

shorttakes

MAN ARRESTED IN EMPLOYMENT SCAM IN MARGAO

MARGAO: The Margao police have arrested a man for allegedly impersonating a licensed contractor and deceiving a victim with false employment promises. The accused, identified as Shabrish Manjrekar from Borda-Margao, misrepresented himself to the victim and to Shyam Naik of Comba-Margao, by offering a caretaker's job with an attractive salary, food, and accommodation. Manjrekar allegedly took an advance payment of Rs 25,000 from the employer, Shyam Naik, but failed to pay the victim her salary, thereby cheating and exploiting her. The police have registered a case under sections 319(2), 143(1)(f), and 318 of the BNS 2023. PSI Subhash Gaonkar is currently investigating the case.

34-YEAR-OLD MAN COMMITS SUICIDE IN BENAULIM

MARGAO: A 34-year-old man from Chhattisgarh died by suicide in an open field behind the Fisheries Department in Benaulim-Salcete. The deceased, identified as Jhaaman Singh Mahlag from Chandapur-Kabirdham, was discovered using a nylon rope as a ligature. The Colva police, upon inquiry, visited the scene, conducted a panchanama, and preserved the body at SGDH Margao for medico-legal formalities. The reason behind the suicide remains unknown. Further investigations are being carried out by PSI Nikhil Khajnekar of the Colva Police Station.

MAINA CURTORIM POLICE ARREST TWO IN DRUG BUST

MARGAO: Two Karnataka natives were arrested by the Maina Curtorim police for possessing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances worth approximately Rs 85,000. The accused, Younoos Mataji of Pongirwal-Curchorem and Parasappa Talawar of Bijapur-Karnataka, were apprehended during a police operation on March 19. The police recovered 3 grams of Hydro Ganja valued at Rs 30,000, 3 grams of Ecstasy worth Rs 30,000, and 2.5 grams of Amphetamines valued at Rs 25,000. Additionally, a car used in the operation was seized. A case has been registered under sections 20(b)(iii)(A) and 21(b) of the NDPS Act, 1985. Further investigations are being led by PSI Sanket Naik of Maina Curtorim Police Station.

DR WISEMAN PINTO HONOURED AT MUMBAI'S CAMA HOSPITAL

MUMBAI: Renowned pathologist Dr RG Wiseman Pinto was felicitated at the MI Bhatia CME event held at Cama and Alibless Hospital, Fort Mumbai, recently. Dr Pinto, a former Dean of Goa University and President of the Asian Society of Cytopathology, received the late Dr Winifred Fernandes Gold Medal for his contributions to pathology and cytology at an international level. The event featured discussions on various medical topics, including Pap smears, colposcopy, cervical cytology, cervical cancer treatments, and advances in gynecological pathology. Dr Pinto also delivered a keynote address on recent developments in the field.

Dr Usha Saraiya, a senior obstetrician and gynaecologist, along with Dr Bakhtawar Vajifdar, presented the award. Other speakers included Dr S Shah, Dr N Gandhi, Dr G Amin, Dr A Talwalkar, and Dr T Palve. The CME was attended by gynaecologists, oncologists, pathologists, radiologists, colposcopists, laboratory technicians, and nurses.

JOSEPH DA GUIA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COMUNIDADE DE VERNA

PANJIM: Joseph Da Guia Fernandes has been elected as the President of the Comunidade de Verna for the triennium 2025-2028 following recently held elections. Shareholders and components turned out in large numbers, giving a clear mandate to the new managing committee. The election proceedings were overseen by Presiding Officer Sanket Dessai and Escrivão Shivas Borkar. The newly elected managing committee members include Attorney Celestino A B Noronha and Treasurer Caetano Luis Peres. The substitute positions will be held by Antonio Juvenal Do Rosario Rego as President, Alberto Antonio Das Doreas Mascarenhas as Attorney, and Ignatius Lawrence Rodrigues as Treasurer. Speaking to the media, newly elected President Joseph Da Guia stated that two panels contested the elections, with his panel securing all six positions. "This victory stands as proof that all those involved in the election process are committed to integrity, honesty, and protecting our land," he said.

power shutdown

PONDA: On March 21, from 8 am to 6 pm. Affected areas are Bablekhali, Sapana park and surrounding areas.

