

ANTI-MALL PROTESTS IN OLD GOA GATHER STEAM

Police complaint alleging illegal construction opposite Bom Jesus; Tourism Dept accused of felling trees for shopping mall construction



Excavation work being carried out using earthmovers and trees felled at the site



Cannon balls and arsenal which were found near the ruins of Five Wounds of Christ Church

Team Herald

PANJIM: Opposition to the proposed project - which is suspected to be a mall - within the world heritage precincts at Old Goa has gathered steam with the Save Old Goa Action Committee (SOGAC)

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deciding to take out a morcha on Sunday to protest against the large-scale felling of trees in the buffer zone to pave way for the project under the Centre's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme.

The committee has called upon the people of Goa to come in large numbers to protect the UNESCO recognised heritage site. SOGAC member Evaristo Rodrigues filed a police complaint alleging illegal construction work opposite Bom Jesus Basilica.

However, a board put up by the Goa Tourism states that it is for the "Development of amenities of Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa under PRASAD Scheme, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, and the proposed parking lot and that they have obtained all required permissions.

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MARCH 7, 2024: Prime Minister Narendra Modi through virtual mode launched the development of amenities at Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa, under PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive) schemes of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India

DECEMBER 20, 2024: Save Old Goa Action Committee submitted representation to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant requesting him to prepare a master plan to save the UNESCO World Heritage site at Old Goa

MARCH 22, 2025: Save Old Goa Action Committee Evaristo Rodrigues files police complaint with Old Goa Police

“ Seeing a large number of people at the site and before police could reach the spot, the workers along with one earthmover fled from the site, abandoning another earthmover and a truck. There was large-scale destruction under the nose of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) - Avertino Miranda, Goa Green brigade convener

“ Using heavy machinery, the contractor built an internal road and cut the ground below one metre. A concealed road has been built from the rear side of the site to transport the excavated archaeological material - Evaristo Rodrigues, SOGAC member

Cash 'discovery' from judge's house: Report submitted to CJJ

PTI, NEW DELHI: Delhi High Court's Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya has submitted a report to Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna in connection with the

alleged discovery of cash from Justice Yashwant Varma's official residence here. Justice Upadhyaya had commenced an in-house enquiry procedure over the in-

cident, collecting evidence and information. He submitted his report to the CJJ on Friday after talking to all the authorities concerned.

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