

shorttakes

**WOMAN FOUND DEAD AT FATORDA, MURDER SUSPECTED**

**MARGAO:** Fatorda Police recovered the body of a middle-aged woman in her room at Madel, Fatorda. While the circumstances are currently under investigation, police suspect it to be a murder. Fatorda police confirmed recovering the body, but could not determine the cause of death. A police team is at the site, and the body was being transported to the South Goa district hospital morgue. Authorities stated that the post-mortem report will provide further clarity regarding the nature of her death. When questioned about any visible injuries on the body, the police declined to disclose any specific details, citing an ongoing investigation. They stated that they cannot provide further information at this stage as the cause of death has not yet been ascertained. Police also indicated that no offence has been officially registered at this time.

**K'TAKA NATIVE DIES AFTER FALLING FROM HOTEL'S SECOND FLOOR**

**MARGAO:** In a tragic incident, 38-year-old Bashir Gudu Sab Ahmed, from Bhatkal, Karnataka, died after falling from the second floor of a hotel located on station road in Margao. According to police, they were alerted by the Casualty Police of South District Hospital, Margao, and upon investigation at the scene, it was found that the door to the deceased's rented room was latched from the inside. The body has been preserved at the South District Hospital in Margao for the medico-legal procedures. Margao PSI Shubham Gaunkar is investigating the case.

**RUSSIAN NATIONAL ARRESTED IN MAPUSA FOR OVERSTAYING**

**PANJIM:** The Mapusa Police have arrested a 44-year-old Russian national Viacheslav Terekhin for allegedly illegally residing in Goa without valid travel documents. Terekhin, who was residing in Paithona, Betim, was found without a valid visa or passport during a visit to the Mapusa court premises.

**COURT ADJOURNS ORDERS ON BAIL PLEAS BY SUSPENDED COPS**

**MARGAO:** The Session Court adjourned the orders on the bail applications moved by suspended PI Sunil Gudlar of Konkarn Railway Police Station and police constable Mohammad Hussien Haryar until May 2. Both were arrested last Tuesday by the Directorate of Vigilance's Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 25,000 from a meat trader from Belagavi.

The court had previously issued notices to the ACB, the Public Prosecutor, and the defence advocate and heard arguments regarding their bail application. Public Prosecutor V G Costa appeared on behalf of the State, while Adv Galileo Teles represented PI Gudlar, and Adv Amey Prabhudessai appeared on behalf of constable Haryar.

**60-YEAR-OLD WOMAN RUN OVER BY TRAIN AT MAYEM**

**PANJIM:** A 60-year-old woman from Bhavkay, Mayem, was allegedly run over by a goods train on Wednesday. The deceased is identified as Shakuntala Hoble. The incident occurred when the woman who was hearing and speech impaired had gone to collect fire wood in morning.

**BORIM BRIDGE LANE CLOSED AT NIGHT FROM MAY 2 TO 20 FOR REPAIR WORK**

**PANJIM:** The Public Works Department (PWD) has announced night-time closure of one lane on the Borim Bridge from May 2 to May 20, between 10 pm and 6 am, to facilitate strengthening and rehabilitation work. The work involves milling and relaying the road surface, laying bituminous concrete etc.

**ILLEGAL SAND MINING RACKET BUSTED AT XELVONA**

**PANJIM:** Authorities have uncovered allegedly illegal sand mining unit operating under the guise of a fisheries factory at Xelvona. The raid was jointly conducted by Quepem Mamlatdar, police and mines dept officials. The authorities found suction pumps and significant quantity of sand allegedly extracted from nearby riverbeds, during raid on the unit.

**OLD ZUARI BRIDGE TO BE CLOSED FOR TRAFFIC FOR 3 HOURS ON MAY 4**

**PANJIM:** The Public Works Department has ordered the closure of the Old Zuari Bridge for all types of traffic from 6.30 am to 9.30 am on May 4 for deck level recording. All traffic will be diverted through the adjacent New Zuari Bridge during the period.

**QUEPEM SENIOR CITIZEN DIES BY SUICIDE AT HIS RESIDENCE**

**MARGAO:** Santolino Benidicto Fernandes, a senior citizen from Quepem, died by suicide at his residence. Quepem Police said that Santolino expired in South Goa District Hospital, Margao, while undergoing treatment after consuming pesticide. Police enquiry revealed that on the intervening night of April 28 and 29, Santolino had consumed alcohol and later accidentally drank the pesticide at his residence. Police said that the body has been preserved at SGDH Margao for medico legal formalities. Quepem PSI Yogesh Gaonkar is investigating.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT: ARGUMENTS ON DOC'S BAIL PLEA ADJOURNED**

**MARGAO:** Arguments on Dr Samuel Arawattigi's bail application, concerning the alleged sexual assault of a nurse, were adjourned by the South Goa Session Judge until May 2. Dr Arawattigi is currently in four days of police remand. Following the bail application, the court notified the Cuncoim police, defence advocate, and public prosecutor. Arguments were initially set for April 30 but are now moved to May 2. The Cuncoim Police said that Dr. Arawattigi was arrested on Friday night and opposed the bail application, citing the seriousness of the alleged offence.

