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raising house tax by Rs 28

per square metre for RCC

structures. The hike had

triggered strong opposition

from villagers and even dis-

sent among some Panchayat

members who agreed that

the increase was excessive.

On Sunday, the Borim

Gram Sabha voted to reduce

the hike by half. Sarpanch

Jayesh Naik confirmed

that the tax on RCC struc-

tures will now be Rs 14 per

square metre, with corre-

sponding reductions for lat-

Meanwhile, neighbour-

ing villages under Betho-

ra-Nirankal-Conshem-Co-

dar Panchayat are rallying

for a similar rollback. Vil-

lagers have called for

mass participation in the

upcoming gram sabha on

Sunday, April 27, to de-

mand a resolution reduc-

ing the Rs 20 per square

metre house tax hike im-

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Rita Diana Fernandes,

R/o H. No. 958/A, Villa

Aldi, Tarchi Bhat, Siolim,

North Goa, would like to

change my fathers name

from Francis to

Francisco Xavier

Agostinho Fernandes for

correction towards

passport purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general that my client intends to purchase

rom Mr. Nilesh Suresh Narvekar and his

from Mr. Nilesh Suresh Narvekar and his wife Mrs. Nishita Nilesh Narvekar, both are residents of Bicholim, Goa, all that Flat No.'A', bearing House No. 16/356/9 on the upper ground Floor with covered Car Parking Slot 'C' of Block B in building "SHANTI ALICE" along with the undivided proportionate share in the land of the Said Property known as "Japao Temba Butto"

dmeasuring 950 sq. mts. surveyed under Survey no. 141/6 .of Village Taleigao, Sub District of Ilhas, North Goa, State of Goa,

plemented last year.

erite and mud houses.

It is hereby made known to the public in general that my client intends o purchase from (1) MR. EDLYN CYRIACO DE SOUZA and his wife (2) MRS. VIVIENNE DELICIA DE SOUZA, both residing at 5343 Ruperts Gate Dr., Mississauga, ON L5M Canada, the immovable property better described in the Schedule herein written below.

Accordingly, any person/s having any claims, objections, lien, charges encumbrances, easementary rights, share, profits, rights and/or interests in any manner whatsoever including any agreements and mortgages over the said immovable property better described in the Schedule herein written below shall lodge the same to the undersigned at the address given below within 15 days from the date of the publication of this notice with supporting documents, failing which it shall be presumed that no person/s has/have objections over the said purchase or/and claims to the said immovable property and my client shall proceed to purchase the same and no claims or objections shall be entertained thereafter. SCHEDULE

All that immovable property bearing Survey No. 89/1 of Village Marra admeasuring an area of 2663 sq. mtrs. and forming part of the property known as "GOINDAVAR" or known as "GORBATA" or "ZUMLEACHY GOTON" or "ZUM" situated at Marra, within the limits of Village Panchavat of Marra Taluka and Sub-District of Bardez, District of North Goa, enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office under Matriz Predial No. 434, containing a house bearing Village Panchayat House No. 148 which is enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office under Matriz Predial No. 25. The SAID PROPERTY is bou nded as under

East: By the Public Road. West: By the property bearing Survey No. 88 North: By the property bearing Survey No. 88.South: By property bearing Survev No. 89/1-A. sd/ (Adv. Gustavo Monteiro) Place: Panaii-Goa

Office No. 203, Edcon Galleria, Caetano de Date: 23/04/2025 Albuquerque Road, Panaji, Goa. Email: adv.gustavomonteiro@gmail.com



MR MALIK JAAN PATHAN, ADD :- Flat No 4 . Desterro . Near Bus Bee School, Mormugao , South Goa ,Goa 403802 LOAN ACCOUNT NO: 5588394226 RECOVERY OF OVERDUE

