

shorttakes**BURNING OF CHEMICAL WASTE: SANGUEM MAMLATDAR FILES POLICE COMPLAINT**

MARGAO: Sanguem Mamlatdar filed a complaint with Curchorem Police regarding the unlawful dumping and burning of chemical waste near the BSF Plant, Costimol, Sanguem. An offence under BNS, 2023 has been registered. The investigation is on.

FOUR HELD FOR THREATENING A PERSON WITH A KNIFE IN MARGAO

MARGAO: The Margao police arrested Aslam Mastan Sheikh, Deepak Sahani, Aftab Khan, and Akash Bote for threatening a person with a knife. Sonu Turkey from Gandhi Market reported that on May 9, at 5.30 pm near Apollo Victor Hospital, Malbhat, Margao, the accused restrained and threatened him with a knife, assaulted him with a hammer, and forcibly took his mobile phone, wireless earbuds, and Rs 400 in cash, totalling Rs 12,400. All four accused have been arrested and remanded to five days of police custody by JMFC, Margao. The offence has been registered under BNS 2023. PSI Sameer Gaonkar is investigating.

VERNA COCONUT PLUCKER DIES AS TREE CRASHES IN COLVA

MARGAO: Prakash Dungdung, a coconut plucker from Verna died after a coconut tree uprooted at a cottage in Colva. Colva Police were informed by Registered Medical officer (RMO) of the South Goa District Hospital, Margao, that Prakash was brought dead.

Police inquiry revealed that he was with four friends to pluck coconuts at the cottage when the tree uprooted. He sustained injuries from the fall and was declared dead at the hospital. Police conducted the panchanama, and the body has been persevered at the hospital morgue. Postmortem report is pending.

DECOMPOSED BODY OF WOMAN FOUND AT HER SERAULIM RESIDENCE

MARGAO: Colva police found a decomposed body of a 78-year-old woman in Seraulim. Responding to an anonymous call, police found the Seraulim resident dead inside her home due to decomposition and a foul odour. Enquiries with family members revealed that the deceased lived alone in her ancestral house since 2021 and was last seen by neighbours on May 6 at around 5 pm. Family members found her on the kitchen floor on May 9. Further investigation revealed that the deceased had a history of heart disease and chronic illness. Following the scene examination, and post-mortem, the cause of death could not be definitively determined due to the advanced decomposition. However, signs suggested Myocardial Infarction with Occlusive Coronary Artery Disease. The body was handed over to the family members for final rites. Colva LPSI Varshda Naik Dessai is investigating.

JOB ASPIRANT FROM QUEPEM DUPED OF RS 4.8 LAKH

MARGAO: Michelle Remedios, posing as a recruitment agent for RIS International Services Mumbai, allegedly induced a woman from Quepem to pay Rs 4.8 lakh via NEFT and RTGS for overseas jobs. The accused reportedly sent forged documents through email and WhatsApp. Maria D'Costa of Sirvoi, Quepem, filed a complaint with Quepem Police stating that between July 27, 2023, and August 30, 2023, Remedio misrepresented herself and fraudulently received Rs 4.8 lakh by sending fabricated documents, thereby deceiving the complainant and her husband. Quepem Police registered a case under BNS 2023 and IT Act for impersonation and forgery. PI Arjun Sangodkar is investigating.

RIDER SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ACCIDENT AT SHIGAO

MARGAO: Sadanand Sawant, a resident of Shigao-Collem, Dharbandora, sustained serious injuries in collision between a two-wheeler and a jeep in Shigao. An offence under BNS 2023 has been registered. Collem Police stated that Head Constable Deepak Gawas filed a complaint stating that the accused, Sago Manpo of Bharipwada-Shigao, drove his jeep rashly and negligently from Vakekulana-Shigao towards Collem road. Near Padri Farm Vakekulana Shigao, the accused allegedly veered to the right and collided with an oncoming two-wheeler, resulting in grievous injuries to the Sadanand. Further investigation is on.

KARNATAKA NATIVES ARRESTED WITH SUSPECTED GANJA WORTH RS 3.8 LAKH

MARGAO: The Margao police conducted a narcotic raid at Gandhi Road, Comba and arrested Karnataka natives Firoz Pathan and Nadeem Gous Bagwan with suspected ganja worth Rs 3.8 lakh. An offence under NDPS Act, 1985 has been registered, and both accused are in custody. PSI Sameer Gaonkar is investigating.

