

shorttakes

43.77% clear SSC May 2025 exam

PANJIM: The Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education on Tuesday declared the results of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination recording a passing percentage of 43.77 per cent. The examination was held from May 7 to May 14, 2025, at two centres - Mapusa and Margao. Out of 1,133 students who appeared for the exams, 495 successfully passed. Students can check their results on the official Goa Board website: <https://results.gbshsegoa.net/#/>.

Minor boy kidnapped from Mangor Hill, unknown person booked

VASCO: The Vasco Police registered a case against an unidentified person for kidnapping a 16-year-old boy from Mangor Hill on Saturday. Suman Devi Thakur, a resident of Vasco, in her complaint stated that the incident occurred on Saturday evening when an unknown person abducted and kidnapped her minor son from her lawful guardianship. Acting on her complaint, the Vasco Police registered a case under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, and Goa Children's Act. PSI Mayur Sawant is conducting investigation under the guidance of Vasco PI Vaibhav Naik and the overall guidance of Mormugao DySP Gurudas Kadam.

2 booked for duping Vascoite through fake ad for Hajj packages

VASCO: The Vasco Police registered a case against two persons for allegedly duping a local resident through a fake advertisement for Hajj travel packages on Facebook. The case has been registered against Nitish Singh Yadav and an unidentified person for using mobile numbers under the name of Shamshad Travels, and cheating the complainant Nasir Jamal Ansari of Baina, Vasco. According to the police, the accused posted an online advertisement offering cheap travel packages to Saudi Arabia for performing Hajj. Ansari, who wanted to send three of his friends or relatives for the Hajj pilgrimage made the numbers mentioned in the advertisement. The accused allegedly lured the complainant into purchasing the travel package and further induced him to bring in more customers, promising a discount of Rs 5,000 per person. Believing them Ansari gave a total amount of Rs 4,42,300 in cash towards visa and other related expenses charges. But the accused failed to provide the promised services or refund the cash and thereby cheated the complainant. The Vasco Police registered the case against the accused persons under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Information Technology Act.

5 hotel staffers booked for misappropriating Rs 22 lakh from guest payments

CALANGUTE: The Calangute Police registered a case against five hotel staffers for misappropriation of around Rs 22 lakh from guest payments at two Calangute hotels. The staff allegedly pocketed cash and digital payments to the tune of Rs 22 lakh over nearly five years. According to the complaint filed by the hotel management, between April 2019 and January 23, 2024, employees Minoshka Mario Mendes from Siolim, Dharmesh Bhandari from Honnavar, Justin Raj from Tamil Nadu, Alamgir Anwar Mandal and Shashibhushan Chouhan, who were entrusted with collecting guest payments at reception counters, dishonestly misappropriated the amount. The Calangute Police registered the case under Sections 408 and 420 read with 34 IPC and PSI Kiran Naik is investigating.

Gogol resident dies by suicide, body found in bathroom

MARGAO: Thirty-four-year-old Sanjay Naik from Gogol, Margao, is alleged to have died by suicide as his body was found hanging in the bathroom using a ligature attached to the shower. The bathroom door was locked, and fire-fighters assisted in opening it. The house owner identified the deceased. Following an on-site inquiry, a panchanama was conducted. The body was sent for post-mortem examination at South Goa District Hospital (SGDH), Margao, where the cause of death was certified as asphyxia due to hanging.

Coconut tree falls on tarpaulin tent near Colmorod

MARGAO: A coconut tree fell on a tarpaulin tent near Colmorod-Navelim, causing an estimated loss of Rs 10,000. Margao FSO Gil Souza said the fire personnel saved property worth around Rs 20,000. Sub-officer N V Takkar and the duty crew carried out the operation. In another incident, another coconut tree fell on a power line near the lake in Orlim. Leading fire-fighter R S Khutkar and the duty crew rushed to the site and conducted the operation. A tree fell on a garage near the PWD office complex in Fatorda, causing damage. Leading fire-fighter S R Naik and the duty crew completed the operation within an hour.

Odisha native found dead in rented room at Majorda

MARGAO: Colva police recovered the body of Deepak Behera, a 26-year-old native of Odisha in a rented room at Majorda. The deceased was lying unconscious on the floor. According to Colva police, they received information from the Casualty Police at South Goa District Hospital (SGDH), Margao, and on rushing to the site, it was found that Behera had been declared brought dead by the South Goa District Hospital, Margao. Police conducted the panchanama and the body has been preserved at SGDH, Margao for medico-legal procedures. Further investigation is currently underway.

