

shorttakes

GOLD JEWELLERY WORTH RS 3.78 LAKH STOLEN FROM QUEPEM SHOP

MARGAO: A jewellery shop in Quepem was burgled in broad daylight, with three unidentified women allegedly making off with gold ornaments worth approximately Rs 3,78,000. Pinki Mithun Pal, the owner of Bhavani Gold, located in the Dita Classic Building in Quepem, lodged a complaint with the police, stating that the incident occurred between 12.48 pm and 12.54 pm. According to the report, three women entered the shop posing as customers. While pretending to browse jewellery, they diverted the owner's attention and stole a gold chain, gold necklace and two gold rings before fleeing. Quepem police have registered a case under Section 305 r/w 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and investigations are in progress.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN FOUND DECAPITATED ON VASCO RAILWAY TRACK

MARGAO: Vasco Railway Police discovered the decapitated body of an unidentified man, aged between 30 and 35 years, lying on a railway track near Tanya Hotel, Vasco. The incident came to light after a written memo was received from the Deputy Station Superintendent, who was alerted by locomotive pilot Ram Vijay Kumar. Upon reaching the scene at KM 107/700-800, authorities found the man's head severed from his body and lying between the tracks, while the rest of the body was beside the railway line. Police suspect suicide, as initial inquiries suggest the man may have deliberately come into the path of a moving train. However, an official investigation, led by Inspector Amarnath Passi, is ongoing.

36-YEAR-OLD FOUND DEAD AT KOPORMODDI-ASSOLDA, QUEPEM

MARGAO: A 36-year-old man was found dead near a water tap at Kopormoddi-Assolda, Quepem, prompting a police investigation into the cause of his death. The deceased has been identified as Ivan Shavar Periera, a resident of Kopormoddi, Assolda, originally from Sangargali, Gunji, Khanapur, Belgaum. The discovery was reported via an anonymous phone call, following which police visited the scene. A preliminary investigation was conducted, and the body was shifted to SGDH Margao for legal formalities. A post-mortem examination determined the cause of death as haemorrhagic shock due to blunt force trauma to the scalp, in a person with fatty liver disease.

TWO ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH CORTALIM MURDER

MARGAO: Two labourers have been arrested in connection with the murder of 20-year-old Anil Muthamajhi, a labourer from Zambol, Cortalim, originally from Putudumaha, Odisha. Santosh Indar Mallick (52) of Bahaliaguda, Odisha, and Pradhan Nalika Mandal (35) of Agilipadar, Odisha, were produced before the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Vasco, where they were remanded in police custody for seven days. Police confirmed that Jihusaya Mandal (59), a labourer at a poultry farm in Zambol, Cortalim, who was also injured in the attack, is currently receiving treatment at Goa Medical College, Bambolim. His statement is expected to be recorded soon. Inspector Melson Colaco of Verna Police Station stated that the knife used in the crime has been recovered. According to the complaint filed by Kuni Majhi, the wife of the deceased, two unidentified assailants, aged between 29 and 30, entered the poultry farm at around 12.30 pm on March 20, 2025 and demanded free chicken. When denied, they allegedly attacked her husband, Anil Muthamajhi, and Jihusaya Mandal with a knife. Muthamajhi succumbed to his injuries, while Mandal survived with serious wounds.

BLAZES IN MARGAO: FIREFIGHTERS TACKLE TWO FIRES AND OIL SPILL

MARGAO: A fire broke out in an open space near Ravindra Bhavan, Fatorda, causing significant damage. According to Margao Fire Station Officer (FSO) Gil Souza, firefighters responded swiftly with a fire tender and managed to extinguish the blaze within an hour. The operation was carried out by Sub-Officer NV Takkar and his team. Meanwhile, another fire broke out in Gogal-Margao, where dry grass caught fire, causing damage. Leading Firefighter SP Dessai and his team used one fire tender to bring the situation under control. In a separate incident, fire personnel cleared an oil spill on a flyover bridge to prevent accidents. The operation, led by PP Dessai and his team, was completed within 30 minutes.

