

shorttakes

Bihar native dies due to electrocution at Marcel

PONDA: Thirty-year-old Rakesh Paswan, a native of Bihar died due to electrocution at his rented room in Deulwada, Marcel. Paswan was declared dead upon arrival at Betki Primary Health Centre.

The body has been preserved at South Goa District Hospital (SGDH), Margao, for medico-legal procedures. Mardol Police have registered a case of unnatural death, and PSI Vinod Salunke is conducting investigations.

Family of four injured in Cuncolim accident

MARGAO: A family comprising of a husband, wife, and their two children riding a scooter, sustained injuries after being hit by a truck at Nayaband, Cuncolim. The Cuncolim Police confirmed that all injured individuals received medical treatment and registered an offense against the driver under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023. Police Constable Vinod Kankonkar filed a complaint, stating that the accused, Pavankumar from Nandangadda Karwar, Karnataka, allegedly drove his truck in a rash and negligent manner, thereby endangering human life. The incident occurred while the vehicle was proceeding from Balli towards Margao. On reaching near a restaurant in Nayaband, Cuncolim, the driver reportedly lost control, veered to the extreme right side of the road, and collided with the oncoming scooter.

The scooter was being driven by Harish Naik, a native of Karwar, Karnataka, currently residing at Tisk, Ponda. His wife and two sons were pillion riding on the scooter. The impact of the collision was such that all occupants of the scooter fell onto the roadside and sustained injuries. Further investigation is on.

Gogol resident arrested for threatening his wife with a firearm

MARGAO: The Fatorda Police arrested a man for allegedly threatening his wife with a firearm. According to a complaint lodged with the Fatorda Police, on May 27, at 10 am in Gogol, Margao, the complainant's husband, Runaksh Gaonkar of Gogol, verbally abused her and threatened her life with a firearm. Based on her complaint, the Fatorda police registered an offence under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and the Arms Act. During the subsequent inquiry, the police visited the residence of the accused. On searching the premises, they discovered a locally-made firearm in a dismantled state along with 14 bullets concealed under the bed of the accused. Gaonkar was arrested and has been remanded in 5 days police custody by Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Margao. Further investigation is on.

Complaint against security guard for criminal breach of trust

MARGAO: Sanjay Gajanan Terade from Thane, Maharashtra filed a complaint with the Colva Police stating that Prashanth, a security guard at the Colva Beach Resort, took his vehicle for washing and absconded, thereby committing criminal breach of trust. The police registered an offence under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, and the matter is under investigation.

Betul woman found dead at her residence

MARGAO: Thirty-year-old Annie Simoes from Betul, Quepem, was found hanging at her residence, Cuncolim Police reported. Cuncolim PSI Aditya Sawant visited the scene and found Simoes' body hanging from the roof with a cotton cloth. The ambulance staff declared her dead. The police conducted the panchanama and sent the body to South Goa District Hospital for legal procedures. PSI Sawant is investigating.

Goa govt announces Bhasha Puraskar

PANJIM: The Directorate of Official Language, Government of Goa, has announced the Bhasha Puraskar for 2022-2025.

The Konkani language award, 'Dnyanpeeth Ravindra Kelekar Konkani Bhasha Puraskar', has been awarded to Manikrao Ram Nayak Gaunekar (2022-23), Suresh Ramchandra Pai (2023-24), and Bhiku Bomi Naik (2024-25). The Marathi language award, 'B D Satoskar Marathi Bhasha Puraskar', has been awarded to Shambhu Bhau Bandekar (2022-23), Anil Gajanan Samant (2023-24) and Ramesh Onskar (2024-25).

PWD withdraws rule on rejecting tenders quoted 20% below estimated cost

PANJIM: The PWD has withdrawn its rule mandating rejection of tenders quoted 20% below the estimated cost. Effective June 1, 2025, revised performance guarantee requirements will apply for such bids, with a cap of 3% additional guarantee. Ties will be resolved by a draw of lots, states the circular.

Painter dies after falling into pit at Dabolim flyover site

VASCO: In a tragic incident Maruti Jadhav (40), a painter from Dabolim died after his two-wheeler fell into an excavated pit near Vales Junction, Dabolim on Wednesday night. The incident occurred when Jadhav, who was returning on a two-wheeler accidentally fell into a pit dug up for the ongoing flyover construction work at Dabolim. Jadhav received severe injuries in the fall and was rescued from the pit by the locals. He was immediately rushed to the Sub-District Hospital at Chicalim, where he was declared brought dead by the doctors. On receiving the information, the Vasco Police rushed to the site and conducted investigations.

