

shorttakes

Usgao panch slams meat complex over foul stench

PONDA: Usgao-Ganjam Panch Manisha Usgaonkar has raised strong objections to the persistent foul odour in areas surrounding the Goa Meat Complex, alleging that improper disposal of waste from buffalo slaughter is to blame. Usgaonkar, who is also a Congress leader, criticised the government's failure to address the stench problem, despite exporting meat produced at the complex. "The government is exporting meat, but locals are forced to live with the stench from improperly disposed animal waste," she said. She also questioned the silence of certain organisations that previously targeted the Congress government over cow slaughter. "Where are the protests now?" she asked, referring to past demonstrations involving saffron flags and accusations of the Congress being an anti-Hindu government. Usgaonkar further highlighted that despite a shortage of beef for Goan consumers, the government is reportedly slaughtering 300 buffaloes per day for export, primarily to Iraq and Iran.

Agonda resident declared dead at Balli Primary Health Centre

MARGAO: Abhijit Patil from Agonda, Canacona was declared dead at Balli Primary Health Centre after being brought from IDC, Cuncolim. Cuncolim Police, upon receiving information, inquired and learned from the family that the deceased complained of uneasiness before being taken to Balli PHC. The body has been sent to the South Goa District Hospital morgue, Margao, for medico-legal procedures. Cuncolim PSI Tejeskumar Naik is investigating.

House damaged in tree crash near Nessai railway gate

MARGAO: A huge tree fell on a house near the Nessai railway gate, causing damage. Fortunately, no injuries were reported. Fire personnel cleared the area. The estimated loss is currently unknown. In another incident, a tree fell on the road near Yashodhan Society, Aquem and fire-fighters, who cleared the area, also attended to the waterlogging in a house near Don Bosco College, Fatorda. A leaning drumstick tree near the new Hari Mandir in Margao was removed, and a fallen banyan tree branch near Siddhivinayak Mandir at Gogol Housing Board was cleared.

Karwar native arrested for motorcycle theft in Mashem

MARGAO: The Canacona Police arrested Sampad Ronad, a native of Karwar, Karnataka, in connection with the theft of a motorcycle in Mashem. Nilesh Prabudessai from Canacona had filed a complaint stating that an unknown individual stole his motorcycle, valued at approximately Rs 20,000, from an open parking space in Mashem. During investigations, Sampad was arrested and was remanded in five days police custody by the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Canacona. Further investigation is on.

Police recover unknown male body on Colva beach

MARGAO: The Colva police recovered an unknown male body on the Colva beach. The police stated that they received a call from PCR Panjim reporting the recovery of an unknown male at Colva. Upon arrival, they initiated an inquiry. The body was sent to Sought Goa District Hospital (SGDH), Margao, for the necessary legal and medical procedures. Further investigation is on.

Bull rescued from well in Arambol in daring operation by firefighters



PERNEM: In a successful rescue operation, firefighters in Arambol saved a bull that had accidentally fallen into a well. The operation was carried out under the supervision of Fire Officer Prashant Dhargalkar. Responding swiftly to the emergency, the fire team managed to safely retrieve the animal, preventing any injuries. The coordinated effort drew appreciation from local residents, who praised the firefighters for their prompt action and dedication. The incident highlights the importance of timely emergency response and preparedness in dealing with animal rescue situations.

MPA resumes operations after 60-hour suspension due to cyclone alert

VASCO: The Mormugao Port Authority (MPA) resumed its port operations on Saturday after a suspension for almost 60 hours, following a cyclone formation alert issued earlier this week. The MPA Operations were halted in response to a cyclone formation reported by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) along the North Karnataka and Goa coast on May 21. In line with safety protocols, the MPA had issued a circular directing all ocean-going vessels to sail out to sea and comply with the standard operating procedure (SOP) to ensure port and navigation safety. In view of the prevailing weather conditions and in the interest of port and navigation safety, the MPA ceased all port operations.