AMOUNT REGULARISATION OF ACCOUNT VEHICLE NO.- GA 06 T 9355 & GA 06 T 9357

We invite a reference to our earlier Letters/Notices address by the Banl advising you to repay the loan outstanding. You have availed the credi facilities from the bank of the amount RS. 20,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty lakhs fifty thousand only). You could not deposit the dues amount as per terms and conditions stipulated in the Sanctioned Letter and loar documents executed. Your accounts became irregular and turned into NPA on **20-04-2025**. Further We regret to note that you have failed to repay the Bank's Overdue Rs.- 19,73,120.24/- (Rupees Ninteen lakhs seventy three thousand one hundred twenty and paise twenty four only) plus charges . interest including penal interest. Accordingly, the Bank has now decided to repossess (impound) the vehicle for purchase of which you had availed the said loan. Bank has valid charge on the said Vehicle since you executed the Hypothecation Agreement with Bank of 19-04-2024

Details of Vehicle/Movable Assets is here 1) Registration No- GA 06 T 9355.Model :-CRETA 1.5 MPI MTE. Engine No- G4FLRV741678. Chassis No- MALPA812LRM763427. 2) Registration No- GA 06 T 9357.Model :-HYUNDAI I 20 SPORTZ Engine No- G4LFRV359396.Chassis No- MALBH512TRM286956. n this connection, the Bank has engaged the services M/s OM ENTERPRISES to assist the Bank in taking all the necessary steps for attachment and sale of the vehicle. You are requested to cooperate with the authorized representatives of the agency, as per details given above and handover the vehicle along with its original Registration Certificate as well as papers relating to insurance policy to Enforcement/Recover Sd/-AUTHORISED OFFICER

YOURS FAITHFULLY



MR MALIK JAAN PATHAN (BORROWER), ADD :- Flat No 4 Desterro .Near Busy Bee School.Mormugao . South Goa .Goa 403802

Mrs HEENA ALTAF SHAIKH(COBORROWER), ADD :- Flat No 4 Desterro, Near Busy Bee School, Mormugao, South Goa, Goa 403802 LOAN ACCOUNT NO: 5543261061 RECOVERY OF OVERDUE AMOUNT REGULARISATION OF ACCOUNT **VEHICLE NO.- GA 06 F 7088**

We invite a reference to our earlier Letters/Notices address by the Bank advising you to repay the loan outstanding. You have availed the credit facilities from the bank of the amount Rs. 20,40,000/- (Rupees Twenty lakhs fifty thousand only). You could not deposit the dues amount as per terms and conditions stipulated in the Sanctioned Letter and loan documents executed. Your accounts became irregular and turned into NPA on 20-04-2025. Further We regret to note that you have failed to repay the Bank's Overdue Rs.- 18,36,165.70/- (Rupees Eighteen lakhs rty six thousand one hundred sixty five and naise so

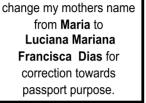
Borim villagers secure 50% relief in house tax hike **Team Herald** saw the Borim Panchayat

PONDA: In a significant win for residents, the Borim villagers have successfully passed a gram sabha resolution to slash the house tax hike by 50 per cent, bringing long-awaited relief after two years of protests and demands.

The original hike, implemented following a government circular urging Panchayats to revise tax rates,

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North Goa, would like to



PUBLIC NOTICE The General Public is hereby informed, hat my client intends to purchase from, (1). MR. AJAY KASHINATH (11). MR. AJAY KASHINAIH KALANGUTKAR, and his wife (2). MRS. NAMITA AJAY KALANGUTKAR, both residents of H. No. 470/5, Tropa Waddo, Sodiem, Siolim, Bardez-Goa, 403517, AND; (1). MRS. LEENA FRANCIS DSOUZA, resident of B/1107, Raj Classic CHS LTD, Panchmarg, Yar i Road Varsova Andheri West Mumbai Maharashtra-400061 and (2). MR HARDIK RAVINDRA BHATIA, resident H No. 5, Sanjay Society Athwalines, behind Sargam Shopping centre, Surat City, SVR College, Surat Gujrat-395007, the SVR College, Surat Gujrat-395007, following SAID PROPERTY, which more particularly described **SCHEDULE-I** written herein below. SCHEDULE - I

(SAID PROPERTY) ALL THAT immovable property known as "GOULAN", surveyed under Survey No. 263 Sub-Division No. 8 situated in the Village of Siolim within the jurisdiction of Village of Siolim within the jurisdiction village panchayat of Siolim, Taluka an Sub-District of Bardez, District of North State of Goa, neither described in the Land Records Registration Office noi enrolled on the Taluka Revenue Office admeasuring an area of 2,250 sq.mts., and the same is bounded as under;

