

Major fire breaks out on building terrace at Miramar



Thick plumes of smoke billow into the sky as valiant fire-fighters battle to bring the blaze under control

Team Herald

PANJIM: A major fire broke out on the building's terrace shed at Miramar on Saturday afternoon, sending thick plumes billowing into the sky.

Three fire tenders from Panjim fire station were deployed on the spot and about 20 fire personnel managed to bring the blaze under control.

The intense flames and

heavy smoke were visible from a distance, alarming residents and passersby. No injuries have been reported so far.

Heavy breeze caused difficulty in dousing the fire, the fire personnel said.

According to the Panjim Station Fire Officer (SFO) Rupesh Sawant, the fire was believed to have started in a storeroom that was covered with tin sheets on the terrace of the two-storey building.

One of the neighbours Ajit Naik said that welding work was going on adjacent to the temporary which could have triggered the fire.

Naik said that he had kept chemicals used in swimming pool maintenance on the terrace besides some clothes, cupboards, plastic items etc were there.

SFO Sawant said that fire fighters extinguished the flames by using turn table ladder and breathing apparatus

sets. "We received the fire call at around 2.12 pm and we put out the blaze and returned by 4.15 pm. We used three fire tenders while fire tenders from neighbouring Old Goa and Pilerne fire stations were told to stand-by. But we managed to douse the fire," he said.

Besides SFO Sawant, SFO Nilesh Fernandes and fire sub-officers Suraj Ghadi and Vinayak Phadte also took part in the fire-fighting operations.

Bridge course for Grade 6 teachers

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PANJIM: The State government will conduct a bridge course for Grade 6 teachers ahead of implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The Grade 6 Bridge Course is a well-structured, one-month initiative designed to ease students into the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023 curriculum. Learning should not be meant only for assessment but it should aim at encouraging the student to explore, investigate and infer ideas and concepts on their own.

This bridge course can be considered as the first step towards shifting from content based pedagogy to competency based pedagogy in the classrooms. By integrating activity-based learning, foundational skill-building, and student engagement, this programme ensures a smooth transition into the new academic year. Teachers and students

alike will benefit from this structured approach, setting the stage for an enriching and enjoyable learning experience.

The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Porvorim will roll out the training for teachers of grade 6 on the Bridge month programme or the one-month Bridge course. The training is scheduled in three blocks with multiple talukas combined in each block to en-

sure effective transaction of the curriculum during the training.

The half-day training session will start from March 24 and continue up to April 3. In the first schedule release by SCERT, the training for English, Hindi, Marathi, Konkani, Sanskrit, Social Science, Physical Education and Vocational Education will be conducted, whereas trainings for Science and Maths will be announced once

the assessments of Grade 10 Goa Board exams are completed. Each day two subjects will be trained at each centre with theory and practical approach towards organising bridge course.

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