Advocacy meet to step up vector-borne disease prevention

MARGAO: With the monsoon season beginning, the Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Loutolim convened an advocacy meeting to strengthen community-level action against vector-borne diseases such as dengue, malaria and chikungunya. The meeting was chaired by PHC Health Officer Dr Vinesh Gaunkar and brought together representatives from various village panchayats in the area. Among those present were Rachol Sarpanch Joseph Vaz, former Camurlim Sarpanch Basilio Fernandes, panchayat secretaries and others. The PHC's sanitary inspector provided a detailed presentation on the dangers of mosquito bites and the importance of preventing breeding through timely action.

# Dangerous working conditions at govt complex in Mapusa

## Roof leakage makes life difficult for staff, public



Team Herald

MAPUSA: The persistent roof leakage at the government complex in Mapusa, housing the offices of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Deputy Town Planner, and the PWD has created a hazardous working environment for the staff. The dire situation has prompted the employees

to resort to covering computers and files with plastic sheets to protect them from damage. Alarmingly, there have been reports of electric shocks from devices exposed to water, thereby putting the lives of the staff at risk. Sources informed about ceiling fans getting burnt due to short circuits due to the leakage. Despite repeated com-

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Speaking on the condition of anonymity, a staff member said, "This is not just about discomfort - it's a major safety hazard. We are putting our lives at risk each day."

## Taps run dry in Porvorim for two days

Team Herald

PORVORIM: Residents of Porvorim have been left frustrated and inconvenienced following an unexpected and complete disruption of water supply over the past two days. The outage occurred without any prior notice from the authorities, catching households and businesses off guard.

Despite numerous calls to the water department, officials have not provided a definitive explanation for the disruption.

However, one official confirmed that water levels at the Tilari reservoir remain adequate, leading to speculation that a technical fault in the distribution system may be to blame.

## Cortalim Cong block slams Rs 270 cr twin tower project near Zuari bridge

Team Herald

MARGAO: The Cortalim Congress block has strongly criticised the Goa government and Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari over the proposed Rs 270 crore expenditure on the construction of twin towers near the Zuari cable-stayed bridge at Cortalim.

Addressing the media near the project site, Congress leader Olencio Simoes and several villagers condemned what they called a "wasteful" project, arguing that the funds would be better utilised in addressing urgent infrastructure needs and road safety issues across Goa.

"Instead of spending ₹270 crore on aesthetic structures, the government should focus on repairing roads and rectifying the 61

identified accident-prone black spots in Goa," Simoes said. Citing national road fatality statistics, he added, "Road accidents claim around 1.78 lakh lives annually across India. Goa has already seen 22 fatal cases this year alone."

He alleged that the BJP-led government is prioritising flashy and expensive infrastructure projects while neglecting the core infrastructure issues of Cortalim constituency, which falls between two major industrial estates — Sancoale and Verna.

Simoes pointed out that despite this industrial proximity, residents face frequent power cuts—up to four times a day—leading to discomfort for villagers and financial losses for businesses. Water supply remains another concern, with residents reportedly

receiving only two to three hours of water daily and being forced to rely on private water tankers.

He further highlighted the lack of basic waste management systems in the area. "Cortalim does not have a garbage segregation unit, a garbage treatment plant, or a sewage treatment facility, even though multiple multi-dwelling projects are being planned here," he said.

The Congress leader called upon Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to urgently allocate funds for resolving these core civic issues instead of "wasting public money on vanity projects." "People deserve reliable electricity, water, proper roads, and a clean environment. The government's priorities must change," Simoes said.

## Woman accident victim treated unfairly by cops: Mahila Cong chief

Team Herald

MAPUSA: Alleging a breakdown of law and order in the State, the Goa Pradesh Mahila Congress president Pratiksha Khalap has cited the case of a Tivim resident Sweena Colaço, who was rear-ended by a car driven by a man even as he used his mobile phone in October last year.

Instead of addressing her complaint promptly, the victim was allegedly made to wait at the police station for over eight hours. Now, more than six months later, no action has been taken, and her vehicle remains in police custody while the accused was allowed to drive away with his car the same day, Khalap said.

