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RS 5.4 LAKH SILVER UMBRELLA RECOVERED AT VASCO LINKED TO KARWAR TEMPLE THEFT

VASCO: The Karnataka Police have identified a silver umbrella worth over Rs 5.37 lakh recovered from an abandoned bag by the Vasco Railway Police as property allegedly stolen from the Sai Baba Temple at Karwar. A team from Karwar Police arrived in Vasco to recover the religious artifact and to proceed with the investigation. The silver umbrella was found abandoned at the Vasco Railway Station on Monday, during routine patrolling. The abandoned bag wrapped in a bed-sheet after a local goldsmith verified its authenticity the police attached it under panchanama and under BNS Act, 2023. The Vasco Railway Police then flashed wireless alert messages to all police stations across the country and the Karnataka Police came to know about the recovery of the stolen silver umbrella.

NAGPUR YOUTH ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF BELAGAVI NATIVE

PANJIM: The Agassaim Police arrested 24-year-old Hritik Solanki from Nagpur for murder of 50-year-old Belagavi native Santosh Kamble, 39. Kamble's body was found under suspicious circumstances near the kiosks outside Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC), Bambolim, on April 15. According to the police, they traced and nabbed the alleged accused near Vasco Railway Station. Initial investigation revealed a financial dispute as the motive behind the murder. Further investigation is on, police said.

TCP OFFICIAL INSPECTS HOTEL CONSTRUCTION AT BAMBOLIM

PANJIM: An official of the Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department conducted an inspection of the site at Bambolim where a proposed hotel is coming up. The inspection was carried out following complaints filed by activists who alleged that massive hill cutting is being carried out by the project proponent. Activists have warned that this is the beginning of the end of Goa and the project must be stopped. The TCP official was speechless and would not speak to the media.

60 CRATES OF CHEMICALLY RIPENED MANGOES SEIZED AT MAPUSA

MAPUSA: In a crackdown on artificially ripened fruits, the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) conducted an inspection at the Mapusa wholesale yard and seized 60 crates (approximately 120-kg) of Raigad mangoes suspected to be chemically treated for artificial ripening. The seized stock was immediately marked for destruction, with the Mapusa Municipal Council assisting FDA officials in the disposal process. According to the FDA sources, the mangoes were suspected to have been ripened using unauthorised substances, in violation of food safety regulations. Laboratory test reports are currently awaited to confirm the use of banned ripening agents such as calcium carbide or ethylene in unsafe concentrations.

DECOMPOSED MALE BODY FOUND AT FATRADE BEACH

MARGAO: The Colva Police recovered a decomposed body of an unidentified male, estimated to be 40-45 years old, at Fatrade Beach. According to police reports, after receiving a phone call from an unknown person, a police team visited the location and conducted the panchanama. The body has been preserved at the South District Hospital morgue in Margao for medico-legal procedures. Police are currently awaiting post-mortem examination report to ascertain the cause of death.

YOUTH FOUND DEAD NEAR MARGAO RAILWAY STATION

MARGAO: Twenty-year-old Jerico da Costa was found dead near the Margao Railway Station. Jerico, who worked at a private hospital near the KTC bus stand in Fatorda, was found 200 metres from the station. Konkarn Railway Police report that Jerico had recently travelled to Mumbai for work and returned to Margao early morning. Sources indicate he was travelling in the general compartment and fell asleep. Upon realising he had arrived in Margao, he jumped from the train roughly 200 metres from the platform, sustaining a fatal head injury. The Margao Station Master informed Konkarn Railway Police about the incident this morning. ASI Dattatraya Naik conducted the inquest panchanama and found Jerico's Aadhaar card at the spot. The body has been sent to the South Goa District Hospital in Margao, for a post-mortem examination. ASI Naik stated that the deceased's father does not suspect foul play. Police are gathering statements and further details are expected.

6 THEFT SUSPECTS HANDED OVER TO CALANGUTE POLICE

CALANGUTE: Tourist Security Force personnel during patrolling on Calangute beach on Wednesday rounded up six persons from Karnataka on suspicion that they had committed theft of a bag belonging to a tourist. The six were later handed over to the Calangute Police Station for further investigations.

10 BOOKED FOR TRESPASS, ASSAULT AT RIVONA

MARGAO: The Quepem Police registered an offence against 10 individuals for forming an unlawful assembly, trespassing and assaulting the complainant's sons over a property dispute at Rivona, Sanguem, under various sections of BNS. According to a complaint filed by a woman from Rivona the incident occurred on April 15, between 10.30 am and 11 am near her residence. The accused, Dattesh Gaonkar and nine others, along with four unidentified individuals, allegedly formed an unlawful assembly and trespassed into her property with a common intention. The complaint further stated that three of the accused assaulted the complainant's son, kicking him in the stomach and ribs, and hitting his face and head with sticks. A third accused allegedly pushed the complainant's other son to the ground, kicking and punching him, causing injuries, and stole his mobile phone valued at Rs 15,000. Lady PSI Rifha Barretto is investigating the case.