SCOOTER-CAR COLLISION IN MARCELA LEAVES TWO INJURED

MARGAO: A collision between a car and a scooter near Marcela market left two people injured, one seriously. According to South Goa District Police, Uttam Sawant from Valpoi-Sattari sustained minor injuries when a car veered right and crashed into an oncoming motorcycle. The rider, Sapnesh Bandekar from Adcolna-Ponda, suffered severe injuries to his right leg and other parts of his body. The car driver, identified as Preetam Jambotkar of Old Goa, originally from Sindhudurg, Maharashtra, has been booked under Sections 281, 125(a), and 125(b) of the BNS following a complaint lodged with Mardol police.

power shutdown

MARGAO: On March 26, from 9 am to 6 pm. Affected areas are Akurti building, Jaydeep building, opposite Jain temple, Shalimar Co-op. Society, opposite Shalimar Appts. and surrounding areas.
PONDA: On March 26, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Durgabhat and surrounding areas.
CORLIM: On March 26, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Naik Navar, Viva Goa, Kadamba Housing Society, Uttam Darshan, Salle 59 (Navelkar Pride), Harbans Vihar, Belmonte and Vicinity of Kadamba Plateau.
CURTORIM: On March 26, from 8 am to 3 pm. Affected areas are Grant Rumbordem.
MARGAO: On March 27, from 9 am to 6 pm. Affected areas are opposite Smartans School, near Honest Residency, near Garden area, Satyajathi Classes and surrounding areas.
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PONDA: On March 27, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Raj Krishna tower, Kamat Nursing home and surrounding areas.
BICHOIM: On March 27, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Valshi, Mahatma Nursing, Narvekar building, Mulgao, near Dleela hall, Saldana and surrounding areas.

Ponda residents urge govt to upgrade sub-district hospital

Claim surgeon's post is vacant for past two years and with no CT scan machine, patients are forced to visit GMC and SGDH

Team Herald

PONDA: Frustrated over the lack of sufficient medical facilities at the Sub District Hospital, Ponda residents have called upon the government to upgrade the hospital with CT scan and other medical equipment. Viraj Sapre from Ponda said, "It has been two years since the Sub District Hospital has no surgeon and this has caused inconvenience to the locals especially those from remote areas who are compelled to visit South Goa District Hospital at Margao or the Goa Medical College at Bambolim for medical issues. I urge Chief Minister Pramod Sawant

GROUND REALITY

- Ponda Sub District Hospital has no surgeon, causing inconvenience to locals who are forced to travel to GMC and South Goa District Hospital at Margao
- A patient suffering from appendix pain claims he was referred to GMC
- Locals want ministers to address the issue and appoint a surgeon
- Complain that hospital has not had a CT scan machine for a decade
- Want govt to upgrade the hospital with a CT scan machine and other medical equipment

to immediately appoint a surgeon at the Sub-District Hospital."

Rahul Naik, a resident of Borim said, "Recently I was suffering from appendix pain and visited Sub District Hospital. Howev-

er, the doctor at the hospital referred me to GMC. There are four MLAs in the taluka, who are cabinet ministers and they should ensure better facilities are provided to the patients and also make sure that

the vacant post of a surgeon is filled immediately to provide some relief to the ailing patients, who are at present undergoing hardship."

Kamlakant Naik from Marcaim said, "The hospital has been doing without a CT scan machine for a decade. Due to lack of sufficient medical facilities at the sub district hospital, the residents of Ponda have urged the government to upgrade the Hospital. Around 500 people visit OPDs here each day, but in case of emergency or major ailments, patients are referred to GMC, which is 30 km away from Ponda."

Collem locals demand completion of hospital

Team Herald

PONDA: Collem residents gathered near the incomplete hospital building on Tuesday, urging the government to expedite the long-delayed upgrade of the 10-bedded facility. They said the lack of medical services forces them to travel 30 km to Pilem, Usgao or Sanvordem hospitals, even for basic tests.

Despite Collem being home to the world-famous Dudhsagar waterfall, locals lamented the absence of proper healthcare, even for tourists. Work on the hospital began in 2018 as part of an upgrade to the old Rural Health Centre, but while 80% is complete, the remaining 20% is progressing at a snail's pace.

Residents stressed that delays endanger not just locals but also tourists and accident victims from Karnataka's Mollem border, who must be taken 30 km away for treatment. They urged the government to complete the hospital and provide doctors and medical facilities by 2025, citing the critical importance of the golden hour in emergencies.

Operators organise march against sealing of 63 shacks in Agonda, allege selective action

Team Herald

MARGAO: A silent march was staged in Canacona by shack operators and other tourism stakeholders in protest against the recent sealing of tourism structures at Agonda beach, following a High Court order. The march, which began from Chaudi and proceeded to the Deputy Collector's office, saw participation from various quarters, including local traders, political figures, taxi drivers, and tourism business owners.

The demonstration was led by Dharmesh Saglani, president of the All-Goa Private Property Shacks and Huts Association and concluded with the submission of a memorandum to Deputy Collector Madhu Narvekar. They also alleged selective action by authorities, claiming that while their businesses were being shut down, illegalities by a certain company, including the construction of an unauthorised road leading to a hilltop and an iron gate within 200 metres of the high tide line, remained unchecked.



