

shorttakes

SOUTH GOA POLICE ENHANCE SECURITY MEASURES

MARGAO: In light of the current national security situation, the South Goa district police have enhanced security measures. These includes armed and unarmed personnel deployed at vital installations, crowded areas, and places of worship. Additionally, police have been stationed for nakabandi operations at the strategic Mollem and Polem check posts. A strict watch is being maintained on vehicles, and thorough checks are being conducted at the border and various other locations. Authorities are also closely monitoring crowded places, and unfamiliar individuals are being questioned. Vehicle checks are particularly stringent at the Mollem border to prevent any potential incidents.

ST ANTHONY'S FEAST AT VERODA

VERODA: The parishioners of St. Anthony Church, Veroda, will celebrate the feast of St Anthony on May 11. Masses will be at 8 am and at 11 am (feast Mass).

MAINA CURTORIM POLICE PROBE THEFT CASE

MARGAO: Faiyaz Shaikh, a resident of Lakaki Salcete, has complained to the Maina Curtorim police that an electric scooter, a bicycle, and a mobile phone, collectively valued at Rs 1 lakh, were stolen. In his complaint, Shaikh has identified the alleged perpetrator as Venkatesh Nayak, who resides near Lakaki Salcete and is originally from Gadag, Karnataka. Nayak is accused of taking the aforementioned items belonging to the complainant, thereby committing theft. Assistant Sub-Inspector Hemant Gaude of the Maina Curtorim Police Station has registered the offence under Section 303 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. Further investigation into the matter is currently underway.

MOBILE OF TRAIN COMMUTER STOLEN ON VASCO-YESHWANTPUR EXPRESS

MARGAO: Kannabhiran C from Chennai, Tamil Nadu lodged a complaint with the Vasco Railway Police that on April 20, that while aboard the Vasco-Yeshwantpur Express which had stopped at the Sanvordem Railway Station Platform, an unidentified person stole the complainant's mobile phone worth Rs 15,000. An offence under sections 304(2) and 303(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) has been registered. PSI Krishna Talpi is currently investigating this case.

MAHARASHTRIAN NATIVE FOUND DEAD AT GRAND MADEL IN MARGAO

MARGAO: The body of Tejas Fatde, a native of Pirni, Cumborda, Nagve and originally from Kudal, Maharashtra was found at Grand Madel in Margao. According to Fatorada Police, they were alerted by staff at Robot 32 who reported finding a male person lying unresponsive in a room at Grand Madel. Upon arrival, the police team conducted an initial inquiry and found the body of a male on the floor. Subsequent inquiries with his friends led to the identification of the deceased as Tejas Fatde. The police investigation indicates that on May 7, Tejas was under the influence of alcohol and slept on the floor. The following morning, on May 8, his friends attempted to wake him but received no response. One of his friends, Kuldeep Somalkar, then contacted the 108 emergency services and transported Tejas to SGDH, Margao. The doctor on duty at the hospital declared him dead upon arrival. Police conducted a panchanama and inquest at the scene. The body was then referred for a post-mortem examination. The Police Surgeon, after conducting the autopsy, certified the cause of death as "Hemorrhagic pancreatitis."

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY HELD AT RACHOL CHURCH

RACHOL: The sacrament of confirmation ceremony was held at Our Lady of Snows Church in Rachol on Saturday. Auxiliary Bishop Fr Simião Purificação Fernandes administered the sacrament to 60 children in the presence of parish priest Fr Anthony Rodrigues, priests and parishioners.

