

# Lottery scam in name of Zareshwar deity shocks Ponda

Assigned devotees lodge police complaint; probe underway into sale of counterfeit lottery coupons in the name of religious institution

Team Herald

**PONDA:** A fresh scam has rocked the town of Ponda, with fake lottery coupons being sold under the name of the revered Zareshwar deity, leaving residents outraged and calling for a thorough police investigation.

The incident came to light on Saturday at the Ponda city bus stand, where locals noticed unauthorised individuals selling donation-based lottery tickets allegedly on behalf of the Zareshwar deity. The shrine of Shree Zaresh-

war, situated at the old bus stand, is one of the oldest and most revered religious sites in Ponda, attracting scores of devotees every Wednesday and Sunday.

Ponda locals, led by municipal councillor Venkatesh Naik, lodged a formal police complaint, warning fellow Goans against being duped by what he called an emotional betrayal of religious faith. "Devotees do not buy these tickets to win prizes but as a donation to their beloved Zareshwar deity. This is nothing short of cheating," Naik



told the media.

The fraudulent lottery tickets were found to be sold under the banner of 'Shree Zareshwar

Sangeet Sanskrutik Sounsthan - Ponda', an organisation Naik asserts does not exist. The coupons, priced at Rs 200 each,

falsely advertised attractive prizes: 1st prize - Rs 2 lakh; 2nd prize - Rs 1 lakh; 3rd prize - Rs 50,000; 4th prize - Rs 25,000 and 5 consolation prizes - Rs 5,000 each.

Naik added that the tickets lacked basic organisational information, such as the names of the President, Treasurer, or a registration number, raising further suspicions.

In his complaint, Naik, representing the Shree Zareshwar Mahaprasad Seva Samiti, mentioned that their committee has

organised an annual pooja on April 21 at the same location. The alleged scam came to light, after a member of the committee, Pritam Naik, observed the unauthorised sale of the tickets and brought to his attention.

"This is not the first time such scams have occurred," Naik noted. "In the past, similar fake lottery coupons were sold, and people who had purchased them eventually arrived in Ponda inquiring about the draw date. Only to realise that it was nothing but a fraud."

He further claimed the bogus tickets are in circulation not only in Ponda but are being sold in Marcel, Usgao, Savoi Verem, and other parts of Goa. "We urge the public to remain vigilant and not fall prey to such fraudulent schemes," he said.

Police have acknowledged the complaint and confirmed that an investigation is underway into the sale of counterfeit lottery coupons in the name of a religious institution. The offence has been registered against unknown individuals.

## shorttakes

### KENYAN NATIONAL BOOKED FOR OVERSTAYING IN GOA

**PANJIM:** The Mapusa Police have arrested a Kenyan citizen for allegedly residing in the State without valid documents. According to police, the accused, identified as Teresia Wairimu Muturi (39), was found staying illegally at Bhatiwado, Parra, Bardez. She was apprehended for residing in Goa without legal authorisation or a valid visa issued by the competent authority. An offence has been registered under Section 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946, and Section 6(a) of the Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950. The case is being investigated under the supervision of SDPO Mapusa Ashish Shirodkar, PI Mapusa Nikhil Palekar, and overall supervision of SP North Goa Akshat Kaushal, IPS.

### TWO COBRAS RESCUED IN SANGUEM

**SANGUEM:** In a rare and dramatic turn of events, two massive cobras - each measuring nearly four metres in length - were rescued from separate locations in Sanguem taluka on the same day, sparking both concern and fascination among local residents. The first cobra was discovered coiled inside a pipe at Molcornem, causing alarm in the neighbourhood. Flazer da Costa, a local panchayat member, promptly contacted experienced snake rescuer and Animal Care Foundation (ACF) member Miguel Fernandes from Quepem. With assistance from the Forest Department and local youth, the cobra was safely extracted and secured. Just hours later, a second cobra of similar size was spotted at Cavrem, Pirla. This rescue was conducted by renowned animal rescuer Rocky, who managed to capture the snake safely despite its size and strength. Both cobras were transported to the Forest Department office in Quepem, where they are receiving appropriate care and will be relocated to a safer, natural habitat.