PONDA: On March 22, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are St Anne Church and surrounding areas.

TALEIGAO: On March 22, from 9 am to 1 pm. Areas affected are Sapna sea mist colony and surrounding areas.

MARGAO: On March 22, from 9 am to 6 pm. Affected areas are behind Oil Factory, opposite Railway Station, near Oil Factory, Smartans School and surrounding areas.

CURTORIM: On March 22, from 9 am to 7 pm. Affected areas are Batora.

CURTORIM: On March 23, from 9 am to 7 pm. Affected areas are Camerxete near temple.

MARGAO: On March 23, from 8 am to 6 pm. Affected areas are Pimple Katta, Vasant Bhavan, M. D. Costa, Sangeta Jewellers, Babu Bridal, Bombay Café, old Bank of Baroda, New Market and surrounding areas.

22 HUTS RAZED AT BANDORA, SLUM DWELLERS RENDERED HOMELESS

Policemen deployed at demolition site to maintain law and order, occupants say they resided here for last four decades, furnish voter, Aadhaar cards

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Team Herald

PONDA: Tension prevailed in Ward No. 11 of Shapur in the Bandora Panchayat on Thursday, as 22 huts were demolished following a civil court order, rendering the slum dwellers of the area homeless. A large posse of police was deployed at the demolition site to maintain law and order.

Heated arguments erupted between the two groups of slum dwellers after the demolition.

It may be recalled that a fortnight ago, while disposing of the petition, the Court had ordered the demolition of the illegal huts after the owner had approached the court.

However, following a request from Sarpanch Ramchandra Naik and former sarpanch Rajesh Naik to grant some time for slum



dwellers to make alternative arrangements on humanitarian ground, the action was delayed by 15 days. Fifteen days later, the

There are around 100 huts near Safa Masjid, which is a protected site. We are voters of the area as we possess election and Aadhaar cards. Now, nobody is bothered to help us in our difficult times – Slum dwellers

demolition order was implemented on Thursday under police protection.

Following the demolition, slum dwellers while speaking to **O Heraldo**, said they have been residing here for the past 30 to 40 years.

Aggrieved by the demolition of her hut, a septuagenarian, who felt she had lost everything, questioned the mediapersons as to why they were clicking photos of



Helpless slum dwellers watch as the authorities demolish their structures at Shapur

the people being rendered homeless.

She asked: "What are you trying to show? Who will help us? We have been residing here for the past 40 years."

The slum dwellers, whose huts were demolished, said, "There are around 100 huts

near Safa Masjid, which is a protected site. We are voters of the area as we possess election and Aadhaar cards. Now, nobody is bothered to help us in our difficult times."

Some residents alleged that one of the former panch members let them down with false promises

It may be recalled that **O Heraldo** had highlighted the plight of residents of these huts last year, who were living in unhygienic condition. The septuagenarian thanked **O Heraldo** for visiting them last year and highlighting their plight.

Bus owners demand action against asst MV inspectors over fake experience certificates

Team Herald

PANJIM: The All Goa Private Bus Owners Association (AGPBOA) served a notice to the State government demanding to complete ongoing disciplinary inquiry proceedings into the illegal recruitment of 36 Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspectors (AMVIs) for allegedly submitting fake experience certificates to the Department of Transport.

AGPBOA and RTI activist Sudip Tamankar demanded action/termination of these AMVIs from the government service within a period of 15 days from the receipt of the notice, failing which he will be compelled to initiate contempt of court proceedings in the High Court of Bombay at Goa.

