

shorttakes

DABOLIM RESIDENT DIES IN ACCIDENT NEAR UTORDA BYPASS

MARGAO: Pandurang Bhagat, 48, from Dabolim, died at South Goa District Hospital, Margao, following an accident near Utorda bypass. Verna Police, after receiving a call from the hospital, completed legal procedures. Enquiry revealed that while travelling with his son from his residence towards Margao railway station on his motorcycle, Bhagat lost control, hit a roadside sign board, and fell unconscious and was subsequently declared dead at the hospital. The panchanama was conducted, and the post-mortem examination indicated the cause of death as Cardiac tamponade due to a ruptured heart in a person with occlusive coronary artery disease. The body was handed over to the family. PSI Pramila Fernandes is investigating the case.

JHARKHAND NATIVE CONVICTED FOR WIFE'S MURDER

MARGAO: The Principal District and Sessions Court, South Goa convicted 30-year-old Gulshan Tirke, for the murder of his wife. The Maina Curtorim police stated that Tirke stabbed his wife, 20-year-old Basanti, in their rented room on Diwali. He absconded but was apprehended later that night. Police investigations revealed that the couple, originally from Jharkhand and residing in the St Jose de areal, frequently quarrelled. Tirke suspected his wife's fidelity, which led to a fatal argument. He stabbed her with a knife, and she succumbed to her injuries in the South Goa District hospital. Fifteen witnesses were examined during the trial, and the State was represented by Public Prosecutor Sanjay Samant.

GCCI DELEGATION SEEKS UPDATE ON COMMISSIONING OF BERTHS AT MPT

PANJIM: A delegation from Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) has sought detailed update on the commissioning and operational readiness of Berths No 9, 10, and 11 at Mormugao Port.

According to a statement from the GCCI, the delegation, led by Chandrkrant Gawas, Chairman of the GCCI Logistics Committee, reached out to Dr N Vinodkumar, Chairperson of the Mormugao Port Authority (MPA), requesting a detailed update on the commissioning and operational readiness of the berths.

The delegation sought updates on the construction of berth no 10 and 11, their progress and operational timelines. Recognizing the cost and time efficiency of using Mormugao Port for container cargo, the Chamber emphasized the need for advance notice regarding the resumption of container operations to help businesses plan effectively.

The GCCI underlined the importance of a smooth transition for current stakeholders, including laborers, shipping agents, and stevedores and urged the MPA to ensure continuity of employment and business for those presently engaged at the port. Chandrakant Gawas emphasized that timely updates and inclusive stakeholder engagement are vital for ensuring sustainable development and economic growth.

PWD BANS DIGGING OF ROADS FROM TODAY

PANJIM: The PWD has banned digging of roads in the State from May 15 onwards till the end of the monsoon season.

"The executive engineer of Roads Sector are hereby directed to ensure that no digging of roads is permitted and no new permissions are issued from May 15 onwards till the end of the monsoon season and during this there will be "No Digging Period," states the note issued by the PWD chief engineer - NH, R&B.

All the executive engineers are instructed to comply and in case any lapses are noticed the concerned official (s) will be held responsible.

RESTRICTED WATER SUPPLY IN SOUTH GOA

Due to leakage of 1200 mm. dia. M.S. pipeline of Salaulim Water Supply project at Verna, there will be restricted water supply to entire Mormugao taluka i.e. Cortalim, Dabolim, Vasco, Mormugao constituencies and part of Salcete taluka i.e Benaulim, Nuvem, Curtorim constituencies & Part of St Andre constituency on May 15.

power shutdown

• **CARAMBOLIM:** On May 15, from 9 am to 2pm. Affected areas are Central Govt Colony 1, Central Govt colony 2 to Sharda Mandir School, R P Shiva, Prescon Homes, Healthway (HT), Gold coast, Ella Crust Suresh Parulekar, Venkadari, Adwalpalkar, and Morris Garage.

• **MARGAO:** On May 15, from 9 am to 3 pm. Affected areas are Metropole, Caro Housing, Bombino school, Menezes hospital, Health centre and Pereira Plaza.

• **BICHOLIM:** On May 15, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Vainguinim and part of Tikhazen.

• **MARGAO:** On May 16, from 9 am to 3 pm. Affected areas are Naik hospital,

opposite Indira, Post Office behind Vishant.

• **CUNCOLIM:** On May 16, from 9.30 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Deulwada, Balli, Velipwada Balli, Anem, Ghodkem, Takwada, Cupwada, Bendurdem, Basrai, Cordem, Padi and Barcem.