### GOVT HS SHIRGAO EXCEL WITH 100% RESULT FOR 9TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

**BICHOLIM:** Government High School Shirgao, Bicholim, has maintained its tradition of academic excellence by achieving 100% results in the SSC (10th board) examinations for the ninth consecutive year. A total of nine students appeared for the examination, of whom two secured distinction, three obtained first class, two achieved second class, and two passed in the pass class category. First rank: Nitya Umesh Ghatwal - 78%; second rank: Prajwal Vishwas Kavthankar - 77.83%; third rank: Ravisha Ravi Goankar - 74.16%. Headmaster Satish Talkar, along with the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA), School Management Committee (SMC), teachers, and non-teaching staff, congratulated the students for their remarkable performance.

## Closure of Saligao seminary road throws traffic into disarray

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**CALANGUTE:** The Pilerne-Saligao road via the Seminary has been abruptly closed to four-wheeler traffic since Thursday, causing widespread inconvenience for commuters and vehicles accessing the Pilerne Industrial Estate and the coastal belt.

The closure is attributed to ongoing excavation work for the installation of a new water pipeline. The pipeline will connect the upcoming water treatment plant opposite the Saligao Seminary to the Boa Viagem water pumping station in Calangute, which is also nearing completion.

The closure has triggered severe traffic congestion, particularly on the Chogm Road, where one lane has been shut for the same pipeline work, compounding the travel woes of daily commuters.

Officials from the Public Works Department (PWD) have assured that the pipeline project is expected to be completed before the onset of the monsoon.

The water supply infrastructure, once operational, will significantly boost water availability in the popular Calangute-Candolim tourism hub, according to Calangute MLA Mi-

chael Lobo, who has been actively advocating for the project. Water for the treatment plant and pumping station is being sourced from the Tillari project.

Meanwhile, residents of Candolim have raised concerns over the lack of water storage infrastructure in the area. At a gram sabha



held last Sunday, villagers urged the panchayat to petition the government to construct at least three overhead water tanks in Candolim. At present, the village has no dedicated water storage facilities, further intensifying the need for sustainable water management as the tourism season peaks.

## APPOINTMENTS



### चिकित्सा अधिकारी (अल्प सेवा कमीशन) के पद हेतु FOR THE POST OF MEDICAL OFFICER (SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION)

सशस्त्र सेना चिकित्सा सेवा में चिकित्सा अधिकारी (अल्प सेवा कमीशन) के रूप में योगदान हेतु इच्छुक शारीरिक एवं मानसिक रूप से स्वस्थ एवं योग्य भारतीय नागरिकों (स्त्री एवं पुरुष) से आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं।

साक्षात्कार: जून/जुलाई 2025 में दिल्ली में आयोजित किया जायेगा।

रिक्तियाँ - 400 (300 पुरुष + 100 महिला)

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Minimum Educational Qualification - MBBS

Age Limit - Candidate must not have attained the age of 30 years as on 31 Dec 2025 if holding an MBBS degree (only those born on or after 02 Jan 1996 are eligible) and must not have attained the age of 35 years as on 31 Dec 2025 if holding a PG degree (only those born on or after 02 Jan 1991 are eligible).

For Eligibility Conditions, Application Format etc see Employment News / Rozgar Samachar issue of 19 Apr 2025 and the website [www.join.afms.gov.in](http://www.join.afms.gov.in).

Registration for online application will open from 19 Apr 2025 to 12 May 2025 on [www.join.afms.gov.in](http://www.join.afms.gov.in)

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## Candolim PHC wins Nat Kayakalp Award for fifth year



Dr Roshan Nazareth receives the 'National Kayakalp Award 2024-25' from Dr Rupa Naik, Director of Health Services

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**CALANGUTE:** The Candolim Primary Health Centre (PHC) has once again brought pride to North Goa, securing the 'National Kayakalp Award 2024-25' for the 'Best Bedded PHC in North Goa District'. This marks the fifth consecutive year the health centre has received this prestigious recognition.