# Federation MD suspended over Rs 5.5 crore 'fraud'

The action follows reports of alleged cheating over purchase of onions; Committee of Administrators to coordinate with Nashik Police's EOW

Team Herald

**PANJIM:** The Goa State Co-operative Marketing & Supply Federation Ltd has suspended its managing director Kashinath Naik, following directions from the Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS).

The suspension comes following reports alleging a Rs 5.5 crore fraud involving NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India) and other Federations in Nashik over purchase of onions.

A detailed inquiry and disciplinary proceedings are being initiated, with the Committee of Administrators set to coordinate with the Nashik Police's Economic Offences Wing.

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**GOANS LEFT 'TEARY-EYED'**

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Meanwhile, the Goa State Co-operative Marketing & Supply Federation Ltd has also flagged another incident involving a staff member that resulted in a significant financial loss to the tune of Rs 1.95 crore in which it was alleged that appropriate disciplinary action was not initiated by the managing director.

## Security measures enhanced for Shirgao zatra, drones deployed



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**PANJIM:** North Goa Police have put in place extensive security and traffic management plans for the annual Shree Devi Lairai Zatra in Shirgao, anticipating a large number of devotees from all over the State.

To enhance these measures, two drones have been deployed for aerial surveillance to help monitor crowd movement and ensure public safety.

North Goa SP Akshat Kausal, along with other senior police officers, visited the temple premises before

the event. Kausal stated that the drone surveillance will assist ground teams in maintaining law and order throughout the festival.

He further mentioned that after inspecting the temple and its surroundings and offering suggestions to the temple committee, a significant number of police personnel have been deployed. Additionally, the number of Police Inspectors and SDPOs present during the Zatra has been increased.

He expressed confidence in ensuring a smooth and peaceful zatra.

## 48 hours after daughter's murder, dad still at large

Maina-Curtorim Police return from Karnataka, after failing to locate him

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**MARGAO:** Forty-eight hours have passed since the murder of the six-year-old girl in Macasana, the whereabouts of the accused father, Saleem Dambal, remain unknown.

The Maina-Curtorim police dispatched a team to search for Saleem, a native of Gadag, Karnataka, who has been absconding after allegedly committing the murder of his daughter. The team has since returned, having been unable to locate him in his native village.

The disturbing incident involved Saleem, reportedly in an inebriated state, fatally hitting his daughter

with a wooden rod over a minor issue.

The family resided in a small hut in Macasana and included Saleem's wife, Sumayya Dambal, their deceased six-year-old daughter Sannika Dambal, and their four-year-old son Sanvit Dambal.

Police said that the body of the young girl has been preserved at the South Goa District Hospital for a post-mortem examination, and the report is pending.

Police have recorded the statements in connection with the case.

Investigations revealed that the family had recently moved to the Salcete taluka and were residing in a roadside location in Macasa-

na. The Maina-Curtorim police have registered the case under sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023, and the Goa Children's Act.

A manhunt has been launched to nab the accused.

Police teams searched various locations and potential hideouts and have reviewed CCTV footage from nearby areas.

Railway stations and bus stands are also under surveillance to nab the accused, who fled after his daughter was declared dead at the primary health centre. The motive behind this horrific act is currently unknown, and the police investigation is on.

## Colva to celebrate State's distilling & culinary heritage

To host Spirit of Goa Festival from May 2 to 4

Team Herald

**PANJIM:** The Department of Tourism will organise a three-day Spirit of Goa Festival- 2025, a celebration of Goa's distilling and culinary heritage at the SAG grounds, Colva from May 2 to 4.

Speaking to reporters, Director of Tourism Kedar Naik said, "The Spirit of Goa Festival is more than just a celebration - it is a tribute to Goa's legacy of craftsmanship, innovation, and community spirit. By blending tradition with creativity, the festival presents a vibrant showcase of our rich heritage to the world. We are committed to strengthening such platforms that empower local artisans, distillers, and culinary talent, while also offering visitors an authentic taste of Goa's evolving story."

The three-day event will showcase 40 stalls and a wide spectrum of locally distilled beverages - from the traditional and GI-tagged Cashew

Feni, to innovative feni infusions, premium gins, craft beers, and exotic spirits crafted from both imported and indigenous raw materials. Distillers will also present exciting new ventures in wines and agave-based spirits, highlighting the dynamic future of Goa's beverage industry, Naik said.

The festival will offer a rich culinary journey. Moving beyond coconut and cashew-based dishes, the food curation will embrace ingredients such as banana flower, kokum, raw jack fruit, Bimla (bimbli), and mango, bringing together authentic Saraswat, Konkani, and Christian cuisines, alongside contemporary Goan fusion creations.