On the East; By the property surveye under No. 263/9 On the West; By the property surveyed

under No. 263/7 On the North; By the property surveye under No. 262/12; and

Co-Op Society, opp. New Science Park,

Pundalik Nagar, Porvorim Bardez - Goa

PH. NO. 8550913830 / 8412006572

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26/04/2025 at 11:00 hrs

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tescribed in the Land Registration Office of Ihas under No. 13824, not enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office. On the South; By Publicroad, Any person/s, Banks, Financial Institutions, legal entities, etc., having or claiming to have any and whatever right, In case any person/s, firm/s, company/ies, Bank/s (Pvt. / Pub.), Financial nstitution/s (Pvt. / Pub.) except Bank of Baroda, Panaii Branch, has / have an nterest, title, possession, easement tenancy, demand or any other claim o whatsoever nature to the AFORESAID ight/s or claim/s by way of ownership, co ownership, tenancy, inheritance prescription, preemption, easement, lease PROPERTY, are hereby notified to make the same known in writing to the icence, mortgage, attachments, pending or other proceedings or any prior agreement/s or arrangement or any other rights or claims undersigned, along with supporting documents, within a period of 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which or other objections, of whatsoever nature, in espect of the above described property from the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice along with supporting documents, failing which my client shall presume that no such ny clients shall be entitled to presume the no such right/interest/title/claim/demand c biection exists and/or the same has bee waived and discharged and my client shall be then entitled to proceed with the execution of the Deed of Sale, for the ights, claims or objections of whatsoeven ature exist, and / or the same have been purchase of the AFORESAID PROPERT vaived and discharged, and the Deed of Sale will be finalized and no objections shall Sd/- ADV. SHRI ANIKET R. MANDREKAR Off Add LOG-197 Sai Sneha Housing

e entertained thereafter. Porvorim, Goa. Sd/-23/04/2025 Vivek Amrut Dandekar

Advocate "Yashodeep", 3, Journalist Colony P.O. Alto-Betim, Porvorim, Goa.

MALAVIYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY JAIPUR

Bhoma villagers warn of boycott if leader barred from CM's meet

Locals wary of authorities, demand transparency in decision-making process

Team Herald

PONDA: Tensions continue to simmer in Bhoma as locals remain firm in their demand for a bypass instead of a flyover under the proposed National Highway (NH) expansion project. Villagers have now issued a stern warning to the administration: if their leader Sanjay Naik is not allowed to participate in discussions with Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, no villager will attend the meeting.

The warning comes after PWD NH engineers carried out onsite land demarcation for the flyover at Bhoma, following directions from the Chief Minister. However, villagers have expressed dissatisfaction with the explanations provided by offi-

GSEC directed

to hear plea

to adjudicate on the dis-

qualification petition filed

against 11 members of the

St Lawrence (Agassaim)

Village Panchayat on its

merits, and to dispose of

the matter as expeditious-

cials and remain unconvinced about the administration instructing us the necessity of the proposed land acquisition.

NH EXPANSION

Local resident Putu Gaude stated that Sanjay Naik, who has been at the forefront of the agitation for several years, is best equipped to represent the villagers' concerns. "He has filed petitions, studied the NH expansion documents, and understands the technicalities and is our resource person," Gaude said.

Villagers alleged that Naik was deliberately excluded from the recent high-level meeting at the Secretariat, where plans for the flyover were presented. "There were calls from not to bring Sanjay Naik to the discussion," claimed a resident.

Although CM Sawant has expressed willingness to hold another round of talks, the villagers have made it clear: "No Sanjay Naik, no meeting."

"If a 25-metre flyover is being proposed, why is such a vast area being acquired? We need answers, and only our leader can raise the right questions. If he's not included, we will not engage," said Gaude.

The standoff underscores the growing distrust between locals and authorities over the NH expansion plan, with the villagers demanding full transparency and meaningful participation in the decision-making process.

FDA seizes chemically ripened bananas in Mapusa raid

Team Herald

PANJIM: A Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) team conducted a special raid at Mapusa, seizing bananas that were being chemically treated using a banned ripening agent.