The award was presented to Dr Roshan Nazareth on Friday by Dr Rupa Naik, Director of the Directorate of Health Services, in recognition of the centre's consistent excellence in hygiene, infrastructure, and patient care under the national

Kayakalp initiative.

In another feather in the district's cap, the Arpora-Nagoa Sub-Health Centre, which holds NQAS (National Quality Assurance Standards) certification, has been honoured with the National Kayakalp Commendation Award 2024-25. The award falls under the AAM-SHCs (Ayushman Arogya Mandir - Sub-Health Centre) category, acknowledging the sub-centre's commendable performance.

The Kayakalp awards, instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, aim to encourage public health facilities to maintain high standards of cleanliness, hygiene, and infection control.

## APPOINTMENTS

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1	Asst. Teacher (Fresh / Experienced)	English, Social Science	02	B.A./M.A./D.Ed. / B.Ed.
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1) The candidates who are proficient in English are requested to walk in with their application and CV along with original and true copies of their documents.

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3) Retired teachers may also apply.

Day : Sunday, 13 / 04 / 2025

Time : 10 am to 2 pm

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Category	Description	Detailed Notification Paragraph No
Type of Entry	1. Agniveer General Duty 2. Agniveer Technical 3. Agniveer Clerk/Store Keeper Technical 4. Agniveer Tradesman (Class 10th Pass & 8th Pass) 5. Agniveer Women General Duty in Corps of Military Police Note: Agniveer candidates can apply for any TWO Categories (as given above) based on their eligibility.	Para-1 & Note (a)
Age	17/-21 Years (Minimum and Maximum age will be calculated as on 01 October 2025). For Women only Upper Age limit will be relaxable upto 30 years of age (as on date of joining training) in respect of widows of Defence personnel who have died in harness.	Para-1
Education Qualification	Candidate must have passed from the Boards of School Education recognized by Ministry of Education, Government of India and also a list of Boards provided on website.	Para-3
Physical Measurement Standards (Height, Weight & Chest Expansion)	As per region and relaxations.	Para-23 (a)
Physical Fitness Tests	Qualifying in Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is mandatory for selection:- For Male 1.6 Km Run, Beam (Pull Ups) and need to qualify in 9 feet ditch and Zig Zag balance. For Female: 1.6 Km Run and need to qualify in 10 feet long jump and 3 feet high jump. Note: Candidates appearing for Agniveer Technical and Agniveer Clerk/Store Keeper Technical need to only qualify in all tests.	Para-18
Marital Status	Male - Unmarried only. Women - Unmarried, widowed, divorced or legally separated having no children subject to fulfilling all other eligibility criteria.	Para-18 & Para-1 (b)
Recruitment Process	Online Registration > Online CEE > Recruitment Rally (PFT & PMT) > Medical > Documentation.	Para-19
Date of Entrance Exam	Tentatively scheduled in June 2025 (Final dates will be intimated separately).	Para-21 (f)
Common Entrance Exam	Common Entrance Examination (CEE) will be conducted in 13 languages (ie English, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Punjabi, Odia, Bengali, Urdu, Gujarati, Marathi and Assamese).	Para-13 & 14
Training Duration	31 weeks.	Para-14
Leave	30 days leave per year shall be applicable for Agniveers. Additionally, sick leave would be applicable based on medical advice of competent medical authority.	Para-15
Pay, Allowances and Allied Benefits	Year Customised Package (monthly) In Hand (70%) Contribution to Agniveers Corpus Fund (30%) Contribution to Government of India	Para-13 & 14
Seva Nidhi	Total Contribution in Agniveers Corpus ₹ 5.02 Lakhs ₹ 5.02 Lakhs Fund after Four years Exit after Approximately ₹ 10.04 Lakhs as Seva Nidhi Package Four Years (Absolute amount excluding Interest).	Para-15
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Medical and CSD facility	For the duration of their engagement period in the Indian Army Agniveers will be entitled for Medical facilities at service hospitals as well as CSD provisions.	Para-8
Engagement Period of Agniveers	04 Years. Indian Army is not obliged to retain the Agniveers beyond the engagement period of four years.	Para-8
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