, which seeks to document in minute detail the allegations and evidence of crimes to bolster accountability for perpetrators, could be used by prosecutors at the International Criminal Court or in other jurisdictions to try to bring justice to victims and their relatives.

In its report released on Thursday, the commission examined the widespread de-

struction of Gaza, the use of heavy explosives in civilian areas and Israeli attacks on hospitals and health facilities. It said all three led to "disproportionate violence against women and children".

The commission documented a range of violations perpetrated against Palestinian women, men, girls and boys and accused Israeli security forces of rape and sexual violence against Palestinian detainees. Israel denies any systematic abuse of prisoners and says it takes action when there are violations.

"Our report finds that Israel has increasingly employed sexual, reproductive, and other forms of gender-based violence against Palestinians as part of a broader effort to undermine their right to self-determination," Chris Sidoti, a member of the commission, told reporters in Geneva. Israel's mission in Geneva rejected the allegations and accused the commission of relying on "second-hand, single, uncorroborated sources". Since the commission was set up in 2021 -- long before the October 7 attacks in Israel -- Israel has refused to cooperate with it, accusing the investigative team and the council of bias.

Commission member Sidoti said the report "also concludes that Israel has carried out genocidal acts through the systematic destruction of sexual and reproductive healthcare facilities".

The commission stopped short of accusing Israel of genocide, as some advocacy groups and other rights experts have. Israel, which was established in the wake of the Nazi Holocaust and is home to many survivors and their families, has vigorously denied such allegations.

Israel says it took extraordinary measures to avoid harming civilians in the 15-month war, which has been paused by a fragile ceasefire. It blames civilian deaths and destruction on Hamas because the militants operate in residential areas. Israeli forces carried out a number of raids on hospitals, accusing Hamas of using them for military purposes, allegations denied by Palestinian health officials.