

## STORM BREWS IN NAVELIM OVER SCHOOL EXTENSION PROPOSAL

Locals fear project will exacerbate the already acute traffic congestion; issue likely to feature at the gram sabha; NCCF submits letters of protest to multiple authorities including Education Director & panchayat

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** The villagers of Navelim, who have been facing hardships over the last decade due to the haphazard growth of educational institutions near the main junction in the village, are mobilising support along with Navelim Civic & Consumer Forum (NCCF) to stall the plans to extend an existing Higher Secondary School (HSS), which they fear would exacerbate the existing severe traffic congestion in the area.

The issue was raised during Saturday's panchayat meeting and is expected to be a major issue at the upcoming gram sabha on Sunday. The NCCF has submitted formal letters of protest to multiple authorities, including the Director of Education and the Navelim panchayat.

"Over the last decade, the villagers have been facing hardships due to the haphazard growth of educational institutions near the Navelim main junction," stated the NCCF in their letter to education authorities. The forum highlighted that the heavy student flow along narrow roads results in daily traffic jams, affecting both students and residents.

### CONGESTION CONCERNS

■ Navelim Civic & Consumer Forum highlighted daily traffic jams as a result of heavy student flow along narrow roads

■ Situation acute around the Church of Our Lady of Rosary, Forum said

■ Despite opening of Margao Western bypass, traffic congestion persists

■ Vehicles of teaching staff fill parking spaces as also those of spectators



during football matches at the parish grounds, aggravating the problem

■ Panchayat kept gram sabha members in the dark, Forum alleged

■ Govt depts granted

permissions to educational institutions without considering basic infrastructure requirements

■ Forum urged panchayat not to grant permissions blindly

According to the NCCF, the situation has become particularly problematic around the Church of Our Lady of Rosary, a major traffic junction. They added that despite the recent opening of the Margao Western bypass, traffic congestion persists as the number of students dropped off by cars continues to increase.

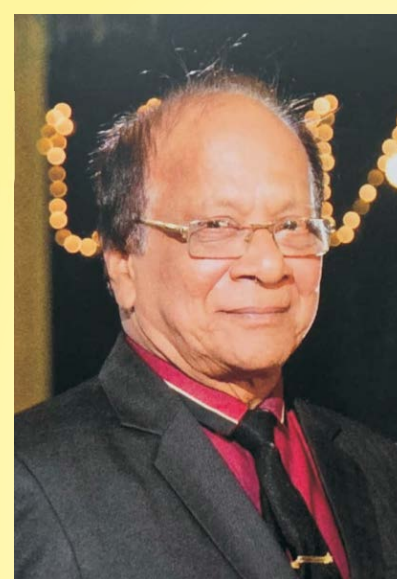
It was also alleged that the vehicles of the teaching staff occupy parking spaces for extended periods, while football matches at the parish grounds further compound the problem due to vehicles parked by the spectators.

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## Lord I am Coming Home



Date of Birth  
18.10.1946



Date of Death  
15.03.2025

## JOSINHO PEREIRA

(PAJIMOL, SANGUEM-GOA)

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Proprietor of: M/S MARUSKHA STONE INDUSTRY,  
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Beloved son of Late Diogo Pereira & Late Antonia Fernandes

Husband of Milagrina Baretto

Father & Father in Law of Mildred / Casmiro, Jason / Joslin, Maruskha / Steeves.

Brother / Brother in Law of Late Milagres / Late Flora, Late Rosalina / Late Thomas, Natalia / Late Gregorio, Martina / Anand, Caitano / Philomena,

Veronica / Anthony, Fransquinho / Henriqueta, Glorio / Sabina,

Peter / Perpetua, Late Claudio / Milagrina.

Grandfather of Monisha, Jaden, Milroy, Jonas, Macknroy & Mia

Funeral cortege will leave from residence (TODAY) Sunday 16-03-2025 at 4.15 pm at Our Lady of Miracles Church, Sanguem-Goa followed by the burial

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION

## OLD WORLD CHARM



A float showcasing a mythological scene ambles along a street during the annual Shigmo parade in Ponda, on Saturday, marking the start of the 14-day celebration

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## Government not to challenge HC verdict on TCP Act Sec 17 (2): Rane

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**PANJIM:** Town and Country Planning Minister Vishwajit Rane on Saturday announced that the State government will not appeal against the High Court's decision to strike down Section 17 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (TCP) Act in the Supreme Court and instead, will frame new guidelines and rules in line with the suggestions.

The announcement comes two days after Rane's statement that the govt will challenge the judgment in the apex court.

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## Indian at Columbia University self-deports after visa is revoked

Dept of Homeland Security claims Ranjani Srinivasan, a doctoral student, was supporting Hamas

**PTI, NEW YORK/WASHINGTON:** An Indian student at Columbia University, whose visa was revoked for allegedly "advocating for violence and terrorism" and involvement in activities supporting Hamas, has self-deported.

Ranjani Srinivasan, an Indian national, entered the United States on a F-1 student visa as a doctoral student in Urban Planning at Columbia University, the Department of Homeland Security said in a statement on Friday. It added that Srinivasan was "involved in activities supporting" Hamas, which governs Gaza strip and has been under attack by Israel.

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It is a "privilege to be granted a visa to live and study in the United States of America". When you advocate for violence and terrorism, that privilege should be revoked, and you should not be in this country. I am glad to see one of the Columbia University terrorist sympathisers use the CBP Home app to self-deport

— Kristi Noem, Secretary of Homeland Security

### RANJANI'S SELF-DEPORTATION – WHO, WHY & HOW

■ Ranjani Srinivasan was a doctoral student in urban planning from Colombia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

■ Her research focused on the evolving nature of land-labour relations in peri-urban statutory towns in India

■ Srinivasan has a Bachelor's Degree from CEPT University in Ahmedabad and a Master's Degree from Harvard



■ Srinivasan refers to 'themselves' with the gender-neutral 'they'

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■ Her visa was cancelled allegedly because she supported terrorism (read Hamas)

■ She is one of the first in America to self-deport with the newly launched CBP Home App

■ CBP Home App has a self-deportation feature that allows individuals to leave the country without direct law enforcement intervention

■ While freeing up resources for the State, self-deportation may technically give the person an opportunity to return to the US

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