Shack operators and Canacona locals involved in the tourism sector hold up placards during the silent march on Tuesday

Goa Forward Party (GFP) Leader Vikas Bhagat pointed out that the sealed tourism structures were situated 300 to 500 metres from the turtle nesting zone, arguing that many of them did not even interfere with turtle breeding areas. "Even places where turtles do not lay eggs have been sealed," he said, warning that outside influences seeking to intimidate Goans would not be tolerated.

However, shortly after the protest and memorandum submission, the remaining nine tourism structures at Agonda were sealed under the High Court's directive. Authorities had already

sealed 54 establishments in the previous week—27 each on Thursday and Friday—before pausing over the weekend.

Authorities also disconnected water and electricity supplies to prevent the structures from being used for commercial activities. Sources revealed that over 200 foreign tourists, along with an unspecified number of domestic visitors, were present in these accommodations when the court order was issued. They were either relocated or asked to check out, further adding to the disruption caused by the sudden enforcement action.

Cuncolim police station finally gets lady cop after three-month wait

Team Herald

MARGAO: The Goa Police Department has posted a woman Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) to Cuncolim Police Station after a prolonged gap of over three months. O Herald in its February 21 edition, had reported that the station had been without a female officer since the transfer of its lone woman officer to Sanguem, affecting investigations into crimes against women.

LPSI Riyanka Naik, previously posted at Fatorda Police Station, has

now been transferred to Cuncolim. Another PSI, Pradnya Joshi, has been moved from Fatorda to the Konkani Railway Police Station. Sources indicate that Fatorda Police Station had three lady PSIs, but with two transferred, only one remains.

Cuncolim Police Station's jurisdiction includes 11 village panchayats and one municipality, making the absence of a woman officer particularly concerning. Cases of sexual abuse and kidnapping, which should have been handled locally, had to be transferred to the Women's Police Station in Margao

due to the lack of a female officer. In the past two months alone, Cuncolim reported four rape cases, all of which had to be sent to Margao for investigation.

Salcete has five police stations—Margao, Cuncolim, Fatorda, Colva, and Maina Curtorim—each now staffed with at least one female PSI. However, Margao, one of the busiest stations, has just one, while Colva, despite covering a large coastal belt, operates with only two.

The posting of an LPSI to Cuncolim is expected to improve the handling of cases involving women and strengthen law enforcement in the region.

AI-powered scams on the rise: Cybercrime PI issues warning

Team Herald

CALANGUTE: The increasing threat of cybercrime and the importance of online safety were highlighted at an awareness meeting in Calangute, where Cybercrime Police Station PI Deepak Pednekar urged people to be cautious while using social media.

"Be wary of over-romantic gestures or overwhelming love from people online. Take your time to get to know someone," he advised, stressing that cybercriminals use artificial intelligence (AI) to mimic voices from social media videos for extortion.

"Online frauds have entered all fields. It's a time of cybercrime pandemic. Don't think it won't happen to you. Everybody will get affected by it. Only one thing will save you—awareness," he warned. Pednekar provided tips and listed websites where victims can seek help for removing fake profiles or

stolen data. The awareness session, held at St Alex Church Hall, was attended by a large number of residents. A detailed presentation showcased various types of online crimes, including fake investment scams and fraudulent online gaming apps.

Pednekar highlighted that online scams predominantly target senior citizens, while other frauds, such as sextortion rackets, primarily exploit men. He also warned against deceptive dating and matrimonial sites, as well as fraudulent shopping websites that closely resemble legitimate ones. "Always check the URL because that cannot be faked. Amazon will be Amazon, but a fake site will have one or two additional letters," he cautioned.

He further advised people to use the security settings available on mobile phones and platforms like Google, which can help prevent hacking attempts.

Court stays disqualification of Curti-Khandepar panch Bhika Kerkar

Team Herald

PONDA: The District and Sessions Court, Panjim, has stayed the disqualification of Curti-Khandepar Panchayat member Bhika Kerkar, allowing him to vote in the upcoming elections for Sarpanch and Deputy Sarpanch on March 26. The next hearing in the case is scheduled for April 11.

Kerkar, who represents Ward 11, was disqualified last week by Ponda Block Development Officer (BDO) Miksha Naik. He challenged the order in court, which on Monday granted a stay on his disqualification.

The order was stayed after Kerkar's legal team, led by Adv Nitin Sadresai, argued that the BDO's ruling did not establish clear findings of pecuniary interest in the resolutions passed at the Panchayat meeting.

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missing a complaint against him regarding illegal constructions. Under Section 12(1)(d) of the Panchayat Raj Act, a member is disqualified if they participate in discussions on matters where they have a financial interest.

With the court's stay, Kerkar remains eligible to cast his vote.

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