Navelkars seek justice for accident victim, protest outside Margao PS

Want police to file chargesheet against accused; visit PWD office, demanding the installation of speed breakers on accident-prone service roads

Team Herald

MARGAO: A protest was held outside the Margao Police Station on Tuesday by Navelim residents demanding justice for Philip Pereira, who lost his life in a road accident at Nagmode junction last month.

This is not the first time locals have taken to the streets over the case. At Tuesday's demonstration, residents criticised the police for delays and questioned their handling of the investigation.

Philip's widow, children, and elderly mother stood alongside villagers, expressing outrage over the car involved in the accident being returned to 19-year-old accused Rohan Rebello, who has since been allowed to fly to London.

Protestors said an alcohol test was not conducted until people from Navelim intervened, and demanded that police file the chargesheet without further delay. Philip died after his two-wheeler was hit by a four-wheeler allegedly driven in a rash and negligent manner by Rebello. The protestors accused the authorities of failing the family and vowed to keep up the pressure until accountability is ensured.

Earlier in the day, the villagers of



The victim's widow seeking justice

Navelim visited the PWD office to press for urgent road safety measures at Coldem. They submitted a memorandum demanding the installation of speed breakers on the accident-prone service roads. The visit followed an earlier protest in Coldem, where villagers had issued a seven-day ultimatum and threatened to block the road if their demands went unmet. Residents said multiple accidents had occurred due to the absence of speed breakers, signage, and visibility around blind spots. They criticised the authorities for inaction and for citing pending permissions as an excuse while lives remain at risk.

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WILL BHOMA'S SATI SHRINE BE RELOCATED FOR HIGHWAY? PWD HAS NO CLEAR ANSWER

Responding to the local opposition, Bhohe said, "We cannot stop them. They have their own views and concerns. We have done our part to explain the plan, along with the consultant who prepared the DPR."

Pawar further stated that local MLA and Minister for Art and Culture, Govind Gaude, had joined efforts to inform residents about the project.

WHERE ARE THE BODY CAMS? COP CAUGHT EXTORTING MOTORIST

According to his account, the incident occurred on Tuesday night. The victim, a resident of Santa Cruz, was returning home from work in Ribandar on his two-wheeler when he was stopped by a police vehicle near Old Goa for riding without a helmet.

A constable allegedly boarded the victim's two-wheeler and directed him to proceed to the Old Goa Police Station. Once near the station, the officer reportedly demanded payment to 'settle' the matter, threatening that the official penalty could go up to Rs 13,000 under the revised Motor Vehicle Rules.

The constable is said to have initially demanded Rs 5,000 but eventually accepted Rs 2,000 after negotiation. The victim had to call a friend to arrange the money. The entire episode was reportedly caught on CCTV.

On Wednesday, Sudesh Naik visited the Old Goa Police Station to begin the inquiry, speaking with both the personnel stationed there and the victim. During an identification parade, the victim is said to have identified the constable involved.

WAQF ACT: SC LENS ON CONTENTIOUS PROVISIONS

After hearing solicitor general Tushar Mehta for the Centre and senior lawyers including Kapil Sibal, Rajeev Dhavan, Abhishek Singhvi, C U Singh for Muslim bodies and individual petitioners, the CJJ proposed to issue the notice and to pass an interim order, saying it will "balance the equities".

Observing some provisions could have 'grave ramifications', particularly those that potentially undermine judicially recognised waqf properties, the CJJ proposed the order.

"The properties declared as waqfs by the courts should not be de-notified, whether they are by waqf-by-user or waqf by deed while the court is hearing the challenge to the Waqf Amendment Act 2025," the CJJ proposed.

The bench also hinted to stay a provision of the amended law, which says a waqf property will not be treated as waqf during the inquiry of the collector to decide if the property is a government land.

"All members of waqf boards and the central waqf council must be Muslims, except the ex-officio members," the CJJ said.

The bench took note of the provision-wise objections to the Act and expressed reservations on several aspects of the legislation, including the inclusion of non-Muslims in the central waqf council and state waqf boards.

It also objected to empowering district collectors to adjudicate disputes related to waqf properties and the provisions allowing de-notification of properties declared as waqf by competent courts.

"Ordinarily, courts do not interfere at the admission stage when a law is passed. But this case may warrant an exception. If a property declared as waqf by user is denotified, it can have grave ramifications," the CJJ said.

The bench, which did not issue a formal notice as of now, said it would not consider staying the law at the present stage.

