

shorttakes

UNIDENTIFIED CAR HITS SCOOTER, INJURES WOMAN AT FATORDA

MARGAO: A woman identified as Saira Banu Rehman Shaikh of Motidongor-Margao, sustained injuries following a collision between her scooter and an unidentified car on April 19, at approximately 2.35 pm. According to Fatorda Police, the incident occurred when the driver of an unknown black-coloured car was travelling from Margao via Pajifond, Fatorda, towards the Old Hospicio Hospital. The driver allegedly drove in a rash and negligent manner, endangering human life and without exercising due care or caution. Upon reaching Pajifond, the car reportedly struck her scooter from behind. The scooter, ridden by Shaikh, was travelling in the same direction. Due to the impact, she sustained an injury to her right wrist. The driver of the car fled the scene without offering medical assistance or notifying the authorities. Assistant Sub-Inspector Ashish Velip of Fatorda Police Station has registered the offence under Section 281 and 125(B) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023 and Sections 134(a) and (b) of the Motor Vehicles Act. Further investigation is in progress.

PEDESTRIAN INJURED IN HIT-AND-RUN AT AMDAI-SANGUEM

MARGAO: A pedestrian, Ganaraj Gaonkar of Amdai, Sanguem, sustained injuries after being struck by an unidentified scooter rider on April 18, at around 1 pm. According to a complaint lodged by Anand Gaonkar at the Sanguem Police Station, the incident occurred as the unknown rider of a blue-coloured scooter was proceeding in a rash and negligent manner from Amdaimol towards Sanguem. Upon reaching Amdai-Sanguem, the rider reportedly knocked down the pedestrian, causing grievous injuries to his left leg along with other bodily injuries. The accused scooter rider fled the scene without rendering any medical assistance or informing the police. Sanguem Police have registered the offence against the unknown scooter rider under Section 281 and 125(B) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023 and Sections 134(a) and (b) of the Motor Vehicles Act. Further investigation is underway.

TWO INJURED IN CAR-SCOOTER COLLISION AT CURCHOREM

MARGAO: Two individuals sustained injuries following a collision between a car and a scooter near Shivaji Chowk, Four Road Junction, Curchorem. Chandreshwar Mopidive of Curchorem lodged a complaint with the Curchorem Police, stating that the driver of a car, identified as Subhas Bandari from Vaddem-Sanguem, was driving in a rash and negligent manner, endangering human life. According to the complaint, Bandari was proceeding from Curchorem market towards Sanguem and while attempting to overtake another vehicle, collided with Mopidive's scooter from the rear. The impact caused both Mopidive and pillion rider Laxmi to fall onto the road, resulting in injuries to both individuals.

SCOOTER RIDER INJURED IN ORLIM COLLISION

MARGAO: Colva Police have registered a case after a scooter rider sustained serious injuries in a road accident near a resort, Orlim. The incident occurred on 14 April at 1.15 pm when Joseph Jesus Gabriel Pimenta of Sambatty, Orlim, allegedly rode his bike in a rash and negligent manner, colliding head-on with an oncoming scooter. Mavrus S Fernandes of Madeva Mordí-Quepem, suffered grievous injuries to his right foot. The case has been registered under Sections 281 and 125(b) of the BNS. Head Constable Sidharth Kumbhar is investigating.

GR KARE COLLEGE OF LAW RECOGNISED AMONG TOP LAW SCHOOLS IN INDIA

MARGAO: VVM's G R Kare College of Law, Margao, has been recognised as a Top Outstanding Law School of Excellence in India and the Top Law School in Goa, according to the Global Human Resource Development Centre's (GHRDC) Law Schools Survey 2025. A press note issued by GHRDC, which is based in Delhi and was established in 1997, stated that the institution assesses law schools across the country based on parameters such as infrastructure, academics, research, training programmes, social sector responsibility, awards, industry interface, networking through Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), and alumni profiles. Established in 1979, G R Kare College of Law is the only law college in South Goa. In recent years, it has introduced several innovative initiatives such as Nyaya Yatra - Journey Towards Justice, aimed at conducting legal awareness and outreach programmes. The college also hosts the GRK Judiciary Talks, through which Judges of the High Court are invited to the campus to interact with students.