• **BICHOLIM:** On May 16, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Haturlim, Varpal, Tikhazen, Tarwada, Sarmanas, Gaonkarwada and Pilgao.

• **VERNA:** On May 18, from 9 am to 3pm. Affected areas are Majorda, Utorda, Calata, Cansaulim, Arossim, Cuelim, Velsao, Pale, Issorcim, Consua Nuvem, Duguem, Verna, Nagoa and IDC Phase IA.

POWERLINE WARNING

11 kv underground cable along with RMU and LBS and other associated equipments for 11 KV underground new Tisk Bazaar feeder from 33/11KV Dharbandora substation has been test charged from May 8, and will remain charged thereafter. Affected areas are Sanjivani, Dayanandnagar, Ocamb, Betul, Ponsulem, Bhavaninagar, MRF, Tisko Vally, Pilliem, PDA Market, Sainagar, Kasaillem, Shaila Bar, Siddheshwar Nagar, Kassaillem II and Saibag.

Xeldem farmers face heavy losses due to non-availability of Salaulim dam water

Flow of water is extremely slow; farmlands left high and dry; newly sown seeds dry up under the scorching sun; farmers reduced to tears

GAURESH SATTARKAR

XELDEM: Farmers in the Xeldem area are lamenting over their losses as water from the Salaulim dam earmarked for irrigation has failed to reach their fields. The adverse weather conditions and poor water management has only added more miseries to the ryots here.

Though the region is connected by a 3.5 km Curchorem branch canal, the flow of water is extremely slow, leaving farmlands dry and unfit for cultivation. As a result, crops have withered and newly sown seeds have either been scorched with the summer heat or feasted upon by rodents and birds.

One of the most affected farmers, Sanjay Gawas Desai, has reported a loss of nearly Rs 15 lakh. He had taken 20 acres of Devashthan land on lease for Rs 2 lakh and sowed seeds which however failed



BONE DRY: The adverse weather conditions, and poor water management has only added more miseries to the ryots in Xeldem



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– Prashant Desai, Villager

to sprout due to the absence of irrigation.

Desai also invested Rs 10,000 in various vegetable seeds, all of which have gone to waste. In addition, his efforts to cultivate fodder failed completely, leading to another Rs 25,000 in losses. The Water Resources De-

partment irrigation canals in the area are reportedly dry, with some damaged and in need of urgent repairs.

Sanjay alleges that despite multiple delegations to the Chief Minister and other departments in April, and several follow-up visits

to the WRD office, officials have failed to reach out to them. "The officials keep dishing out different excuses and direct us from one office to another but have failed to provide a solution to our woes," he said.

Frustrated by the lack of response, Sanjay has

warned that he would stage a protest in front of the Quepem Collector's office if water from the canal is not provided immediately.

Local resident Prashant Desai highlighted that another sugarcane farmer has faced huge losses due to the water crisis. "Many farmers

have given up farming here because they have no irrigation facilities. Our Sarpanch, Zilla Parishad member and local MLA are ignoring the situation. They must step in and address this issue immediately," he said.

Other local farmers have expressed similar concerns and are calling on the authorities to intervene immediately and ensure fair and timely distribution of water from the Salaulim dam, in order to prevent further damage to crops and livelihoods.

Train accident victim succumbs to injuries

PANJIM: In a tragic incident, a 47-year-old railway worker, Anand Naik, a resident of Guirim, Mapusa, succumbed to his injuries at Goa Medical College, Bambolim, after being involved in a train accident at Mormugao Port Authority (MPA) premises. According to police, Naik had sustained serious injuries on April 29, 2025, when he was on duty at the RND Yard near MPA Gate No 9. He was initially rushed to Sub District Hospital, Chicalim, and later shifted to GMC, Bambolim, for further treatment. However, despite medical intervention, he succumbed to injuries.

The body was then sent for postmortem, which was conducted by a police surgeon.

40 made to pay revised fees for zone corrections: TCP dept

Team Herald

Seven permissions rescinded as property owners refused to pay additional fees as per revised Assessment Order

PANJIM: As many as 40 persons paid revised fees for zone corrections while seven permissions were rescinded by the Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department after they refused to pay additional fees as per the revised Assessment Order.

Of the 120 cases highlighted in the complaint, the TCP Department found that there were only 47 such cases and it recovered additional fees in 40 cases as per the revised Assessment Orders. The approval granted to six parties for zone corrections have been rescinded after they failed to deposit the additional fees. In the remaining 73 cases there was no issue of levying revised rates as the Assess-

ment Orders were issued to them prior to the date of the notification dated March 28, 2024.

