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UNKNOWN MALE FOUND DEAD BEHIND MARGAO RAILWAY STATION

MARGAO: An unknown male, aged between 35-40 years, was found dead behind the Railway Station in Margao. The identity of the deceased is yet to be established, and the body has been sent to the South Goa District Hospital for a post-mortem examination.

ARLEM RAIJA TRIO GRANTED CONDITIONAL BAIL IN ASSAULT CASE

MARGAO: Pravin Rathod, Arjun Rathod, and Harishchandra Rathod, all residents of Arlem Raia, have been granted conditional bail by the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Margao, following their arrest by the Maina-Curtorim Police in connection with the assault on Ganesh Lamani, who sustained grievous head injuries.

The court ordered their release upon the furnishing of a bail bond of Rs 20,000 each, along with a surety of the same amount.

LPSI Veronica Coutinho has registered an offence against the three accused under BNS 2023. Following their appearance before the JMFC Margao, they were remanded to four days of custody.

PIPELINE BURST AT DABOLIM WASTES THOUSANDS OF LITRES OF WATER

VASCO: Thousands of litres of drinking water were wasted after a major water pipeline burst at Dabolim on Thursday. The incident occurred when a contractor, engaged in road widening work near the highway flyover, reportedly damaged the pipeline.

FRESH BLAZE HITS INDIA'S FIRST AUTOMATED FARM IRRIGATION PROJECT IN SONSHI

BICHOLIM: Goa's pioneering automated irrigation project at Sonshi, Surla chain, designed to supply water from a mine trench, has once again fallen victim to suspected arson, as its pipeline was set on fire for the second time. The incident marks yet another setback for the month-old project, which has already faced repeated disruptions due to suspected acts of sabotage.

DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES HONOURED WITH NATIONAL AWARD

PANJIM: Nitin V Raiker, Director of the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services, has been awarded the Director General Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guard Bronze Disc and Commendation Certificate by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The award was conferred during Fire Service Week 2025 in recognition of his exceptional leadership, unwavering commitment, and distinguished service.

power shutdown

MARGAO: On April 19, at Babay Transformer, Margao, from 9 am to 6 pm. Affected areas are Mahalaxmi Electrical, Vijaylaxmi Electrical, AIM Salcate high school, Shree Laxmi light house, Bharat sales, Lazineha apartment, Ana Maria apartment, Krishna Metal, opposite DCB bank, opposite C. P. Bluechip Co-op society and surrounding areas.

Ponda nullah set for revamp New steel nets to prevent garbage dumping

Team Herald

PONDA: 'Acche Din' may finally be in sight for Ponda's main nullah, as the Water Resources Department (WRD), in collaboration with the Ponda Municipal Council (PMC) and Ponda MLA and Agriculture Minister Ravi Naik, has taken the initiative to instal steel nets on seven culverts to prevent the dumping of garbage.

The initiative follows O Herald's report on World Water Day, March 23, which highlighted the severe pollution of Ponda's lifeline. The report brought to light how the nullah had turned into a dumping ground and urged the installation of steel nets at culverts, a suggestion echoed by concerned locals.

In response to the report

Once a lifeline for agriculture, Ponda's main nullah now a polluted dump

SANTOSH NAIK

PONDA: Once the lifeline of agriculture, Ponda's main nullah has turned into a dumping ground for waste and garbage, with no water now highly polluted, appearing green and black in many areas.



At the world observes World Water Day, Ponda residents are increasingly concerned about the deteriorating condition of local water bodies. A door-to-door garbage collection system, some industrial units continue to dump waste into the nullah, leading to food poisoning and water contamination.

At least once a week, people stage protests over water shortages, but we once depended entirely on natural water sources. The introduction of tap water led to neglect, with many wells being covered or filled with mud," he said.

Public awareness to protect springs and urged authorities to conserve hills, which play a crucial role in recharging wells and springs located at their footfalls.

Social worker Mangal Fernandes pointed out that despite the Ponda Municipal Council (PMC) implementing

relied on wells and springs for their water needs. "These people stage protests over water shortages, but we once depended entirely on natural water sources. The introduction of tap water led to neglect, with many wells being covered or filled with mud," he said.

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state of the nullah. "It has been noticed that the nullah has become a dumping ground," he said, adding that WRD would instal nets on all six culverts to prevent waste disposal. Citing a common practice, he remarked, "It is often noticed that a couple or husband, while passing on a bike or in a car, stops on a culvert and the wife dumps garbage into the nullah."

Usgao residents raise alarm over pipeline leak, urge swift repairs



Team Herald

PONDA: Residents of Usgao have called for urgent repairs to a leaking water pipeline near the Meditembi Culvert, which has been spilling water for the past eight days and causing a water crisis in the Tiral Usgao area.

Locals recalled that they had faced a similar crisis last month, during which Public Works Department (PWD) officials were taken to task. Faults were identified and repaired at the time, but a fresh leak has now surfaced, leading to further wastage of water and disruption in supply.

With temperatures soaring during the peak summer season, residents are demanding immediate intervention. "It is the height of summer and the PWD should repair the line without delay and stop the wastage of water," a local resident said.

According to residents, a pit was dug four days ago to carry out repairs, but the leakage remains unaddressed. Upon inquiry, PWD officials assured them

Goa plans to develop urban forests to tackle climate change

Team Herald

PANJIM: In a bid to combat climate change and rising temperatures, the Goa government has unveiled plans to create urban forests across municipal areas. The initiative aims to establish green spaces that act as "green lungs" by using natural resources like wet waste and rainwater.

The transformation will include the application of the Japanese Miyawaki technique at the Sonsodo site, while vertical gardens will be introduced in select zones.

TCP and Forest Minister Vishwajit Rane stated that Mumbai-based urban design firm StudioPOD will assist the government in designing these green spaces.

The project will be jointly overseen by the Urban Development and Forest Departments. Municipal leaders have expressed their support for the initiative, with periodic reviews to track progress.

Minister Rane recently chaired a meeting with officials from various departments to discuss and plan the development of these urban forests.

and public outcry, the PMC took swift action last week by issuing notices to 88 residential buildings, including apartment complexes, for discharging sewage into gutters that ultimately flow

into the main nullah. Speaking at the foundation stone laying function held today (17 April) at Khadpaband Culvert, Agriculture Minister Ravi Naik acknowledged the sorry

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He recalled that the nullah was once used for bathing, washing clothes, and agricultural purposes. He also noted that the PMC has issued notices for the release of domestic waste into the nullah. "When PMC collects door-to-door garbage and has even set up a 15 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), people should make an effort to keep the city clean," he said.

Short-circuit causes fire in Sangolda Villa, losses estimated at Rs 9 lakh

CALANGUTE: A fire, allegedly caused by a short-circuit, broke out in a villa at Sangolda near Hotel Gautam, causing extensive damage estimated at Rs 9 lakh. According to officials, a sofa set, teakwood furniture, false ceiling, and other household items were destroyed in the blaze.



भारतीय सेना / INDIAN ARMY पशु चिकित्सा कोर में अल्प सेवा कमीशन SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION IN REMOUNT VETERINARY CORPS भारतीय सेना के पशु चिकित्सा कोर में अल्प सेवा कमीशन हेतु पुरुष/महिला पशु चिकित्सा स्नातकों से आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त होने की अंतिम तिथि 26 मई 2025 है।

Applications are invited from male/female veterinary graduates for Short Service Commission in Remount Veterinary Corps of the INDIAN ARMY. Last date of submission of application form is 26 May 2025. Detailed Notification Available on www.joinindianarmy.nic.in



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