One arrested for assaulting youth at Baina

VASCO: The Mormugao Police arrested a man for allegedly assaulting a youth with a wooden rafter, causing grievous injuries to his head in a rented room at Baina. The police gave the name of the victim as Rahul Kumar Majhe (20), a native of Bihar and presently residing at Baina. The assault took place in a rented room on Sunday night. The accused, identified as Rahul Kumar Sahni, also from Bihar and residing at Baina allegedly attacked Majhe and hit a wooden rafter on his head causing injuries. The victim sustained serious head injuries and has been admitted to the Goa Medical College and Hospital, Bambolim, where he is currently undergoing treatment. The Mormugao Police have registered a case against Sahni under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. The accused has been remanded in four days police custody. PSI Stanley Gomes is conducting investigation under the guidance of Mormugao PI Sherif Jacques and overall guidance of Mormugao DySP Gurudas Kadam.

S GOA POLICE TEAM FORMED TO TRACE 47 WOMEN, KIDS MISSING SINCE 2020

To explore potential elopement; to examine possibility of human trafficking, check unidentified bodies & verify mental asylums and Apna Ghar facilities

Team Herald

MARGAO: A team, headed by a lady police inspector and comprising other female police sub-inspectors from South Goa district, has been formed to trace around 47 women and children who reportedly have been missing since 2020.

According to police sources, Vasco currently has the highest number of missing persons at 12, followed by Verna with 8. Margao has 6 missing women, Maina Curtorim police station (80, Fatorda (6), and Cuncolim and Mardol (1 each). Ponda accounts for 8 missing individuals. Notably, no missing persons have been reported from Sanguem, Curchorem, Que-

CASES INVOLVING MISSING MINORS TREATED AS KIDNAPPINGS: POLICE

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Additionally, police station-level teams have been constituted to conduct searches in their respective areas. The initiative was a key topic at a review meeting held by Tikam Singh Verma, IPS, Superintendent of Police, South Goa, with the lady police sub-inspectors.

These cases are actively under investigation.

SP Verma, has directed that all missing persons cases be thoroughly investigated to reach a log-

VASCO TOPS THE LIST

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ical conclusion. The lady police officers concerned at each police station are tasked with several crucial steps. This includes verifying and locating the victim's native place, contacting the local police station there to ascertain their current whereabouts and the reason for their visit to Goa, and determining their marital status and personal life, including any domestic issues if

married.

Investigators will also explore any potential love affairs or elopement angles, including any contact with family members in such instances. Furthermore, they will be examining any possibility of human trafficking, checking unidentified bodies in Goa and neighbouring States, and verifying mental asylums and Apna Ghar facilities.

A police officer explained that the initial motive behind a person going missing is often unclear at the time of recording the case and typically emerges later during the investigation upon their recovery.

Therefore, motive is not a factor in the current analysis. The officer further stated that once a missing woman is located, her statement is taken. In cases of family disputes, women are generally allowed to make their own decisions if they refuse to return home. Importantly, all cases involving missing minors are treated as kidnappings, and a First Information Report (FIR) is registered accordingly, the officer added.

Hazardous parking on Dhavalim-Farmagudi bypass sharp turns raises accident fears

Team Herald

PONDA: Hazardous parking on sharp curves along both sides of the Dhavalim-Farmagudi bypass is posing a serious risk of accidents, with obstructed visibility making it difficult for motorists to see oncoming vehicles.

Residents of Kavlem recently raised concerns after a car belonging to a family from Karnataka met with an accident on a sharp turn and mounted a divider. Fortunately, no one was in-



jured in the incident.

Locals stressed that the winding nature of the Dhavalim-Farmagudi road necessitates a complete ban on truck parking, particularly at dangerous

bends. Although Kavlem Panchayat has installed 'No Parking' signboards at sharp curves, truck drivers continue to ignore them and leave their vehicles along the roadside.

SANTOSH NAIK

Builder told to execute sale deed in favour of buyer for delay

Real estate body directs builder to pay 11% interest of Rs 90 lakh deposited by buyer towards a row house

Team Herald

PANJIM: Goa Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) member Vincent D'Silva has directed the builder to execute a sale deed in favour of the buyer and to pay interest at 11 per cent for delay on the amount of Rs 90 lakh deposited by the buyer towards a row house within 60 days from the date of the order.

The developer has been directed to pay Rs 5 lakh to the complainant as penalty under Section 61 of the Act for violation of Section 17 and Section 18 of RERA Act and also to pay costs of Rs 1 lakh to the complainant.

The respondent builder is also directed to file a compliance report of the order within 60 days failing which legal action will be initiated by the Authority under RERA Act for the ex-

ecution of the order.

Lakshmansandra Vasudevamurthy Ravi of Bengaluru had purchased a row house at Varca in Salcete taluka and had registered an agreement for sale with the developer. He said that the developer had failed to execute the sale deed in favour of the complainant qua the said premises even after receiving the entire sale consideration amount of Rs 90 lakh from him.

The complainant alleged that the developer constructed a sub-standard approach road and failed to register with Goa RERA when registration of the project was mandatory. The complainant had paid Rs 90 lakh to the respondent and Rs 2.61 lakh for additional work but delayed the handing over of possession within the stipulated time.