Khalap said, "When a person especially a woman approaches a police station, they do so with the hope of being treated fairly and receiving justice. Instead, they attempted to coerce her into stating that the accident was self-inflicted." "She was taken to the police station to file her complaint. She arrived at 12

noon, and after her medical check-up, returned to the station by 1 pm. Between 1 pm and 9 pm, she was kept there because police constable Tushar Redkar failed to take her written complaint for more than eight hours," Khalap alleged.

"And today, more than six months later, there has been no action from the police. Her vehicle is still at the station, while the accused took his vehicle home the very same day. This, despite the fact that he claimed to be a government officer and said nothing would happen to him," she added.

"What are we to understand from this? This is not an isolated case. In Pernem, a molestation case involving a Dalit girl was registered only after public outcry—because the accused was a government servant. The victim should have been helped immediately. Instead, she had to approach the Mahila Congress or an NGO. Why is it that victims must seek external intervention for justice? Is she not a citizen with rights?"

## FDA shuts down restaurant in Vasco



Officials found premises in unhygienic condition

Team Herald

VASCO: The Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) on Monday ordered closure of a restaurant in Vasco immediately due to unhygienic conditions in the premises.

The action was taken following a surprise inspection by the FDA team headed by officer Sanjyot Kudalkar, who stated that the restaurant would remain closed until it complies with all hygiene norms and submits a compliance report.

Kudalkar said that during inspection they found the premises unhygienic, and several serious lapses and directed the owner to close down the restaurant.

He said that after compliance is submitted from

the owner, the FDA team will inspect the place again and decide on reopening it. During the inspection, the FDA inspectors found that raw and cooked food were stored together, while the refrigerator was dirty, and a lot of unwanted items were kept on the premises.

Food items were stored in broken plastic containers, and also found food colour, which is not permitted. Further sauces were found stored in used mineral water bottles, the flooring was dirty and water had collected in the store room, said Kudalkar.

The FDA has asked the restaurant owner to rectify all deficiencies and submit a compliance report to the office.

# NITI Aayog team to visit Goa to study Khazan land revival proposal

Team Herald

PANJIM: The NITI Aayog team will visit the State to assess khazan lands and to recommend it to the Union Ministry for Agriculture. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Monday said that a proposal submitted by him to the NITI Aayog for the revival of 10,000 hectares of Khazan land, will be studied by the NITI Aayog.

During the 10th NITI Aayog meeting in Delhi on Saturday, Sawant had called for urgent action and national support to revive the State's historic Khazan lands. Stating that Khazan paddy lands had become saline due to neglect, the Chief Minister had sought large-scale funding to maintain bunds, sluice gates and desilting and restore thousands of hectares of cultiva-

ble land, boost livelihoods through agriculture, fishing, and salt making, and protect coastal ecosystems for future generations.

Meanwhile the State government is considering a new proposal to generate solar energy by utilising barren lands on both sides of irrigation canals, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said. This move comes amid

doubts raised about the feasibility of earlier proposed solar projects over dams. In January last year, the Government of India-owned SJVN Green Energy Ltd (SGEL) had submitted a proposal to the State government to invest over Rs 1,300 crore to generate solar power through four floating solar projects over Selaulim, Amthanem, Anjunem, and Chapoli dams.

## Traditional fishers accuse fisheries dept of selectively targetting them

Team Herald

PANJIM: The traditional fishermen on Monday met officials of the Department of Fisheries, after receiving notices accusing them of engaging in illegal LED fishing within Goa's territorial waters.

The fishermen denied the allegations and visited the department to clarify their stand. They urged the government to take strict action against the actual perpetrators and not target traditional fishing communities who depend on sustainable methods for their livelihood. Former Minister and All Goa Fishing Boat Owners Association (AGFBOA) Jose Philip D'Souza said that the Department of Fisheries had sent notices to some traditional fishermen stating that there

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The traditional fishermen and small boat owners do not use LED for fishing. I asked the Director of Fisheries, who told me that notices were sent for inquiry as they were suspected." Jose Philip demanded action against those trawlers indulging in LED fishing and bull trawling as per the High Court.