The TCP Department started the process of rescinding the correction/rectification of the zone carried under Section 17 (2) of TCP Act after the property owners failed to pay the additional fees as per the notification dated March 28, 2024. The major order rescinding the correction/rectification of the zone was pertaining to a land admeasuring 89,500 square metres at Chopdem, Pernem, after

the Brahm Agro Terra Projects Limited failed to pay the additional fee of Rs 7.16 crore, as per the new notification.

It also rescinded the earlier correction of zoning for six properties in the Regional Plan 2021 situated at Sao Jose de Areal, Verna, Pirna and three properties at Cortalim after property owners failed to pay additional fees demanded by the TCP department.

The rectifications, carried out under Section 17 (2) of the TCP Act, were aimed at changing the land use to settlement zone. While the owners had paid a total of Rs 7.3 lakh, the TCP Department later sought an additional Rs 84.4 lakh, citing under-valuation of fees by the department officials.

Police intensify patrolling along Calangute-Candolim beach belt

Thieves target tourists on the beach at nights, stolen mobile phones often end up being sold at 'Chor Market' on Fridays

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CALANGUTE: In response to the recent drowning of a six-year-old at Baga, the Tourist Police Unit (TPU) has intensified patrolling along the Calangute-Candolim beach belt from Baga to Sinquerim.

The TPU had initiated regular beach patrols last December following incidents involving tourists at beachside shacks. Officials have now intensified these efforts, particularly after sunset when lifeguards go off duty.

According to the police, a significant number of tourists frequent Baga and Calangute beaches after dark. They noted that children, occasionally unsupervised, may enter the water to play, posing a considerable risk. As a result, patrols have been heightened post-sunset to advise tourists against staying near the water's edge.

Lifeguard personnel have highlighted challenges during peak tourist seasons, where individuals often disregard warnings about swimming in designated 'no swim zones.' They also pointed out the dangers of swimming after consuming alcohol, a practice observed among many tourists who subsequently endanger



Tourist police patrol the Calangute beach to clamp down on illegalities, stop vendor nuisance and handle the coastline as the crowd builds up

themselves in the sea.

Sources also revealed that around a dozen phones are stolen from the beach almost every night, despite the presence of police in the area.

"Locals tourists often get drunk and end up sleeping on the beach. Thieves take advantage of their condition, rob their valuables and flee. During weekends, the number of thefts surge," said a cop.

A tourist speaking on condition of anonymity stated that every time they go to report about their valuables being stolen, the Calangute police register it as a missing case.

"This should not be the case. A theft is a theft and reporting it as a missing case will only encourage thieves to indulge into more crime. All the cops need to do is put the number on surveillance and it can be traced," said a tour-

ist from Andhra who was a victim of theft.

Sources reveal that the stolen phones are then sold in the early hours of dawn at the 'Chor Market' on Friday at Mapusa where migrants rush to buy fancy phones at throw away prices.

Calangute PI Paresh Naik however stated that every missing phone number is inserted in the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal where the number is blocked. "If a phone is activated with a new number then the system manages to track the mobile devices in India using IMEI numbers," said Naik and added that it helps in combating theft and fraud by allowing devices to be blocked or unblocked based on International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) status. It is unique number for identifying a device on mobile network.

Decline in charter tourists: Shack owners bat for 'free-visa-on-arrival'

Team Herald

CALANGUTE: Shack owners from the Calangute-Candolim tourism hub have stated that providing a free-visa-on-arrival facility is the only effective way to increase foreign charter tourist arrivals in Goa.

During a meeting held on Tuesday with Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte, the shack owners shared their suggestion in response to an inquiry about measures to boost the significantly decreased numbers of foreign charter tourists.

The shack owners highlighted that competing destinations in South and South-east Asia offer the free-visa-on-arrival facility. They relayed concerns voiced by their foreign contacts, suggesting that the absence of this facility in India deters potential tourists who readily receive free visas on arrival elsewhere.

The approximately 200 beach shacks in Calangute-Candolim heavily rely on foreign charter tourists for their business. In addition to the visa issue, shack owners also appealed to the State government to establish a dedicated sewage line for beach shacks, now that the sewerage treatment plant (STP) at Baga is operational.

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tional Shacks Owners Association, pointed out that the current system using sewage tankers is impractical for the 200 shacks in the area.

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