NO BY-POLL IN CHICALIM, 'PAID HOLIDAY' CANCELLED

PANJIM: The 'paid holiday' previously announced for May 11, which was designated as the 'Polling Day' for the by-election in Ward No. 1 of Chicalim Village Panchayat, has been cancelled. This cancellation follows the declaration by the Goa State Election Commission that no by-election will be held in this ward, as a candidate has been declared elected unopposed.

power shutdown

- **CURTORIM:** On May 12 from 9 am to 4 pm on Eclate Old DTC. Affected areas are Eclate.
- **AGONDA:** On May 12, from 9 am to 5 pm. Areas affected Cola Agonda, part of Devabhad Adpem, Nuvem
- **AQUEM:** On May 12 from 9 am to 3 pm. Areas affected are Priyanaka enclave cooperative society, behind Costa factory, behind Pandava Chapel and surrounding areas.
- **MARGAO:** On May 13 from 9 am to 3 pm. Affected areas are Mustafa Boutique, Apollo Pharmacy, Hari Mandir and surrounding areas.

POWER LINE WARNING

The 11KV, 3, core x 300sq.mm, XLPE underground cable along with RMU & LBS and other associated equipments for 11KV underground cable network for 11KV Saleli feeder from 33/11KV Valpoi Sub-station to Advoi and Bhompadeli to Shignem-Pisurlem will be test charged on May 12 at 12 pm and will remain charged thereafter. Hence the public in the area are made aware that any contacts with the said 11KV underground cable and its associated equipment are highly dangerous to life and property and hence the general public are advised to keep themselves away from the said 11KV underground cable and associated equipments, say a press release.

Collem residents demand probe into assault case

Gather in large numbers at police station seeking justice for 3 youth, accuse cops of 'dilly-dalling' with case

Team Herald

PONDA: Tensions ran high in Collem following a demonstration by a large group of residents at the police station late Saturday evening, demanding a thorough inquiry into the assault of three local youth four days prior over a minor traffic incident.

The protesting locals met Collem PI Ragoba Kamath to express their concerns. They insisted that all eight individuals involved in the incident, including one person from Mollem, be properly investigated.

Residents voiced their frustration that despite the passage of four days, only one of the accused has been questioned by the police. They urged for the immediate questioning of the remaining seven individuals. PI Ragoba Kamath assured the crowd that the



Protesting locals met Collem PI Ragoba Kamath and demanded he probe the matter

investigation is underway and advised them not to be alarmed, stating that notices have been issued to the accused for questioning.

According to local accounts, the incident began when the side mirror of a car carrying seven individuals from Ponda, traveling towards Mollem, reportedly brushed against the bike of the three Collem youths.

When the youths cautioned the car driver about safe driving practices, the occupants of the car allegedly pursued and assaulted the youths, who had stopped at a hotel. It is also reported that a local youth from Mollem joined the seven individuals in assaulting the trio.

The gathered locals have reportedly stated they will

remain at the police station until the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) visits to address the situation.

The parents of the assaulted youths have filed formal complaints and are demanding a comprehensive investigation into all eight individuals involved, including the seven car occupants from Ponda and the local from Mollem.

Calangute beach road starts sinking, allege Congress workers



Team Herald

CALANGUTE: After repeated incidents of the Baga road in Calangute sinking at various spots due to shoddy work on the sewerage pipeline network, including multiple times at the Tito's lane junction, with loaded water tankers collapsing inside, Congress workers on Saturday said a sewerage chamber manhole on the busy beach road here has started sinking.

Holding a small protest to highlight the emerging hole, Calangute block Congress workers said the area around the sinking manhole has started oozing raw sewage which is flowing on the road which is used by a large number of vehicles and tourists visiting Calangute, and urged the authorities to take immediate

steps to prevent any mishaps, they said.

They said there is a strong possibility of the road caving in during the coming monsoon, as has happened over the last few years on Baga road. "The JICA work on the sewerage pipeline network is going on and the sewage is coming out, but none of their engineers are there to look at this. It is clear that the work is shoddy. One of the sewerage chambers has collapsed. Already the Baga road has been sinking and now with the rains coming, the Calangute beach road is collapsing and the sewage is coming out," Lawrence Silveira, Congress block president said.