There will be master classes on traditional food preparation and mixology, a curated Feni Experience Centre featuring Goa's top distillers, live demonstrations of Goan arts and crafts, vibrant photobooth with props and the lively cashew stomping sessions which will delight participants of all ages.

## Trio held for online roulette gambling at Verna

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**VASCO:** The Verna Police on Tuesday arrested three persons for allegedly operating an online roulette gambling at Nagoa-Pirni, Verna.

Acting on a tip-off, the police conducted a raid at the location and found the accused engaging in online gambling using electronic tablets. During the raid, the police seized three tablets and Rs 6,500 in cash from

the accused, all totally valued at Rs 66,500.

The Verna Police have registered a case against the three accused under Sections 3 and 4 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act.

## Archdiocese gets eight new priests

Auxiliary Bishop urges newly-ordained priests to treasure priesthood as God's gift

Team Herald

**PANJIM:** Eight new priests were ordained for the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman, at St Cathedral, Old Goa, by Auxiliary Bishop Simiao Purificacao Fernandes on Wednesday.

In a joyous celebration attended by over 100 priests and Lay Faithful, the deacons Slater Alemao from Chinchinim, Valfern Barbosa from Raia, Malcolm Palmer Colaco from Navelim, Sheldon Michael D'Souza from Salvador do Mundo, Benny Fernandes from Siroda, Jason Keith Fernandes from Dona Paula (Caranzalem), Jason Cajetan Travasso from Nagoa, Bardez and Frazer Xavier Vaz from Vasco were ordained as priests and posted in different parishes.

In his homily, the Auxiliary Bishop highlighted the role of a good shepherd.

He emphasised that just as the theme chosen by the Deacons says, "Shepherds unto Jesus, signs of Hope" they have to be shepherds giving hope to the needy, to the dejected, to those ostracised in the society, to the youth who have gone



**NEWLY-ORDAINED PRIESTS**

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astray and to those who live on the peripheries.

He called upon the newly-ordained priests to have this as their aim, giving hope to all. Secondly he called upon the newly ordained priests to treasure their priesthood as it is a gift from God. In the third place, he urged them to be men of prayer that they may be deeply rooted in Christ. Finally, he ad-

vised them to build unity amongst the people and to treat everyone equally.

The newly-ordained Priests will now take charge of their new assignments.

Fr Slater Alemao is appointed Assistant to the Parish Priest of St Joseph Church, Sao Jose de Areal, Fr Valfern Barbosa is appointed Assistant to the Parish Priest of Our Lady of So-

The Auxiliary Bishop congratulated the newly-ordained priests in the name of the Archbishop Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrao (who is in Rome) and conveyed his best wishes and blessings to them.

Fr Norbert D'Silva was the Master of Ceremony for the ordination whereas Fr Afonso Mendonca took care of the Liturgy. Fr Mathew Rebello led the choir during the Mass.

Church, Usgao, Fr Malcolm Palmer Colaco is appointed as Assistant to the Parish Priest of St John The Baptist Church, Benaulum, Fr Sheldon Michael D'Souza is appointed Assistant to the Parish Priest of Rosary Church, Fatorda, Fr Benny Fernandes is appointed Assistant to the Parish Priest of St Anne's Church, Parra, Fr Jason Keith Fernandes is appointed Assistant to the Parish Priest of Se Cathedral Church, Old Goa, Fr Jason Cajetan Travasso is appointed Assistant to the Parish Priest of Our Lady Of Gloria Church, Varca and Fr Frazer Xavier Vaz is appointed Assistant to the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Socorro Church, Carmona.

## power shutdown

• **SAO JOSE DE AREAL:** On May 2, from 8 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Goa Sintered, Ramnagri, Vagulem and Camrashet.

• **CURTORIM:** On May 2, from 8 am to 3 pm. Affected areas are Tembim, New Monzon Aframent and Modi Tembim.

• **PONDA:** On May 2, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected area is Rajangan.

• **PONDA:** On May 3, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Shetye avenue, Satyam Shivan building and Yashwant hall.

• **CURTORIM:** On May 3, from 9 am to 4 pm. Affected areas are Panchabhat and Combhat.

• **AMBELIM:** On May 3, from 9 am to 20 pm. Affected areas are Caroi, Tolleconto, Gurcomord, Zano, Odyzaino, Velim Bazar, Cairowado, Velim Church, Vazwado, Collewado, Banda-Assolna, New Ambelim, SP hall, Ambelim ground, Fondop, Sucomadem, Nagbagh, Bagha, Culasowado and Vazwado.

• **SAO JOSE DE AREAL:** On May 3, from 8 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Nallah, Bethany Convent, Sonu Township, Nessai 4 road and Green Field.

## APPOINTMENTS

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