KOLHAPUR NATIVE DIES AFTER RAMMING CAR INTO A TREE AT SANCOALE

MARGAO: Thirty-year-old Avadhoot Jadhav from Kolhapur, died after ramming his car driving into a tree near Sancoale. Jadhav, who was proceeding from Vasco to Porvorim, was declared dead on arrival at the South Goa District Hospital in Margao. The body has been preserved at hospital morgue for medico-legal procedures. Verna LPSI Pramila Fernandes is investigating.

CENTRAL GOVT EMPLOYEE FOUND DEAD AT COLLEM

MARGAO: The Collem Police recovered the body of 58-year-old Md Allaaddin Rahim, a Grade II Observer behind the Ministry of Jal Shakti Central Water Commission Office, Collem. Rajat Khandeparkar from Collem informed the Collem Police about the death of his co-worker. Rahim was a native of Gopalganj, Bihar. Upon investigation, police found the body at the reported location. They conducted the panchanama and sent the body to South Goa District Hospital, Margao, for medico-legal procedures. PSI S D Dessai is investigating.

Borim woman stabbed by male friend, accused still at large

Sakshi Naik from Borim was shifted from Margao hospital to GMC after her condition had deteriorated; accused identified as Ajay Kadam from Margao

Team Herald

MARGAO: In a shocking incident, a 21-year-old woman from a village within the Borim-Shiroda vicinity sustained serious injuries after being stabbed, reportedly by her male friend.

The Quepem Police indicated that this incident occurred on Monday afternoon, near Shirvoi, between 1 pm and 1.30 pm, as the young woman, identified as Sakshi Naik from

Borim-Shiroda, was travelling towards Zambaulim on her scooter, when she was attacked by the accused identified as Ajay Kadam from Margao.

The injured woman was initially transported to the South Goa District Hospital in Margao. Due to the deteriorating condition, she was subsequently transferred to the Goa Medical College and Hospital at Bambolim for further treatment.

On receiving information about the incident, Lady PSI Rifa Barretto and other staff arrived at the location near Shirvoi. They conducted the preliminary investigation and adhered to the necessary legal procedures. During their on-site investigation, the Quepem police conducted a thorough search of the area where the incident took place; however, the weapon used in the assault has not yet been recovered.

According to police sources, the victim was en route to Zambaulim on her scooter when the accused allegedly intercepted her in his car. Following a verbal altercation, he reportedly stabbed her with a knife, inflicting severe injuries. The authorities stated that the accused initially took her to the South Goa District Hospital but subsequently left the premises.

When contacted, the Quepem Police confirmed

that an offence has been registered. The police pressed into service the dog squad and fingerprint experts in their investigation. Multiple police teams are currently engaged in locating the accused. Preliminary inquiries revealed that the victim and the accused were known to each other, and the motive behind the assault remains undetermined.

Lady PSI Rifa Barretto is investigating.

Goa Staff Selection Commission to consider only marks obtained in first CBT

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Goa Staff Selection Commission has clarified that only marks obtained in the first attempt of the computer based test (CBT) examination will be considered even if a candidate appears for the examination more than once.

The commission has observed that some candidates apply for a particular post separately under Unreserved/General Category as well as under Reserved Category.

It said that the candidate should not appear more than once for the examination of the post held in multiple batches and on

multiple days; even if he has submitted multiple applications under different categories or under the same category. In case it is found that a candidate appears for CBT examination more than once, the marks obtained in the first attempt in such examination shall be considered, the Commission reiterated.

The ineligible candidates who do not possess required qualification as per Recruitment Rules of the respective post should not apply for the post advertised by the Commission. If any candidate is found, then serious view will be taken by the Commission against such candidate, it warned.

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This nullah in Sangolda was desilted after 18 years by the Water Resources Department after the issue was highlighted in the O Heraldo on March 24

Removal of speed breakers will cause more accidents, fear Pondaites

Team Herald

PONDA: Pondaites have voiced their concerns regarding the removal of speed breakers by the Public Works Department (PWD) at busy junctions and accident-prone areas within the town.