Two-day yoga and wellness retreat at Bicholim

MARGAO: A two-day Yoga and Wellness Retreat, jointly organized by Peace and Bliss Association and the Samrat Club, to promote holistic health, harmony, and spiritual rejuvenation will be held at Raut Farm in Bicholim, from May 31 to June 1. The retreat will feature sessions on yoga, breathing techniques, holistic healing practices, and cultural expression. In addition, the retreat will include nutritious vegetarian meals and interactive wellness activities.

power shutdown

CORLIM: On May 29, from 9.30 am to 2 pm. Affected area is St Esteveam
CUNCOLIM: On June 1, from 7 am to 3 pm. Affected areas are talukas of Canacona, Salcete, Sanguem, Quepem and part of Dharbandora taluka i.e village panchayat Kirtalpal - Dabal, Shigao - Collem, Mollem and part of Ponda taluka i.e. VP Panchwadi and Selaulim water works at Xelpem of South Goa

INESSANT RAINS INFLICT PAIN ON COLLEM FARMERS

Leave paddy crops damaged; 107 affected ryots in Metawada suffer losses estimated at Rs 8 lakh

Team Herald

PONDA: Farmers from Collem have complained that the recent untimely and incessant rains have caused significant damage to their paddy crops.

They claimed that despite their hard work and significant investment in cultivation, around 107 farmers in Metawada, Collem have suffered losses estimated at around Rs 8 lakh.

According to Namdev Mardolkar, President of the Metawada Rakshasa Mallikeshwar Shetkari Sangh (a farmers' association), the paddy crop across approximately 8 acres was



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ready for harvest and of good quality. However, the continuous downpour has severely hampered their efforts over the past six days, leading to sprouting in the waterlogged fields.

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have caused widespread damage and despair among the farmers who had vigilantly protected their fields from wild animals.

They are now facing immense challenges in harvesting what remains and

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providing shelter for any harvested crop amidst the heavy rainfall. Many have lost hope of any income from this season's cultivation and have requested financial assistance from the government.

Farmers said the zonal agriculture officials assured them of an inspection and potential compensation. In light of this critical situation, the farmers, through

Mardolkar, have appealed to the department concerned to seriously consider their plight and provide immediate financial relief.

Agriculture Minister Ravi Naik said financial assistance will be provided and the officials have been instructed in this regard. He said compensation was provided in other parts of the State for similar losses last year.

Rider knocks 12-year-old girl to death in Mapusa

Team Herald

MAPUSA: In a heart-breaking incident, a 12-year-old girl was killed after she was hit by a speeding unknown two-wheeler rider near Peddem junction at Mapusa on the national highway on Tuesday.

The police gave the name of the victim as Akasha Parob, a resident of Peddem, Mapusa.

The accident occurred when the girl was crossing the highway and was struck by a speeding motorcycle, who fled with the vehicle from the spot.

The victim was immediately rushed to the hospital but she succumbed to her injuries. The Mapusa Police have launched an investigation to trace the motorcycle rider. Further investigations are on, police said.

K'taka native arrested in Rs 1 crore cyber fraud case

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Cyber Crime Police Station arrested a person from Shivamogga, Karnataka in connection with a major cyber fraud case involving Rs 1,02,42,325.

According to the police, prior to May 15 this year, a complainant from Old Goa was induced to invest in a fraudulent trading scheme named 'ASK Smart Prospect Y5', promising high returns. The accused, using multiple mobile and WhatsApp numbers, manipulated the victim into transferring the said amount to various bank accounts.

Following an in-depth investigation and financial

analysis, the suspect was identified. A police team led by Lady PSI Yashica Sancoalkar, along with constables Sidramayya Math and Ibrahim Karol, under the direct supervision of PI Deepak Pednekar and SP Rahul Gupta, IPS, proceeded to Shivamogga, Karnataka, and arrested K Krishna Murthy, 63 from there.

During interrogation, it was revealed that the accused received Rs 5 lakh from the defrauded amount into his bank account and subsequently transferred the money to his associates.

The accused had opened a current account under the firm name "Bappa Machine Pvt Ltd".

Bijapur native held for allegedly raping minor girl

Team Herald

MARGAO: Mallappa Odi, a native of Bijapur and residing in Satara, has been arrested by Verna Police for allegedly raping a 16-year-old minor girl from Zuarinagar.

