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MAHARASHTRA NATIVE FOUND DEAD IN MARGAO HOTEL

MARGAO: The local police found Kabir Mujawar, 56, of Maharashtra unconscious in a locked hotel room. Police responded to a call from a hotel receptionist in Gandhi Market, Margao, reporting that Mujawar was not opening his room door. Upon arrival, police and fire brigade staff broke open the door and found Mujawar lying on the bed. Ambulance staff declared him dead. Police conducted an inquest, and the body has been preserved at SGDh, Margao for medico-legal procedures. PSI Sanjay Velip is investigating the case.

SCOOTER STOLEN FROM OPEN PARKING PLACE IN MARGAO

MARGAO: Sonal Doshi, proprietor of Doshi Enterprises in Margao, filed a complaint with the Fatorda Police in connection with a theft of a scooter. According to the complainant, the incident occurred at an open parking place in Pajifond, Margao. The complainant estimates the value of the stolen scooter to be Rs 10,000. Fatorda ASI Ashish Velip is investigating the case.

BIHAR NATIVE ARRESTED WITH DRUGS WORTH RS 5 LAKH

MARGAO: In a recent narcotic raid at Char Rasta, flyover bridge, Canacona Police arrested Manoj Yadav, a native for Bihar, in illegal possession of a greenish-coloured dry leafy substance suspected to be ganja worth Rs 5.09 lakh. The accused has been remanded to 5 days of police custody by the JMFC, Quepem. Canacona PSI Babu Dessai is investigating the case.

BENAULIM LOCAL FILES ASSAULT COMPLAINT WITH THE COLVA POLICE

MARGAO: Antonio Rodrigues, a resident of Benaulim, complained to the Colva Police that an unknown person allegedly drove his Maharashtra registered car in a rash and negligent manner, endangering his life and others and later assaulted him. According to the complainant, the incident occurred on May 3, near Joe Liquor and Supermarket, when an unidentified individual driving an MH registered car drove in a rash and negligent manner. When Rodrigues questioned the driver, the unknown person allegedly assaulted him with punches to the face, causing grievous injuries, and then fled. Further investigation conducted by Colva PSI Manju Vantamuri.

CARMONA WOMAN DUPED OF RS 4.5 LAKH

MARGAO: A woman from Carmona lodged a complaint with the Colva Police stating that Dipesh Joshi contacted her via WhatsApp video call, misrepresenting himself as an Investigation Officer from the Delhi Police Station duped her of Rs 4.5 lakh. According to the complainant, during the call, Joshi allegedly informed her that she is involved in a money laundering case and induced her to transfer Rs 4,50,000 to Sidhesh Ajay's bank account. The complainant alleged she was defrauded through this impersonation. The Colva Police are investigating the case.

MARGAO GIRL DIED DUE TO A HEAD INJURY: POSTMORTEM

MARGAO: The postmortem examination by the doctors at South Goa District Hospital (SGDH) confirmed that the 10-year-old girl from Margao died due to a head injury sustained from a fall. Maina-Curtorim Police stated that the incident appears to have occurred while she was playing, and no foul play is suspected at this time. The investigation into the exact circumstances of the fall is on. Statements from relatives, including the father, have been recorded. The police were informed by South Goa District Hospital (SGDH) casualty regarding the death. An inquest panchanama was conducted, and the body was transferred to the SGDH morgue. PSI Sagar Kamat is investigating the case.

power shutdown

VASCO: On May 9, from 9 am to 11 am. Affected areas are Susheela Seawinds, near Goa Shipyard, behind Goa Shipyard, near Vaddem Lake, Pai hospital, Mercedes wado, Cottage hospital, near BSNL tower, Mogubai estate, entire New Vaddem and Shantinagar.
CARAMBOLIM: On May 8 from 9.30 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Vikasnagar, Maganlal, Sapna Sarovar and vicinity of Carambolim village.
BICHOIM: On May 9 between 9 am and 2 pm. Affected areas are Kholpe, Stone Crusher and surrounding areas.
PONDA: On May 9 from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Nageshnagar, Sambhari residency and surrounding areas.
CURTORIM: On May 9 between 9 am and 4 pm. Affected areas are Virabhat and Maria Bar.
NAVELIM: On May 9 from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Tulsi Bungalow, Navelim Church side, Rosary College area, Ratwaddo, Ex-MLA Avertano Furtado office area, Telaulim Panchayat area, Telaulim Chapel, Diana Soda Factory, Nagmodem ground, Nagmodem four roads, Telaulim ground, Dhedigo, Sinquetim ground, Woddle Sinquetim and Tolleband.

POWERLINE WARNING

CANACONA: The installation of 11/0.433KV, 3-Phase, 50Hz, 250KVA distribution transformer centre at M/s Goan Liquor Products Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 41, 42, 49, 50 and 51 Canacona Industrial Estate, Canacona along with 11KV underground cable will be tested charged from May 9 and it will remain charged thereafter. The public are warned not to come in contact of electrical equipment and not to graze cattle near the above mentioned locations as it is highly dangerous to life and property.