WAIVER ON ADDITIONAL FEE FOR DELAYED FITNESS CERTIFICATE RENEWALS UNTIL MAY

PANJIM: The Goa Government has issued a notification stating that the additional fee for the delayed renewal of vehicle fitness certificates will not exceed Rs 1,000 until May 31. The relief measure applies to all categories of vehicles, including motorcycles, three-wheelers or quadricycles, light motor vehicles, medium goods or passenger vehicles, and heavy goods or passenger vehicles. The initiative aims to provide respite to vehicle owners experiencing delays in renewing their fitness certificates.

GOVT DISCONTINUES POULTRY FEED TRANSPORTATION SUBSIDY SCHEME

PANJIM: The Goa government has officially discontinued the "Transportation of Ready Poultry Feed from Outside the State of Goa" scheme, effective from April 1. This scheme had previously provided financial assistance to poultry farmers for the transport of ready-to-use poultry feed from other states into Goa.

'SAHAYATA' SCHEME FOR NGOS OFFICIALLY DENOTIFIED

PANJIM: The Government of Goa has officially denotified the 'Sahayata' scheme, also known as the Mukhyamantri Sahayata Nidhi Yojana. The scheme was designed to offer financial assistance to registered non-governmental organisations in the State. According to the notification issued, all pending applications under the scheme will be disposed of with immediate effect.

FIRE SAFETY WEEK HELD AT FAIRFIELD

MARGAO: As part of Fire Service Week, a fire safety awareness programme was conducted at Fairfield by Marriott from 15 to 19 April. Fire Station Officer Gil Souza led sessions on the use of portable extinguishers, operation of the premises' fire hydrant system, emergency evacuation procedures, and precautions against LPG-related incidents, including BLEVE (boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion).

# Fishing union condemns harassment of traditional canoe fishers at Campal

## Demands Forest Department, tourism officials and Corporation to stop targeting small-scale fishermen

Team Herald

MARGAO: The National Federation of Small-Scale Fishworkers (NFSF) has strongly condemned what it described as a 'sustained aggression' against traditional fishers in Campal-Panjim, following complaints of harassment by government authorities.

In a letter addressed to five senior officials — including the Director of Fisheries, the Captain of Ports, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, the Director of Tourism, and

the Commissioner of the Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) — the NFSF stated that local fishers from its affiliate, the All Goa Small Scale Responsible Fisheries Union (AGSSRFU), are being prevented from docking their canoes at Campal.

According to the complaint, officials from the Forest Department, Tourism Department, and the CCP have, since April 6, allegedly told fishers that their canoes appear 'dirty' and should not be stationed in the area.

"What is dirty and beautiful

is based on subjective bias of the beholder," wrote NFSF General Secretary, Dr Sebastiao Rodrigues, in the letter, firmly objecting to what he called the derogatory labelling of traditional fishing gear. He added that describing traditional canoes as 'dirty' was an insult to the age-old occupation of fishing in Goa.

Rodrigues further alleged that the space traditionally used for parking fishing canoes at Campal beach has steadily been reduced due to afforestation efforts by the Forest Department,

which has planted casuarina and mangrove species in the area. He claimed this amounted to encroachment on the livelihood space of riverine fishers operating along the Mandovi.

Calling for immediate intervention, the NFSF urged all departments involved to remove the impediments and allow local fishers to continue their work without interference.

The Federation described the current situation as a violation of the rights of small-scale fishers and an attack on their traditional means of livelihood.

### 3 held for IPL betting after raid at Baga flat

Team Herald

CALANGUTE: Calangute Police have arrested three men from Madhya Pradesh after busting an illegal online and mobile betting racket related to the ongoing T-20 Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket tournament. The arrests were made in the early hours of Tuesday during a raid at a flat in Baga.

The accused have been identified as Ankit Rathore, 34, of Bhopal and Badal, 32, and Ajay, 32, both from Sagar, Madhya Pradesh. According to police, a tip-off was received indicating that the trio were accepting bets on the IPL match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Gujarat Titans from Flat No 203, Arsh's Nest, Saldana Kayle Garden, Baga.

Following the information, a raid was conducted between 12.35 am and 2.45 am on Tuesday, during which the three were allegedly caught red-handed while placing and accepting bets on the match.

Police seized one laptop and seven mobile phones, all together valued at approximately Rs 1.10 lakh.