The apex court questioned Mehta on how "waqf by user" could be disallowed as many would not have requisite documents to get such waqfs registered.

"Waqf by user" refers to a practice where a property is recognised as a religious or charitable endowment (waqf) based on its long-term, uninterrupted use for such purposes, even if there isn't a formal, written declaration of waqf by the owner.

The amended provision states, "Provided that the existing waqf by user properties registered on or before the commencement of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 as waqf by user will remain as waqf properties except that the property, wholly or in part, is in dispute or is a government property".

The bench during the hearing asked, "How will you register such waqfs by user? What documents will they have? It will lead to undoing something. Yes, there is some misuse. But there are genuine ones also. I have gone through privy council judgments also. Waqf by user is recognised. If you undo it then it will be a problem. Legislature cannot declare a judgment, order or decree as void. You can only take the basis."

Mehta submitted there was a large section of Muslims who did not want to be governed by the Waqf Act.

The bench then asked Mehta, "Are you saying that from now on you will allow Muslims to be part of the Hindu endowment boards? Say it openly." When a public trust was declared to be a waqf 100 or 200 years ago, it couldn't suddenly be taken over by the waqf board and declared otherwise, it added.

"You cannot rewrite the past," the bench said. Mehta said a joint parliamentary committee had 38 sittings and examined 98.2 lakh memorandums before Parliament's both houses passed the law. The CJJ wanted the parties to address the court on whether a high court could hear the matter and asked for the crux of their prayers. "We are not saying there is any bar on SC in hearing, deciding pleas against the law," he said.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, who represented some of the petitioners, submitted that Waqf Act would have all India ramifications and pleas should not be referred to the high court.

The Centre notified the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, which received assent of President on April 5.

WILL MUSLIMS BE ALLOWED TO BE PART OF HINDU TRUSTS: SC ASKS CENTRE

The bench, however, said under the new Act, only eight of the 22 members of the Central Waqf Council would be Muslims.

"If eight are Muslims, two may be judges" who might not be Muslims. That leaves a majority of non-Muslims. How is this consistent with the religious character of the institution?" the bench asked.

The tensions briefly escalated when the law officer appeared to question the neutrality of the all-Hindu judicial bench.

"When we sit here, we shed our personal identities. For us, all parties are equal before the law. That comparison is entirely misplaced," the bench said.

"Why not allow non-Hindus in the advisory boards of Hindu temples, then?" it asked.

INDIAN STUDENT SUES TRUMP ADMIN OVER DEPORTATION THREAT

"DHS did not provide the students or their schools any meaningful explanation for terminating their F-1 student status," the complaint

REMOVAL OF SPEED BREAKERS ON JUNCTIONS RESULTING IN ACCIDENTS: CURTI LOCALS

PONDA: Curti locals are concerned over the increasing number of accidents following the removal of speed breakers on service road junctions.

On Wednesday morning, a motorcycle pilot Tulshidas Naik (50) from Chirputem was seriously injured at the Nagzar Curti-Goa Dairy Junction when a four-wheeler travelling on the service road collided with his motorcycle. The accident occurred when Naik was passing from the underpass and took a right turn onto the service road. The impact was such that Naik sustained leg fractures.

Expressing their concerns, social workers Sherli Dias



and Shrikant Naik said that the recent removal of speed breakers during hot mix carpeting is causing the vehicles to speed on the service roads, resulting in accidents.

They also pointed out that the four-lane widening project poses a threat to locals due to the absence of proper signboards and speed

breakers.

Shrikant Naik has demanded the immediate restoration of speed breakers to prevent accidents in future. Additionally, the sign boards indicating speed breakers at the Nagzar Goa Dairy junction are in poor state, with some facing the wrong direction, exacerbating the problem.

Honda resident dies in Harvalem accident

BICHOLIM: Forty-seven-year-old Sandeep Gawade, a resident of Honda, Sattari, was killed after his two-wheeler collided against an oncoming two-wheeler at Harvalem on Wednesday.

Gawade was immediately rushed to the Community Health Centre, Sankhali, where doctors declared him dead. Two others Rama Zore and Laxman Zore, both from Valpoi were also injured and have been admitted in the hospital for treatment.

The Bicholim Police conducted the panchanama and sent the body to the Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC), Bambolim for post-mortem examination.

Bicholim PI Dinesh Gadkar is conducting further investigations.

Man booked for trespass, threatening workers

PANJIM: The Old Goa Police have registered an FIR against one Rohit Kumar from Old Goa for allegedly trespassing into his neighbour's flat and threatening his workers with a sword over a property-related dispute.

The accused allegedly warned them against continuing work, saying he would harm them. He also reportedly abused the complainant's family. The case has been filed under relevant sections of the BNS and Arms Act.

APPOINTMENTS

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