In a post on social media, Health Minister Vishwajit Rane stated that surveillance checks at the Mapusa Yard had continued, during which samples of a suspected ripening liquid collected earlier tested positive for Ethaphone.

"Acting on these findings, an FDA team comprising Richard Noronha, Rajaram Patil, Amit Mandrekar, and Lenin De Sa conducted an inspection of the premises belonging to individuals identified as Vasir and Allaudin," Rane said.



"During the inspection, approximately two tonnes of bananas were found to have been treated with the banned ripening agent. In the interest of public health, the entire stock was immediately destroyed. Fresh samples of the fruit were also collected for further laboratory analysis, and a police complaint has been lodged against the vendors involved," he added.

South Goa to host State-level cyclone mock exercise on Apr 25

Team Herald

PANJIM: The South Goa District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), in coordination with the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), Goa, and in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), will conduct a State Level Mock Exercise on Cyclone and Induced Disaster on April 25. The exercise will take place from 8 am to 3 pm.

The designated locations for the mock exercise across South Goa District include: Mormugao Port Authority (within MPA

premises); Goa Shipyard; Vaddem Ground (outside GSL premises); IOCL and HP Terminal (within IOCL Terminal); Baina Beach area; Baina Beach; Chowgule Shipyard; Office of the Mamlatdar of Ponda taluka; Murdi Bagh, Khandepar, Ponda; Naguerim Betul Panchayat (New) and Office of the Talathi, VP Naquerim-Betul.

The exercise will simulate evacuation procedures and the activation of early warning systems to assess the effectiveness of communication mechanisms during a disaster event. Members of the public are advised to remain calm and not to panic during the conduct of the exercise.

cate such matters.

The petition had sought the dismissal of the panchayat members under Section 10(F) and Section 11 of the Goa

When the writ petition came up for hearing before the division bench, Adv

Shirodkar argued that the

against 11 **Agassaim panchas Team Herald** PANJIM: The High Court of Bombay at Goa has directed the Goa State Election Commission (GSEC)

ly as possible, petitioner's counsel Adv Hrudaynath Shirodkar has informed. The Court's directive comes in the wake of the GSEC earlier dismissing a related disqualification

petition, citing a lack of jurisdiction. Adv Shirodkar said that he had approached the GSEC on behalf of petitioner Hilario Pereira, a former panchayat member, seeking the disqualification of 11 panchayat members on grounds of having allegedly indulged in peculiar benefits. However, the GSEC rejected the petition, stating it had no jurisdiction to adjudi-

Panchayati Raj Act.

Goa schools directed to track

plus charges, interest including penal interest. Accordingly, the Bank has now decided to repossess (impound) the vehicle for purchase of which you had availed the said loan. Bank has valid charge on the said Vehicle since you executed the Hypothecation Agreement with Bank on 31-01-2024

Details of Vehicle/Movable Assets is hereunder

1) Registration No- GA 06 F 7088 Model :-HYNDAI ALCAZAR AT PRESTIGE (O) 75 Engine No- D4FAPM999082. Chassis No- MALPC813MPM865829.

In this connection, the Bank has engaged the services M/s OM ENTERPRISES to assist the Bank in taking all the necessary steps for attachment and sale of the vehicle. You are requested to cooperate with the authorized representatives of the agency, as per details given above and handover the vehicle along with its original Registration Certificate as well as papers relating to insurance policy to Enforcement/Recover

