

## shorttakes

**STOLEN MOTORCYCLE TRACED TO MINORS IN MARGAO**

**MARGAO:** Lysinder D'lima, a resident of Navelim-Margao, has lodged a complaint with Margao Police, alleging that on April 6, at approximately 7.30 hrs, unknown persons committed theft of a Hero CD Dawn motorcycle worth around Rs 7,000 from an open parking space at Navelim. An offence under Section 303(2) of the BNS 2023 has been registered in the matter. Police have since traced the vehicle to the possession of two minors, referred to as children in conflict with the law. Head Constable Minguel Vaz is currently leading the investigation.

**WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN BUSHES AT IGRAMOL-QUEPEM**

**MARGAO:** The body of Vincentina Domingo Fernandes, a resident of Igramol Deao, Quepem, was discovered lying in the bushes at Talkota-Igramol, Quepem. According to Quepem Police, the discovery was made following information provided by the deceased's daughter, who reported that her mother's body was found in the area. A police team immediately rushed to the spot. Authorities conducted an enquiry at the scene, performing a scene of unnatural death occurrence and an inquest panchanama. The body has been preserved at South Goa District Hospital, Margao, for medico-legal formalities. LPSI Rifha Barretto of Quepem Police Station is currently investigating the case. Police stated that it remains unclear how the deceased ended up in the bushes and how she died. The post-mortem report is awaited and is expected to shed light on the cause of death.

**GOAN-BORN PROF FAUSTO DE QUADROS RE-APPOINTED AS ARBITRATOR AT ICSID**

**PANJIM:** In a matter of pride for Goa, Prof (Dr) Fausto de Quadros, a distinguished legal scholar and native of the state, has been re-appointed as an Arbitrator at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). ICSID is a key institution under the World Bank Group that resolves legal disputes and facilitates arbitration between international investors and states. Prof Quadros, who completed his early education up to the Lyceum in Panjim, currently holds the position of Emeritus Chair Professor at the prestigious University of Lisbon. He is internationally recognised for his contributions to Public International Law and is the author of several scholarly works in the field. Known for his intellectual acumen and legal expertise, Prof Quadros frequently travels to India, particularly Goa and Delhi, to deliver lectures and engage with academic and legal institutions.

**DR WISEMAN PINTO INVITED AS VISITING PROFESSOR AT KEM HOSPITAL, MUMBAI**

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**VASSANT V S KUKALEKAR HSS EXCELS AT HSSC BOARD EXAMINATION**

**PANJIM:** Old Goa Educational Society's, Vassant V S Kukalekar Higher Secondary School has secured 100 per cent pass rate in the Higher Secondary School Certification Board Examination in Arts and Commerce streams. In the Arts stream, Nilam Jadhav topped with 80 per cent, whereas Nazia Khatun secured second place with 73.67 per cent and Sanifa Rodrigues with 72.83 per cent obtained the third place in the institution. In the Commerce stream, Vishwa Phadke obtained 78.33 per cent whereas Karan Kumar Turi fetched second place with 73.83 per cent and Preeti Kumari Mehta secured the third place with 71.83 per cent in the institution. The school management expressed immense pride in the students' achievements attributing their success to dedication, perseverance and the unwavering support of teachers and parents.

**HSSC: CHANDRABHAGA NAIK HSS ACHIEVES EXCELLENCE ACROSS ALL STREAMS**

**CURCHOREM:** Chandrabhaga Tukoba Naik Higher Secondary School, Curchorem, has once again showcased academic excellence in the Goa Board HSSC examinations held in March 2025, achieving outstanding results across all four streams. The overall pass percentage stood at an impressive 94.89%, with 392 students appearing for the examinations. Stream-wise results were as follows: Science – 98.26%, Commerce – 97.41%, Arts – 93.33%, and Vocational – 87.50%. Top achievers included Dhanashree L Bhat Kurse, who led the Arts stream with 94.83%, topping both the school and the Curchorem Centre. In the Commerce stream, Prathamesh Dhiraj Rivonkar secured 94.16%, also topping the school and the centre. Sneha Gurudas Gaonkar topped the Science stream with 91.16% and claimed the first rank in the Curchorem Centre. In the Vocational stream, the highest scorers were Saniya Rupesh Shirodkar (90.87%), Sayish Nilappa Meti (88.37%) and Sharan Krishna Mirashi (84.88%). Several students earned perfect scores: Roshwin Fernandes, Shivangi U Naik and Aarohi A Raut Dessai scored 100/100 in Political Science; Dhanashree Bhat Kurse achieved the same in Sociology, while Prathamesh Rivonkar scored 100/100 in Secretarial Practice.

## Team Herald

**PONDA:** With National Highway expansion work underway at Farmagudi, residents of Ponda have renewed their demand for urgent intervention at the GVM circle — a known accident-prone spot — to improve road safety

**DANGER ZONE**

and prevent further fatalities.

Local resident Viraj Sapre pointed out that several accidents, including fatal ones, have occurred at the GVM circle over the years. "There is an urgent need for a proper engineering review of this black spot. After the GVM circle, there's a downward slope leading to the KTC underpass, which also needs attention," he said.