Congress members said it's been more than 10 years since the sewerage pipeline network work

started in Calangute and it's still not completed. "In Calangute we have not seen clean, smooth roads for more than 10 years. They're constantly sinking. Now the rains are coming, they'll start sinking again. Now it's sinking in May," they said.

"Surrounding the chamber sewage water has started bubbling up like a fountain and we're sure it will sink further. Already some people on two-wheelers have fallen down but they did not die. Maybe they're waiting for someone to die before doing something," the Congress workers said.

"Calangute is a world famous tourist destination and if you're going to bring in good tourists, then the infrastructure has to be developed properly," they said.

Major accident averted at Curchorem as truck ignores traffic circle, driver detained

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CURCHOREM: A major road accident was averted near the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chowk at Curchorem when a 12-wheeler truck from Karnataka, transporting concrete to the Cacor Industrial Estate, dangerously violated traffic rules by taking a wrong turn and bypassing the designated traffic circle.

The reckless manoeuvre nearly caused a head-on collision with Police Officer Nilesh Desai, who was travelling from Sanguem to Curchorem in a four-wheeler. Quick reflexes prevented a major crash, but the incident highlighted growing concerns over traffic violations by heavy vehicles in the area. The Curchorem police have since detained the truck driver for questioning and further investigation. Authorities are examining whether negligence, unfamiliarity with local routes, or disregard for road safety played a role in the incident.

Police officials have urged truck drivers and transport operators to strictly follow road signage and traffic patterns to avoid life-threatening situations, especially in densely trafficked areas.

Bribery case: Cops directed to preserve CCTV footage

Team Herald

MARGAO: The Additional District and Sessions Court has directed the Deputy Superintendent of Konkani Railway Police Station to preserve CCTV footage from the ground floor and outside the police station in Margao between 6 pm on April 21 and 2 pm on April 22 until the next hearing date.

The order follows an application by Adv Galileo F Teles, representing suspended PI Sunil Gudlar, under Section 94 of BNSS, 2023, requesting the preservation of the footage.

Adv Teles argued that providing the footage would not prejudice the investigation, as the panchanama involving his client has already been transcribed.

The application also stated that police station CCTV footage is generally public record and its preservation is crucial in this case, as Gudlar alleges false implication following his arrest outside the police station.

The application further highlighted a General Diary entry from April 21, noting Gudlar's departure for patrolling before the Anti-Corruption Bureau raid. Access to station diary entries and CCTV footage from entry/exit points and the Anti-Corruption Bureau office on the ground floor is necessary to review the events of the incident and prevent the false implication of Gudlar in FIR No. 1 of 2025.

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WRD inspects Dudhsagar, Undai rivers before rains

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PONDA: Water Resources Department (WRD) Minister Subash Shirodkar and Savordem MLA Ganesh Gaonkar, along with a team of WRD officials and engineers, on Saturday conducted an inspection of the confluence point of the Dudhsagar and Undai rivers at Nirankal-Dabal. This area is prone to flooding during the monsoon season, which impacts the residents of both the Shiroda and Savordem Constituencies.

During the monsoon, the significant flow of the Dudhsagar River from Karnataka often leads to flooding. This high water level obstructs the natural flow of the smaller Undai River at their confluence in Nirankal-Dabal, subsequently causing the Undai River to flood the Nirankal-Dabal villages. The obstruction caused by the

flooded Dudhsagar prevents the Undai River from merging properly, leading to the submergence of the Dabal-Nirankal Ponda road. This flooding often reaches up to one meter in height and can disrupt traffic and daily life for as long as two to three days during periods of heavy rainfall.

WRD Minister Subash Shirodkar stated that the WRD team has been monitoring the annual flooding situation in Nirankal village each monsoon. As a result of these observations, a decision has been made to undertake desiltation work at the merging point of the two rivers. The aim of this project is to remove accumulated silt and thereby prevent the flooding of the Undai River in the Nirankal-Dabal area.

Sarpanch of Kirpal Dabal, along with representatives from Bethora Nirankal Conshem Codar, were also present during the inspection.

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