YOURS FAITHFULLY AUTHORISED OFFICER

[See Regulation-34 (3)] Form No. 16 **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL NO - I AT MUMBAI** 3rd floor, Coloba, Telephone Bhayan, Coloba Market, Mumbai 400005, NARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF MOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER RULE 20 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993. **RECOVERY PROCEEDING NO. 41 OF 2023** Exh No.: 10 INDIAN BANK...Applicants VS MR. ABHIJIT DHARGALKAR & ORS...... Defendants CD 1) MR. ABHIJIT DHARGALKAR H.No.116/A-1, Near Don Bosco High School, Naika Waddo, Verla, Bardez Goa-403 510. CD 2) MRS. REMSSIA ABHIJIT DHARGALKAR H.No.116/A-1, Near Don Bosco High School, Naika Waddo, Verla Bardez Goa-403510 CD 3) M/S. P.S. CONSTRUCTION 66, Poddar chamber, 3rd floor, Mumbai Samachar Marg, Fort, Mumbai-400 001 CD 4) M/S. SHEETAL SHANTI DEVELOPERS A partnership firm having its office at 6A/1. New Excelsior Theater Building Wall Street, Fort, Mumbai-400 001. Whereas you (CDs herein) have failed to pay the sum of Rs.78.30.833.8 Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Three and paise Eighty One only) alongwith pendente lite and future interest @ 7.90% payable by you in respect of the Recovery Certificate No. 41/2023 drawn up by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal -1, Mumbai in O.A. No. 572 of 2021. It is hereby ordered that Certificate debtors in the present R.P or their servants o agents or representatives-in-interest or any other person(s) claiming to be owner(s) under Certificate Debtors are hereby prohibited and restrained, until further orders, from transferring, alienating, creating third party interest, parting with possession, charging or dealing with the undermentioned movable property(ies), in any manner or in dealing with any benefit in terms of money and/or property arising therefrom and that all persons be and are prohibited from taking any benefit under such transfer, alienation, possession or charge You are required to appear before the Recovery Officer, debts Recovery Tribuna

No.1. Mumbai on 19th May. 2025 at 12.00 p.m.

PROPERTY DETAILS IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Flat No.C-301 on 3rd Floor of Block C of Building Poonam Shanti Paradise with Stilt Car Parking and along with proportionate Share situated at the property known as Bona, Morombi-O-Grande, Merces, Tiswadi to, Goa Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this date 19th April, 2025. Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Mumba Place: Goa



Online Applications are invited for admission to **Ph.D. and** M.Tech./M.Plan. (Sponsored Full Time/Part time) in all the Departments/Centres for Odd Semester 2025-26 (July 2025). For more nformation visit www.mnit.ac.in. The last date for submission of online application is 15th May 2025. cbc21312/12/0002/2526 REGISTRAR

HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED SHP (Government of India Enterprises) NOTICE Notice is hereby given that M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has received an

application for reconstitution of Retail Outlet Dealership operating under the name and tyle of M/s. Kunde Service Station, Padre Miranda Road, Margao, Taluka - Salcete, istrict - South Goa. Goa.

The applicants Shri Prabhakar Keshav Kunde, Mrs. Jyoti Kamlakar Kunde, Shri Harshad gannath Kunde and Shri Mukundraj Manohar Kirtani who are currently operating the putlet, have submitted a request for reconstitution and proposing to be partners having take of 29.58%, 29.58%, 26.76% and 14.08 respectively in the Dealership M/s. Kunde ervice Station, Padre Miranda Road, Margao, Taluka-Salcete, District - South Goa, Goa. Any Response / Objections on the said reconstitution proposal from the concerned oprietor/partner(s)/ their legal heir (s) of M/s. Kunde Service Station, Padre Miranda Road, Margao, Taluka - Salcete, District - South Goa, Goa shall be submitted within a time period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice at the address mentioned

> Senior Regional Manager Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Vasco Retail Regional Office F. L. Gomes Road, Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa - 403802

> > ent of India Under

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED

E- Auction Notification

On behalf of Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., Chief Commercial Manager

Announces E-Auction of Commercial Contracts, published on IREPS

Sr. No. 1: Name of Contract: Leasing of SLR - Train No. 20112, 10104, 22907. No.

of Contracts/Lots: 03. Date and Time of E-Auction: 25/04/2025 at 11:00 hrs.

Sr. No. 2: Name of Contract: Advertisement at Railway stations through

Advertisement Boards, Hoardings at stations at MADGAON and THIVIM. No.

of Contracts / Lots: 02. Date and Time of E-Auction: 25/04/2025 at 11:00 hrs.