CCP to raze 2 unsafe buildings before rains

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) is set to demolish at least two buildings that have been declared unsafe and dangerous within its jurisdiction before the onset of the monsoon, a senior CCP official confirmed.

Speaking to O Herald, the official said, "We have received the report of two buildings — one in Panjim and another in Ribandar. We have started issuing notices to the occupants now. These buildings have been declared dangerous and require demolition. Initially, 12 buildings were identified as unsafe, but now new buildings have been added and the list stands at 20. The building in the capital city will have to be demolished as it is unsafe now."

The decision follows a report submitted by Goa Engineering College (GEC),

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which assessed the structural stability of the buildings and concluded that they were unfit for occupation and in need of demolition.

Last year, the CCP had identified 12 buildings in Panaji that were in a dilapidated and dangerous condition. Subsequently, the Corporation wrote to GEC, Farmagudi, requesting a Structural Stability Study of the structures.

This action was initiated in the wake of the partial collapse of an unoccupied building due to heavy rains at St Inez on 17 Au-

gust 2024. Following the incident, CCP Mayor Rohit Monserrate and then North Goa District Collector Sneha Gitte, IAS, visited the site. After inspection, Mayor Monserrate had stated that a stability report of other buildings would be sought and, if deemed unsafe, such buildings would also be demolished upon receiving orders from the District Collector.

He added that the CCP would approach either GEC or Government Polytechnic, Altinho, to conduct structural audits of the remaining buildings.

UTTER NEGLECT



The authorities concerned have turned a blind eye to a damaged telephone junction box at Mapusa market entrance

Three injured as fish truck crashes into Cuncolim house

Team Herald

MARGAO: Three people were injured after a fish container truck veered off the road and crashed into a residential house near Cuncolim Market. Cuncolim Police have registered an accident case and are investigating the cause of the crash, which took place around 11.45 p.m. The incident occurred when the truck, loaded with fish and travelling from Maharashtra to Kerala, lost control and rammed into the house. Head Constable Sandesh



Gaonker of Cuncolim Police Station conducted the panchanama, and the fish tanker has been brought to the police station.

According to police, Pritam Lotliker, 25 who was seated on a sofa inside the house, sustained inju-

ries in the crash. He was taken to South Goa District Hospital in Margao and later discharged. Two other members of his family — his mother and aunt — were also present in the house but were in another room at the time and escaped unhurt.

PI's hubby booked for duping youth with fake overseas job offers

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Crime Branch police registered a case against the husband of a Police Inspector (PI) and his two associates for alleged cheating, forgery, and duping several youth seeking jobs abroad.

The case has been registered against Ajay Shirodkar, his co-accused Sanket Shirodkar and Avesh Kakodkar for alleged offences including cheating, forgery, human trafficking, criminal conspiracy, and criminal intimidation under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023. "All the accused are on the run, but are placed under surveillance," say a police officer from the crime branch.

Nitesh Naik, a resident of Nuvem, lodged a complaint stating that he paid a total of Rs 28 lakh to Ajay Shirodkar in 2024 after being promised a high-paying job in the USA. Ajay had assured him that all travel and immigration procedures would be legal and

smooth, claiming he had already successfully sent many Goan job aspirants abroad.

Naik has alleged that Ajay provided forged documents and routed him illegally through multiple countries.

He was forced to stay in Amsterdam illegally, without adequate food and water while in transit. Subsequently, Ajay sent Naik on different forged documents and tickets to the Republic of Dominica via Sint Maarten and Port of Spain. Due to the forged documentation, Naik was denied boarding at Amsterdam. Upon contacting Ajay, the latter arranged a return ticket to Mumbai and assured him that there were multiple routes and that no one had ever returned to Goa, promising to still send him to the USA.

In October 2024, associate Avesh Kakodkar came to Mumbai and took USD 3,500 from Naik. A few days later, Naik was sched-

uled to travel from Mumbai to Qatar, then to São Paulo, and thereafter to El Salvador. However, the airline denied him boarding due to forged documentation. Ajay then took him to Bengaluru and arranged travel to Qatar. Two days later, in Qatar, Naik was given more forged documents and sent to El Salvador, but was detained by Brazilian immigration authorities and deported to Mumbai, according to the complaint.

Naik stated that he returned home on 29 November 2024 and learnt that his wife had suffered a miscarriage during his absence.

In December 2024, Naik undertook another journey, travelling to Chennai, Bangkok, China, and eventually Mexico. There, he was forced to hide in a jungle without food for two days and was later detained by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) while attempting to cross the USA-Mexico border. He was jailed in

Calangute forum files plaint against 'illegal' compound wall in Coastal Regulation Zone

Team Herald

CALANGUTE: The Calangute Constituency Forum (CCF) filed a formal complaint with the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) concerning the construction of an alleged illegal compound wall at a property in Sinquerim.