## APPOINTMENTS

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No. PMC/ADMN/648/2025-26 Date: -26/05/2025

**WALK IN INTERVIEW**

Walk in interview on 29/05/2025 vide notice no PMC/ADMN/647/2025-2026 dated 26/05/2025 for engagement of 30 daily wage labourers under Disaster Management has been issued and displayed on Notice Board for information of eligible applicants for more details contact Administration section of this Council.

Seen Sd/- (Anand P. Naik) Chairperson (Suyash Sinai Khandeparkar) Chief Officer

**ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE – MAPUSA – GOA**  
Minority Institution under Article 30(1) of the Indian Constitution  
(Affiliated to Goa University) (Grant-in-Aid)  
Re-Accredited by NAAC with Grade 'A', 4th Cycle

Applications stating full name, Address, Age with date of birth, Educational Qualifications with Marks and Percentage, Teaching Experience Certificates, Contact No., Email Id are invited from Indian Nationals for the following posts for the Academic Year 2025-26:

S.No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts
1	Assistant Professor in English	1 post - Contract Basis w.e.f. 01.08.2025 1 post - Lecture Basis
2	Assistant Professor in Economics	1 post - Lecture Basis 1 post - Lecture Basis - Study Leave Vacancy upto 31.10.2025
3	Assistant Professor in Hindi	2 posts - Lecture Basis
4	Assistant Professor in History	2 posts - Lecture Basis
5	Assistant Professor in Konkani	2 posts - Lecture Basis
6	Assistant Professor in Marathi	1 post - Lecture Basis
7	Assistant Professor in Philosophy	2 post - Lecture Basis
8	Assistant Professor in Political Science	1 post - Contract Basis 2 posts - Lecture Basis
9	Assistant Professor in Psychology	1 post - Lecture Basis
10	Assistant Professor in Sociology	2 posts - Lecture Basis
11	Assistant Professor in Electronics	2 posts - Lecture Basis
12	Assistant Professor in Commerce	2 posts - Lecture Basis 1 post - Lecture Basis - Maternity Leave Vacancy upto 26.08.2025
13	College Counsellors	2 posts - Contract Basis

For further/complete details of the posts advertised visit College Website: www.xavierscollegegoa.ac.in

Applications alongwith self-attested photocopies of mark sheets of all educational qualifications from SSC onwards, birth certificate, experience certificates and valid 15 years Residence Certificate (in Goa) issued by a Competent Authority should reach the Acting Principal, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Bardes, Goa - 403 507 within 15 days from the date of publication of this advertisement.

Sd/-  
Date: 27.05.2025 Fr. Antonio F. Salema  
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No. MMC/ADMN/2025-26/240 Dated: 26/05/2025

**WALK-IN-INTERVIEW**

Walk-In-Interview will be conducted for filling up the following post:-

a) Name of the post: Labourers on daily wage basis for Disaster Management to be placed at the disposal Directorate of Fire and Emergency Service to attend to emergency duties in the jurisdiction of Margao Municipal Council, Margao-Goa, for period mentioned at (c) below.

b) No of post: 50 (Fifty)

c) Period: 31 May, 2025 to 20 September, 2025

d) Wages: Rs.500/- per working day (The wages will be paid after deducting their EPF Contribution)

e) Reservation: Unreserved

f) Date and Time of interview:- 30/05/2025 from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Interested persons between the age of 18 to 45 years and residents of Margao Municipal area and nearby areas may attend the interview along with application containing the details Viz. Full name, Father's Name, complete residential address with residence proof, Gender, copy of birth certificate, Election Photo Identity Card, Aadhar Card, Mobile Number/Landline Number, Bank Account Details, PAN Card, Ration Card, Details of Past experience with attested copies of all the documents along with photograph.

The persons so engaged as daily wage worker shall not have any claim or right or lien for regular appointment in this Council. Their services shall automatically stand terminated on the expiry of engagement period without any further notice. During the period of their engagement, their services can be terminated with one day advance notice if their services are found unsatisfactory.

SEEN Sd/- (Damodar B. Shirodkar) Chairperson Margao Municipal Council Sd/- (Melvyn A. Vaz) Chief Officer Margao Municipal Council

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