Sapre noted that heavy vehicles, especially those travelling

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from Panjim towards Ponda, often topple while negotiating the GVM circle. "The curve and gradient here are not ideal for heavy traffic. The design may be flawed and needs a serious rejig," he added.

He urged engineers and highway authorities to hold consultations and come up with an

improved design that prioritises safety. "Accidents often occur when buses from Panjim take the turn at GVM circle towards Ponda or Margao and end up losing balance. This could be due to the faulty alignment of the circle itself," Sapre said.

Locals believe that with the highway work current-

ly in progress, this is the right time for authorities to address long-pending safety concerns and ensure that the new road design corrects past mistakes. They have appealed to PWD officials and NH engineers to visit the site, study accident patterns, and act promptly to prevent further tragedies.

## Traffic police act on Malbhat congestion after public outcry

## Team Herald

**MARGAO:** Responding swiftly to public concerns highlighted in **O Herald's** report titled 'Annoyed by traffic bottlenecks, Malbhat locals demand police presence', the Margao Traffic Cell launched an enforcement drive on Monday morning, targeting vehicles parked illegally on



both sides of the road near a nationalised bank in Malbhat.

Police Inspector Sanjay Dalvi of the Margao Traffic Cell, along with his staff, visited the congested area and initiated action against violators. Vehicles found parked under 'No Parking' zones were issued challans, and the road was cleared to allow free movement of traffic.

PI Dalvi emphasised that strict measures will continue to be enforced to prevent traffic conges-

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tion. "No one will be allowed to park vehicles on either side of the road in a manner that obstructs traffic. Areas have now been cleared for the smooth movement of vehicles," he stated.

Sources from the Traffic Cell further revealed that a tender coconut vendor operating without a valid licence, who had set up shop in front of the bank and was blocking roadside space, was asked to vacate the premises. The vendor's presence was reportedly contributing to the traffic congestion,

particularly during peak hours.

PI Dalvi added that the Traffic Cell would formally write to the Margao Municipal Council requesting action against vendors operating on roadside spaces in violation of regulations, as their presence hampers both vehicular and pedestrian movement.

Margao is already known for its frequent traffic snarls, especially during rush hour. The Malbhat area, with its narrow roads and high footfall near the bank, is particularly prone to gridlocks. Factors such as increased vehicular traffic, limited parking, and heavy vehicles entering from both ends of the road exacerbate the problem. With vehicles parked on either side of the street, only a narrow passage remains for moving traffic, making navigation difficult and sometimes hazardous.

The recent enforcement drive by the Margao Traffic Cell has brought temporary relief to the area.

## Garbage fires in Margao brought under control within an hour

## Team Herald

**MARGAO:** Fire broke out in garbage heaps near Ravindra Bhavan in Margao, causing damage to the surrounding area. According to Gil Souza, Fire Station Officer (FSO) at Margao, one fire tender was deployed, and the fire was brought under control within an hour. The cause of the fire remains unknown and an inquiry is ongoing.

In a second incident, garbage caught fire near the PWD office at Fatorda. One fire tender was again pressed into service and the blaze was extinguished within an hour.

## Renovated Candolim p'yat ghar inaugurated



## Team Herald

**CALANGUTE:** The newly renovated Candolim panchayat ghar was officially inaugurated on Thursday.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Panchayat Minister Godinho revealed that around 35 panchayat ghars across Goa have either been renovated or completely rebuilt under

his tenure, while work is currently underway on approximately 30 more.

"Earlier, the work of building or renovating panchayat ghars would be undertaken by the Goa Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) or other agencies. But ever since we started a technical cell in the Directorate of Panchayats, the panchayats can now undertake the

construction themselves," Godinho stated.

He further praised the Candolim panchayat for its high standards in sanitation and public service, noting, "The Candolim panchayat is one of the three best-rated panchayats, along with Chicalim and Honda, as far as cleanliness is concerned."

Candolim Sarpanch Blaize Fernandes also addressed the gathering, re-

affirming the panchayat's commitment to excellence in sanitation and civic management.

"We are dedicated to making Candolim the cleanest village not just in Goa, but the whole country, given Candolim's prominence as a global tourist destination," Fernandes said.

The renovation of the Candolim panchayat ghar is part of a broader effort to enhance civic infrastructure across the state, ensuring local bodies are better equipped to serve their communities.

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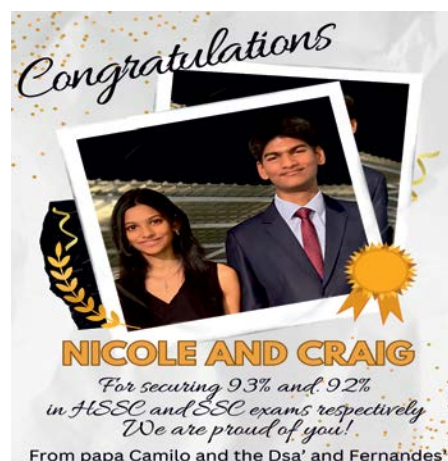
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