Odi was presented before the Vasco court, which remanded him in four days police custody. The police stated that a medical examination of the accused has been conducted, and the victim also underwent a medical examination at the GMC, Bambolim.

Verna police said they received a complaint from a resident of Zuarinagar stating that his 16-year-old daughter had been missing for three days, since May 19.

Cloth vendors, tailors threaten indefinite stir if Ponda fish market premises is sealed

Express their unwillingness to relocate to the fruit and vegetable market

Team Herald

PONDA: Cloth vendors and tailors operating on the first floor of the Ponda fish market have warned of an indefinite agitation at the Ponda Municipal Council (PMC) office if the market premises are sealed and they are forcibly evicted.

They have expressed their unwillingness to relocate to the fruit and vegetable market near the dry fish selling area, as directed by PMC.

The PMC intends to demolish the old fish market building to construct a new one. However, this plan has caused tension among the approximately 70 cloth vendors and tailors who conduct their business on the building's first floor. PMC officials have reportedly warned them to vacate the premises and move to the fruit and vegetable market.

Gharu Sawant, leader of Amchi Vyapari Sangatana, stated that while the vendors are prepared to shift to the new market complex shed, they object to being moved to the old fruit and vegetable market. They believe they should be accommodated in the new market complex shed, as they were allegedly promised earlier, questioning why the newly constructed market complex is not being utilised for vendors.

Sawant acknowledged that the vendors are aware of the dilapidated state of their current building and are willing to relocate to the new market complex. However, they are apprehensive about moving to the fruit and vegetable market, as



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The PMC plan to demolish the old fish market building and construct a new one, has caused tension among cloth vendors

they claim the PMC will soon demolish that area as well, leaving them without a permanent space for their businesses in Ponda market.

Furthermore, some of the women tailors who have already been relocated to a shed in the market complex report a lack of essential amenities such as lights and power connections. This absence of lighting has impacted their ability to work, forcing them to conclude their work by 6 pm instead of their previous schedule of working until 8 pm, which is particularly challenging given their deadlines for

completing school uniform orders.

APPOINTMENTS

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Walk in interview on 05th June 2025 at 11.00 am to 12.30 p.m. at Guardian Angel Higher Secondary School, Curchorem.

Cortalim Congress block slams Rs 270 crore twin tower project near Zuari bridge

Leaders demand focus on roads, power, water, and garbage management instead

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

Rs 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.

Khandepar locals want safety measures along accident-prone highway stretch

Spike in accidents on newly widened Kerya-Khandepar NH triggers calls for better signage, road alignment and underpasses

Team Herald

PONDA: In the wake of a rising number of accidents on the recently widened Kerya-Khandepar Highway, locals from Khandepar are calling for immediate implementation of road safety measures, including the installation of additional cautionary signboards along the two-kilometre stretch between Coppawada-Kerya and OPA Khandepar junction.

Following the expansion and improvement works, the four-lane national highway now includes a two-kilometre-long ser-

vice road running parallel from Copperwada to the OPA Khandepar junction. However, despite the infrastructure upgrade, the area remains accident-prone.

The Kerya section, once a valley, underwent extensive land-filling nearly a decade ago to facilitate the construction of the elevated four-lane road. Over time, the road has become uneven, especially at the land-filled sections, causing vehicles to occasionally mount the dividers. Notably, a passenger bus lost control and climbed the divider last year, and a similar incident occurred just a

few days ago.

According to local resident Sandeep Parkar, around eight accidents occurred on this stretch just last week, including three on a single day. "Sadly, a youth who was injured in a self-accident at Nandanvan Kerya on 11 May succumbed to his injuries at GMC yesterday evening," he said. "Since this road is accident-prone, more signboards are necessary. As a proactive measure, the PWD should conduct a study to identify the causes of these accidents and install more cautionary signboards to alert commuters."

Parkar further stressed

the need for uniformity in median gaps and proper alignment improvements to ensure safe vehicle crossings on the highway. He also called for the installation of signal lights to help slow down speeding vehicles.

Echoing these concerns, another local, Rocky Dias, pointed out that although the four-lane highway has been built, no underpasses or corridors have been provided for wild animals or cattle to cross safely. "Many times, cattle die on the highway due to the absence of underpasses for crossings," he said.

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