## Colvale cops rescue two minors abducted from rehab centre

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Colvale Police have rescued two minor girls who were kidnapped from Navjyoti Rehabilitation Centre, Madel-Tivim.

According to police, on January 31, Yogini Lopes, in-charge of Navjyoti Rehabilitation Centre, Madel, Tivim, had lodged a complaint stating on January 30, 2025, at around 8.15 pm unknown person kidnapped two minor girls from her lawful guardianship.

In another case, on April 19, Yogini Lopes lodged a complaint stating that on April 18, 2025, an unknown person kidnapped a 16-year-old girl from her

lawful guardianship.

The girls were admitted to the rehabilitation centre by the Child Welfare Committee, North Goa.

FIRs were registered at Colvale Police Station under Section 137(2) of BNS and Section 8 of Goa Children Act and investigation was taken up in both the cases.

On April 21, the police succeeded in rescuing one girl from the first case from Delhi and the other minor girl from Marcel.

The overall rescue operation was carried out by Colvale PI Vijay Rane and his team under the guidance of SDPO Mapusa Ashish Shirodkar and overall supervision of SP (North) Akshat Kaushal, IPS.

## National Herald case is BJP's invention, alleges Congress

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Congress on Tuesday alleged that the National Herald case is an invention of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for digression and distortion and to use it to divert people's attention from crucial issues facing the nation.

Addressing a press conference at party office in the city, All India Congress Committee (AICC) spokesperson Dr Naseer Hussain said, "The so-called charge-sheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate against Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi is nothing but pure political witch hunt. Every member of the Gandhi family - whether in politics or not - is being targeted by the BJP. Ironically, for the first time, charges of money laundering are being made in a case where not a single penny or asset has been transferred. Debt is converted into equity to make the balance sheet debt free.

It is a common practice and perfectly legal in nature."

Hussain said the witch hunt against Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and the family of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in the 'fabricated cases' is nothing short of a grotesque abuse of state machinery.

"By targeting the leadership and their families through fabricated and false cases, the BJP government is desperately trying to muzzle the Congress party—the only force that has consistently stood with the people and for the soul of this nation. This is a direct and dangerous assault on the very idea of democratic opposition. It is a crude attempt at political intimidation, orchestrated by a Prime Minister and Home Minister. This is vendetta politics at its worst," he said.

The Congress leader alleged that the Modi government has made the enforcement directorate its election department and is repeatedly misusing it for vendetta.

## LPG cylinder explodes at fast food outlet in Shantinagar; major fire averted

Team Herald

MARGAO: A fire broke out at a Chinese fast food restaurant near the Shantinagar Panchayat at Shantinagar Mandap late on Tuesday night following the explosion of an LPG cylinder.

The incident caused extensive damage to the interior of the restaurant, owned by Muhammad Mulla, said Station Fire Officer Gil Souza of the Margao fire station. Items worth approximately Rs 1 lakh were destroyed, while fire personnel managed to save property worth around Rs 5 lakh, Souza stated. No injuries were reported.

Locals, alarmed by a loud explosion, rushed to the scene and promptly alerted the fire department. One fire tender from the Margao fire station was deployed to the site.

Firefighters worked for over an hour and a half to control and extinguish the fire. The cause of the explosion remains unclear, but a



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gas leak is suspected. The Margao police visited the site and conducted an inspection. SFO Souza said the fire could

have spread to an adjacent vegetable shop and nearby commercial establishments, but the duty crew responded swiftly and effectively, averting further damage. Firefighter S S Kurpaskar and the fire personnel team brought the situation under control. One fire tender was pressed into service.

Meanwhile, CCTV footage from the restaurant has gone viral, and the possibility of arson has not been ruled out. Police have inspected the site and are expected to register a complaint supported by the footage, sources said.

Local residents expressed concern, pointing out that similar incidents are increasingly being reported in parts of Salcete. Many fast food outlets are allegedly operating illegally, and encroachments on both sides of the road have rendered several stretches nearly impassable. "The authorities are playing with people's lives," said one resident, calling for urgent action from concerned officials.

### HC receives bomb threat; found to be hoax

Team Herald

PANJIM: The High Court of Bombay at Goa received an anonymous email bomb threat on its official email ID on Tuesday. In response, security personnel, along with the bomb disposal squad, initiated a search operation within the premises.