Notices have been served on the Chief Secretary, Secretary (Transport) and the Director of Transport. Tamankar said that he had earlier issued notices to the department on four occasions with regard to the matter but till date no action has been taken against them. The issue has to be resolved now, since it was going from 2012, he said.

Tamankar said that due to ongoing inquiry, these 36 AMVIs are on probation since 2019 due to which promotions of another

batch of seven AMVIs is delayed. Also 19 vacancies of MVIs have been created in the department but due to probation period and ongoing inquiry, promotions are held up.

According to Tamankar, in December 2010, the government advertised 14 posts of AMVIs but recruited 29 AMVIs in 2012 thereby violating Articles 14 and 16 (1) of the Constitution of India. Again another nine AMVIs were recruited and most of them submitted fake experience certificates. Following complaints by some individuals, services of two AMVIs were terminated by the government.

The Vigilance Department in its inquiry report had stated that FIR be registered against these 36 AMVIs for producing fake experience certificates.

Tamankar said that he filed a writ petition in the High Court in 2012 and the government sought time one-year to conduct departmental inquiry. Again in October 2014 he filed another petition, and the government sought six months' time to hold inquiry as per the CCS Conduct Rules and take action against them. Later the then Ponda deputy collector was appointed as the inquiry officer.

FOOTPATH HIJACKED

YATIN BAKHALE



Two-wheelers are parked on pavements meant for pedestrians at Panjim's Patto Plaza. With the footpaths taken over by bikes and cars on both sides of the busy road, pedestrians are forced to walk on the road risking their lives

Governor releases second edition of Kunjikkali's Echoes of Liberation

Team Herald

PANJIM: Governor P S Sreedharan Pillai released the second edition of Kunjikkali's Echoes of Liberation at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, on Thursday.

Originally translated from Malayalam, the novel tells the mystical story of Kunjikkali, a dignified Dalit woman who defied societal norms and embraced nature's four elements in the mythical land of Pookaithayoor. Through an intricate tapestry of love and hate, good and evil, the book delivers a deeply emotional and thought-provoking narrative.



Addressing the gathering at the book launch, Governor Pillai urged people to cherish village life, drawing inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi's ideals.

He noted that after India's independence, Mahatma Gandhi had wished to return to his village, believ-

ing in the intrinsic value of rural life.

"Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi used to say, 'India lives in its villages.' This phrase encapsulates Gandhi's core belief that the true essence and strength of India resided in its rural communities," the Governor said.

He also congratulated the

author and the publisher for bringing to life a powerful story of a Dalit woman's journey.

Author Jayalekshmi, who embarked on her literary journey with this novel, introduced the translated edition of Kunjikkali's Echoes of Liberation to the distinguished guests.

Corlim man arrested for stalking and harassing casino employee

Team Herald

PANJIM: A 37-year-old man from Corlim, Tiswadi, has been arrested for allegedly stalking and harassing a female casino employee at a Kadamba Plateau-based casino since June 2024. The accused, identified as Charan Hiranwar, reportedly made unwanted advances, demanded sexual favours, and used criminal force against the victim. Following a complaint, authorities took swift action and placed him under arrest.

wee hours of Monday, looting cash and gold worth Rs 24 lakh before fleeing from the site.

The accused were identified as Joyce alias Priya D'Souza 32, Kalpana Barki 37, Imran Shaikh 34, from Pune, Subhash Kumar, 27 from Uttar Pradesh and Dhiraj Gupta, 20 from Colvale.

Police have managed to recover a portion of the stolen property, along with the knife used to threaten the victim, the iron rod used to break the door. Teams were dispatched to trace other accused who are on the run.

Porvorim police make 6th arrest in Pilerne dacoity case

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Porvorim Police on Thursday arrested Ibran Shah, 26 from Colvale in connection with Pilerne dacoity case.

According to police, the entire planning had allegedly taken place at his scrapyard at Colvale. This is the 6th arrest in this case.

On Wednesday, the Porvorim police had arrested five dacoits for allegedly breaking into the house of a fish vendor in Marra, Pilerne, in the

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