Sr. No. 3: Name of Contract: Pay Parking at KHED, ASNOTI, ANKOLA

BYNDOOR. No. of Contracts / Lots: 04. Date and Time of E-Auction

Sr. No. 4: Name of Contract: Display of Advertisements inside train

MADGAON-MANGALORE-MADGAON (10107/10108) Memu train and Diva

SWV passenger (10105/ 10106). No. of Contracts / Lots: 02. Date and Tim

Sr. No. 5: Name of Contract: Display of Advertisements exterior train-Diva SAWANTWADI passenger (10105/10106), Diva - RATNAGIRI passenger (50104,

50103) .Konkan kanya Exp (20112-20111), Mandovi Exp (10104-10103). No. o

Sr. No. 6: Name of Contract: Parcel Scanner at MADGAON. No. of Contracts

Sr. No. 7: Name of Contract: Commercial Publicity through Video Screen

on Station Premises at KARMALI, KARWAR, RATNAGIRI. No. of Contracts

Sr. No. 8: Name of Contract: Advertisements through Hoardings near

Road Under Bridge / Road Over Bridge - Maharshtra, Goa, Karnataka. No. of

Contracts / Lots: 23. Date and Time of E-Auction: 30/04/2025 at 11:00 hrs.

For Queries please Contact: 1) Shri. Pravin Daware, Mob.No. 9004470597

2) Shri. Vinay Gaonkar, Mob No. No.9004476129, 3) Shri. Madhukumar

Shetty, Mob.No. 9004476082. For more details, please visit the website a

Contracts / Lots: 03. Date and Time of E-Auction: 28/04/2025 at 11:00 hrs

Lots: 01. Date and Time of E-Auction: 28/04/2025 at 11:00 hrs

Lots: 03. Date and Time of E-Auction: 29/04/2025 at 11:00 hrs

e- tendering system as per following schedule

GSEC had illegally dismissed the petition on jurisdictional grounds. He submitted before the Court that it is only the GSEC that is legally empowered to hear such matters under Section 10(F) and to pass orders under Section 11 of the

> Goa Panchayati Raj Act. Following the submis-sions, Adv Shirodkar stated that the Court upheld his contention and remanded the matter back to the GSEC with clear instructions to adjudicate it on merits and without undue delay.

"Though there is no specific time frame given, we will pursue the matter expeditiously to ensure it is heard and a decision is given at the earliest," Adv Shirodkar added

Curti-Khandepar gets fifth sarpanch in less than 3 yrs Since the 2022 elections,

PONDA: The game of musical chairs in the Curti-Khandepar Panchayat continues, with the village body electing its fifth Sarpanch since the Panchayat elections in August 2022. The constant reshuffling highlights ongoing political manoeuvring and the ambitions of panchayat members to ascend to the top post.

In the previous term as well, the Panchayat had witnessed eight Sarpanchs, and the current tenure has proven no different, with political interference and internal rivalries fuelling the turnover. The eleven-member

Panchayat has seen changes in leadership either through mutual understanding or no-confidence motions.

students' academic progress

Team Herald

PANJIM: In a move aimed at enhancing the academic and vocational trajectory of students, the Directorate of Education has instructed all government and aided secondary and higher secondary schools in Goa to track and maintain records of students' academic pursuits after they complete Std X and Std XII. The directive will ensure that the educational progress of students is systematically monitored and is available for inspection by official review teams.

The initiative is part of a broader effort to better understand and support students' educational journeys, facilitating improved planning for future academic and career options.

Additionally, as part of the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Education Department

has mandated that schools arrange visits for Std IX and X students to nearby Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).

The policy aims to integrate vocational education into mainstream schooling, starting with hands-on exposure at the middle and secondary school levels. It also stipulates that each student should learn at least one vocational or technical skill and be introduced to various others. This approach is in line with NEP's goal to enhance students' readiness for personal and professional growth.

The circular further instructed school heads to ensure that teachers and students in Std IX and X visit their nearest ITIs to gain insight into skill education. Schools have also been directed to maintain records of the academic activities students pursue after completing their secondary and higher secondary education.



Team Herald the following members have

held the Sarpanch post: Naved Tehsildar (Aug 2022 - May 2023); Sanjana Naik (May 2023 - Dec 2023); Haresh Naik (Jan 2024 - Oct 2024); Abijeet Gaude (Oct 2024 - 13 Mar 2025). The post remained vacant for over a month due to legal complications af-

ter Panch member Bika Kerkar was disqualified by the Ponda BDO following a complaint. However, the Sessions Court later quashed the disqualification, paving the way for the delayed election.

On April 21, 2025, Nilkant Naik was elected as the fifth Sarpanch in the ongoing term, bringing temporary closure to a turbulent phase of leadership.