The security team and experts thoroughly examined every corner of the court premises, and as no suspicious items were found, the threat was confirmed to be a hoax.

Nevertheless, security around the court premises in Porvorim was heightened, and visitors and litigants entering the High Court were required to pass through metal detectors.

On Tuesday, several courts across the country received similar anonymous email bomb threats.

### Mormugao chief, councillors slam CO for bringing back suspended staff

Team Herald

VASCO: Tensions flared at the Mormugao Municipal Council as chairperson Girish Borker and councillors criticised chief officer Siddhivinayak Naik for bringing back suspended staff Milton D'Souza without informing the council.

D'Souza, suspended two years ago in a forgery case, was reportedly directed to report to the Directorate of Municipal Administration (DMA) at Panjim. But following a request by D'Souza, a Person with Disability (PwD), the chief officer took an administrative decision and brought him back to the council.

The chairperson alleged that Naik bypassed protocol and was ignoring councillors, while also harassing the public by enforcing an appointment system

that requires house tax receipts. The chief officer cannot act on his whims and fancies, he warned. Borker alleged that the chief officer behaved rudely with him and the councillors and abruptly left a meeting convened to discuss the matter.

Responding to the allegations, Naik said the staff under suspension cited medical issues and threatened to approach the Goa Human Rights Commission for violation. He clarified that D'Souza remains under suspension and that he was not reinstated or assigned any official duties. Only D'Souza reported the station has been changed from DMA to the Mormugao Municipal Council due to his health issues and being a PwD, he maintained. The councillors too took

strong objections to D'Souza's presence in the council, stating that he had been suspended in a forgery case two years ago and was directed to report to DMA.

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### power shutdown

CHANDOR: On April 23, from 8 am to 2 pm, on 11 KV Chandor Feeder (By opening Guirdolim S/o AB switch). Affected areas are Guirdolim, Mushroom Garden, Batchar, Rohinibhat, Moll and Novetm.

BATORA: On April 23, from 8 am to 3 pm, at Batora DTC, Curtorim. Affected area is Batora.

PONDA: On April 23, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Ravinagar Khadpabandh. At Sairaj I and II Akash T/C, Ponda. Affected areas are Sairaj Park and surrounding areas. At ID Hospital T/C, Ponda. Affected areas are ID Hospital and surrounding areas.

PONDA: On April 24, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Friends Colony, Khadpabandh and surrounding area. At Bholanath T/C and Menezes T/C, Ponda from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Market Yard and surrounding areas.

CURTORIM: On April 24, from 8 am to 3 pm. Affected areas are Ashwini and Tambetim.

PARODA: On April 24, at 11 KV Paroda Feeder, from 8 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Menezes Bhat, Camrabhat, Padribhat, Don-Khuris, Oilmill and Benabhat.

USGAO: On April 24, at 11 KV Usgao feeder, Ponda from 9.30 am to 1 pm. Affected areas are Keriym and waste treatment plant.

### Goa's first veterinary college to start operations soon: CM

Team Herald

PANJIM: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Tuesday said that Goa College of Veterinary Sciences will commence operations in the upcoming academic year without fail.

During chairing a review meeting at Mantralaya at Porvorim, the Chief Minister directed officials to adhere to strict timelines and ensure timely coordination with the government of India.

The meeting also finalised plans for land transfer, infrastructure upgrades, staff recruitment, laboratories, and livestock farms. The college, proposed at Curti-Ponda, is set to offer a 60-seat BVSc and AH programme, pending approvals from the Veterinary Council of India and Goa University.

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Position	Department	Qualification	Years of Exp	Shifts	Job Description
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Team Leader	RF & Power Ops - Goa	Diploma / Bachelor's in Engineering (ECE / Mechanical / E&E).	4+ years of related experience	Shifts	•Required shop floor experience. • Must have knowledge of line balancing & headcount allocation on production line. Required basic knowledge of lean manufacturing & efficiency. • Candidate must have high level of skill and knowledge in manufacturing/production operations with demonstrated ability to function in a leadership role. •Very good communication and leadership skills to handle a team.

Walk-in interviews will be conducted between 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at "Amphenol Andrew Antennas India Pvt Ltd", Gate no. 2, Plot No. N-2, Phase IV, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, Goa. Please bring your updated bio data.