The respondent stated

that the complainant had purchased a row house in Phase II vide agreement for sale dated October 3, 2019, and that he had taken possession of the premises for fit-out in November 2019 and after completion of the fit-out signed an agreement for leave and licence dated December 22, 2021.

He further argued that since a society had been formed with the consent of tenement holders, individual sale deed cannot be executed. The respondent was in the process of executing a conveyance deed in favour of the society and the same was pending because of non-operation of the tenement holders. He claimed that the project was registered with Goa RERA in 2018. The claim of delayed possession and entitlement to statutory interest were baseless, he said.

Clarify VAT rules affecting liquor dealers, says GCCI

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PANJIM: The Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) has urged the State government to clarify VAT rules affecting liquor dealers, citing concerns with a recent Trade Circular under the Goa VAT Act, 2005.

The chamber has emphasised that incentives and discounts are standard in the liquor industry and should not attract extra taxes. The GCCI highlighted that the recent Goa GST Amendment Act effectively addressed concerns such as mitigating litigation, promoting ease of doing business, addressing long-standing tax disputes arising from past practices etc and called for a similar approach under the Goa VAT law.

The GCCI also urged that any legislative changes should apply prospectively and that longstanding past, tax matters should be closed.

Heavy rains batter State, IMD issues orange alert

GAURESH SATTARKAR



A man pushes his two wheeler along the flooded road in Curchorem market

UPENDRA NAIK



Team Herald

PANJIM: The State experienced heavy rainfall on Wednesday with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issuing an orange alert for the State, effective until Thursday.

The alert indicates the likelihood of heavy to very heavy rainfall accompanied by strong winds.

A low pressure area was formed over North-west Bay of Bengal off Odisha coast and is likely to move slowly northwards and concentrate into a depression over north Bay of Bengal during the next 24 hours. However, it may not have direct impact on the

rains in the State, according to the IMD.

At Curchorem, heavy rain caused severe flooding as roads were submerged causing hardships to motorists.

The continuous rainfall caused major disruptions in Curchorem as areas near Ambedkar Circle and the railway station road were waterlogged causing complete road blockages and halting movement of traffic.

Several vehicles broke down after water entered their silencers, leaving commuters stranded in flooded streets. There were also incidents of water entering into many shops in Curchorem.

APPOINTMENTS

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AFFILIATED TO C.B.S.E AFFILIATION NO. 1130582 WANTED TEACHERS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR: 2025-26			
Sr. No.	Subject	Qualification	No. of Posts
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02	Pre-School Teachers	Any Graduation	20
PRIMARY SECTION			
01	English	B.A. B.Ed / M.A. B.Ed	02
02	Mathematics	B.Sc B.Ed / M.Sc B.Ed	01
03	Science	B.Sc B.Ed / M.Sc B.Ed	02
HIGHER SECTION			
01	English	M.A. B.Ed	02
02	Science	M.Sc. B.Ed	02
03	SST	BA / MA & B.Ed	02
04	Computer / IT	MCA / BE	02
05	Physics (PGT)	M.Sc (Physics) & B.Ed	01
06	P.E.	B.P.Ed	02
07	Chemistry (PGT)	M.Sc (Chemistry) & B.Ed	01
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Good Salary will be given for well qualified and experience teachers			
School E-mail : lkrprince@gmail.com			
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Calls grow for stray dog shelters in Ponda as roadside feeding continues

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PONDA: In the wake of last month's fatal stray dog attack on a child at Durgabhat, Ponda, local councillors and panchayat members have raised awareness about the dangers posed by feeding stray dogs on main roads. However, despite these efforts, some residents continue to offer food to strays along busy thoroughfares, increasing the risk of accidents for commuters.

Curti-Khandepar Sarpach Nilkant Naik recently appealed to residents during a gram sabha to refrain from feeding dogs on footpaths and roads, especially avoiding raw meat which can trigger aggressive behaviour in dogs. Nevertheless, some individuals have ignored these warnings and con-



tinue to feed strays on public roads.

In response, the Ponda Municipal Council (PMC) has proposed setting up a dog shelter behind the PMC crematorium in the Bandora community.

Viraj Sapre of Ponda acknowledged the need for stray dogs to receive regular food but stressed that the responsibility lies with

the PMC and panchayats in Ponda Taluka to establish a dedicated shelter at the earliest. "Stray dogs chase people on the road when they remain hungry," he said.

Sapre pointed out that the Ponda Sub District Hospital has recorded an average of around 80 dog bite cases each month over several years. He

urged the PMC and all 19 panchayats in the taluka to construct shelters so dog lovers can show compassion in a safe and structured manner.

"Whenever stray dogs don't have food on the road, they chase commuters and pedestrians and often bite them," he said. He also highlighted the problem of raw meat waste being dumped on roadsides, which is making the dogs more aggressive. "Proper disposal of chicken and meat waste is essential to prevent dog bite cases," he added.

Sapre further noted that there are 18 stray dogs and puppies in his own residential building. He called for effective sterilisation measures to control the stray dog population.

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