According to the complaint, the new owners of the property, located near the Agwad museum, are erecting a three-meter high compound wall. The CCF asserts that this construction violates Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) rules and falls within a CRZ and No Development Zone (NDZ).

The complaint further states that GCZMA officials conducted a site inspection on Wednesday at the property bearing survey numbers 88/1A and 1B in Sinquerim, Candolim, which is now reportedly owned by a holiday homes private company.

The CCF has expressed serious concerns that "the said illegal construction poses a severe environmental threat, endangering

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the fragile coastal ecosystem and violating established legal provisions."

The Forum has now urged the authorities to issue an immediate stop-work notice to those responsible, initiate legal proceedings against the involved parties, order the removal of the unauthorised structure and the restoration of the site to its original condition and implement stricter measures to prevent future violations within CRZ and NDZ areas.

The CCF highlights that prior to this, the NGPDA had reportedly denied permission to the previous owner, Jimmy Guzdar, for any such development on the property. The Forum also contends that the current con-

struction disregards these prior directives, as well as existing environmental regulations, coastal protection laws, and other applicable legislation.

Additionally, the CCF states that the construction of this compound wall is obstructing traditional fishermen's access to the seafront, impacting their daily fishing activities and livelihoods.

The complaint also mentions that as per the Regional Plan 2021, the adjacent road is designated as an MDR with a width of 25 meters, and the current construction allegedly does not adhere to the proper setbacks mandated by this plan.

Furthermore, the CCF notes that the required permissions, NOCs, and licenses, along with approved plans as mandated by the Building Construction Act 2010, are not being displayed at the site.

CCF President Premnand Divkar stated that "These big companies have taken coastal environment for granted."

ED attaches properties worth Rs 2,348 cr in real estate fraud

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached residential properties in Goa as part of an ongoing crackdown on a massive real estate fraud allegedly led by Ashish Bhalla, head of the WTC group. The assets, valued at Rs 2,348 cr, are now under the agency's control.

The properties which have been attached in Goa are part of a larger portfolio of assets that span multiple regions, including Delhi-NCR, Gurugram, Faridabad, and Noida.

The Gurugram Zonal Office of ED initiated investigation on the basis of more than 30 FIRs registered by Faridabad Police, Delhi EOW, and other law enforcement agencies under various sections of the IPC, 1860 pertaining to offences including cheating, fraud, and criminal conspiracy.

ED investigation revealed that over 12,000 investors were duped by Bhalla and his group companies through a well-orchestrated scheme of promising assured returns on investments in plots and commercial spaces under the WTC brand.

Borim residents fume as bison dies of 'thirst' in bagayat



Team Herald

PONDA: A wild bison, which lay battling for life during the last eight days in a private orchard at Sakhwar, Borim, was found dead, prompting public outrage over unplanned development and the authorities' continued neglect of wildlife concerns in the region.

Local residents blamed indiscriminate hill-cutting, rampant construction, fencing, and highway expansion works for displacing wildlife from their natural habitats.

They reiterated long-standing demands for designated animal corridors along highways, particularly in light of the ongoing four-lane road expansion projects in Ponda.

Deepak Borkar, in whose bagayat (orchard) the bison lay for over a week, said the animal was visibly weak and may have died of thirst.

"The bison struggled to leave the area but couldn't manage. I tried feeding bananas and other food, but sadly, it didn't survive," Borkar said.

Rahul Naik, another local, expressed frustration over the lack of planning. "Due to unregulated development and road widening, hills are being destroyed and natural water sources are vanishing. Wild animals like this bison are losing their habitat and access to drinking water," he said.

Naik noted that the dead bison likely wandered down from the hills and became trapped in the area due to steep slopes and fencing along potential escape routes. "Confused and desperate, these animals roam into villages in search of food and water. This is not an isolated case — similar incidents have been reported in the Borim area before."

APPOINTMENTS



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Invitation of applications for hiring of
Senior Expert (Regulatory) in Airports
Economic Regulatory Authority of India

Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) invites applications from eligible candidates as Senior Expert (Regulatory) for attending Tariff related work as per Terms of Reference (TOR). Candidate with requisite qualification and experience as prescribed would be hired in the respective category as per vacancy indicated. Vacancies are liable to be changed without any prior notice and without assigning any reason whatsoever.

2. The details including eligibility criteria, Terms of Reference (TOR) etc. are available in vacancy notice published on the AERA's website: www.aera.gov.in Last date of receipt of application is 27.05.2025 upto 5.30 P.M. Applications to be submitted as per details/mode mentioned in the vacancy notice. Applications received after due date and time will not be entertained.

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