This action follows a citizen's petition citing Supreme Court guidelines that discourage speed breakers on highways, with the directive to remove those exceeding specified heights to ensure safer travel.

It's pertinent to note that these speed breakers were initially installed on both highways and internal roads in response to requests from local residents concerned about safety. Their apprehension now is that the removal of these traffic calming measures will inevitably lead to an increase in accidents.

The Kundaim Manaswada Junction, in particular, has a history of fatal accidents, which prompted the installation of speed breakers there. However, these have now been removed.

A recent incident at the Nagzar-Curti underpass junction, where a motorcyclist was injured when struck by a speeding car,



An earthmover removing the speed breakers

has heightened these fears. Locals attribute the removal of speed breakers at the junction to the accident by allowing vehicles to speed excessively.

Consequently, residents have urged the authorities to reinstall the speed breakers, particularly at the underpass junction and along roads in densely populated areas on either side. While they understand the need to remove unnecessary speed breakers, they emphasise the critical role these play in ensuring the safety of road users in specific locations.

When questioned about the removal of speed breakers on highways, PWD sources indicated that the initial installations

were in response to local safety demands. However, a petition filed with the Human Rights Commission by one Nikhil Desai concerning speed breakers on highways resulted in a directive from the Commission to remove them, which is now being implemented.

Meanwhile, a concerned citizen from Kundaim, speaking on the condition of anonymity, stressed the need for the government to carefully consider this matter.

He questioned who would be held responsible in the event of fatalities due to speeding at these junctions following the removal of speed breakers. He emphasized the im-

portance of considering the views of villagers before making such decisions, particularly in areas where houses are situated on both sides of the road, where speed breakers are vital for the safety of children and school students crossing. Given that the highways in the area are narrow and pass through villages, there is a significant need to control the speed of vehicles, especially those from outside the State and tourist vehicles, to protect local residents.

The citizen also pointed out that the bypass roads are yet to be widened to four lanes, making speed breakers essential in the interim.

Ponda residents go nuts over coconut prices

Team Herald

PONDA: Coconut prices in Ponda have nearly doubled over the past three months, significantly affecting the daily lives of ordinary citizens.

The cost of a normal-sized coconut has surged to Rs 45-50, a stark increase from the Rs 20-25 it cost just three months ago. Vendors in Ponda attribute this spike to a shortage in supply, leaving them with no choice but to sell at these higher prices.

Interestingly, the Zonal Agricultural Officer (ZAO) in Ponda has not yet identified the precise reasons behind this price surge or the potential decline in coconut production.

Local residents like Nayan Naik express concerns about their household budgets. As coconut is a staple ingredient in their cooking, they are compelled to purchase it despite the inflated prices, straining their monthly ex-

penses. She also noted that even smaller coconuts are now priced between Rs 20 and Rs 25. Nayan Naik urges the government to intervene and consider providing coconuts at subsidized rates, highlighting that while those with stable government jobs and higher incomes may not

feel the pinch, daily wage earners are severely affected.

Another resident, Sunanda Naik, mentioned that many housewives are now restricting their coconut usage due to the continuous price hike over the last two

months.

Coconut vendors at the Ponda agri market report a decrease in imports not only within Goa but also from other States over the past month. They also suggest that the delayed monsoon could further negatively impact coconut production. These vendors appeal to the government to investigate the underlying causes of this decline in production.

Drone found at Mormugao raises concerns

Team Herald

VASCO: An unidentified drone was found inside the premises of Adani Mormugao Port Terminal Pvt Ltd (AMPTPL) on Sunday evening, raising concerns among the residents.

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The incident was reported by Roshan Pednekar, a dry cargo officer at AMPTPL and a resident of Vasco.

Pednekar in his complaint stated that on Sunday at around 7.20 pm an unknown person allegedly flew a drone from an unknown location. The drone was later found lying on the ground in the B2 stockyard area by a belt attender on duty.

The unauthorised drone operation is in contravention of an order issued by the South Goa District Magistrate on May 9, 2025, which prohibits the use, operation or flying of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) of any kind within the entire South Goa district.

The Mormugao Police have registered a case against an unidentified person under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023. The police have seized the drone.

PSI Saidatta Naik is conducting further investigations under the supervision of Mormugao PI Sherif Jacques and overall supervision of Mormugao DySP Gurudas Kadam.

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