

shorttakes

Pernem man booked for sending obscene messages to Ponda woman

PONDA/MARGAO: Bharat Petkar, 62, resident of Pernem has been booked by Ponda police for allegedly harassing a woman by sending her obscene messages and issuing threats to her husband. The complaint, lodged by a Ponda-based woman, stated that between 2021 and January 2025, the accused persistently sent her unsolicited, sexually explicit messages and made vulgar comments using images from her WhatsApp stories. Additionally, Petkar is accused of issuing threats to the complainant's husband. Meanwhile Maina-Curtorim Police have registered an offence against Rupesh Parsekar, a driver from Calata, for allegedly harassing a Nuvem woman through WhatsApp messages and calls. The woman, who lodged the complaint, claimed that since May 2025, Parsekar—who works as her driver—repeatedly sent unsolicited messages and made persistent voice and video calls in an attempt to initiate a personal relationship. Despite clear disinterest, the accused allegedly continued his advances. Police have booked Parsekar under various sections and PSI Praful Giri is leading the investigation.

67-year-old pedestrian dies after bus collision at Margao

MARGAO: Joseph Baptista (67), a resident of Margao, died after being knocked down by a bus near the Old Market Circle on May 30. The complaint, filed by constable Sadanand Gurav, stated that Irfan Shaikh (47), also from Margao, was driving the Ashok Leyland bus rashly when it hit Baptista, who was crossing the road. The victim was rushed to South Goa District Hospital (SGDH), where he succumbed to injuries during treatment. Police have preserved the body for medico-legal formalities and are continuing the investigation.

Curtorim, resident booked for illegal sand and stone storage

MARGAO: Govind Lamani (32), of Sada Vasco, has been booked for illegally storing 580 cubic metres of sand and 530 cubic metres of laterite stones at Curtorim. The case was registered following a complaint by Ratnakant Govenker, Deputy Director of the Department of Mines & Geology. The Maina-Curtorim police have filed charges under Section 4(1A) read with Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, and Rule 3 read with Rule 62 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1985. Further investigations are ongoing.

Fire brigade responds to multiple tree fall incidents in Margao

MARGAO: Firefighters attended several tree fall incidents across Margao, clearing roads and preventing further damage. A tree fell on a house near Santosh Bhojnalya, Gandhi Market, causing damage estimated at Rs 50,000. No injuries were reported. Fire Officer Gil Souza confirmed that one tender, led by S R Naik, responded to the call. Other incidents included: A jungle tree falling on an electric pole near Canara Bank, Vidyanaagar, cleared by NV Takkar's team; A banana tree obstructing the road near Fatima Convent School, Comba, cleared by A K Velip's crew; A tree blocking an internal road behind Sai Baba Temple, Malbhat, removed by S K G Dessai's team; A drumstick tree falling behind Amul Ice Cream Parlour, Ambaji Fatorda, cleared by C V Carvalho and team.

Int'l webinar on thyroid diseases on June 13

PANJIM: The European Thyroid Association in collaboration with the EFCS (European Federation of Cytology Societies) and the Asian Society of Cytopathology is organising an International Webinar on Thyroid lesions ie 'differentiated thyroid cancer, whats new in the field', on June 13, between 4 pm to 6 pm, (CET ie Central European Time). The Faculty are Dr Esther Diana Rossi, expert thyroid pathologist, Rome-Italy, Dr Thomas J Musholt expert thyroid surgeon, Mainz Germany and Dr Livia Lamartina Expert Thyroid Endocrinologist Paris-France. The webinar and registration is free of cost. The details are given on www.pathoindia.com. The topics to be discussed are: What's new from the Bethesda Thyroid 2023 and WHO 2022; How to surgically manage the Differentiated Thyroid Cancer. Different Surgeries for different categories; Short and long term follow up in different histologies. Also clinical cases on a round table format on, the world tumor registry; oncocyctic lesions and Thyroxine treatment. The International webinar is coordinated by Dr Esther Diana Rossi. Dr Danijela V Mozetik secretary of EFCS and Dr RG Wiseman Pinto president of the Asian Society of Cytopathology.

Power consumers told to relocate indoor meters by Nov 28 or face disconnection

Team Herald

MARGAO: The Goa Electricity Department has urged all consumers to relocate their electricity meters from inside their homes to locations that can be easily accessed by meter readers. A deadline of 28 November has been set for this relocation, with the department warning that failure to comply may result in disconnection of power supply until the issue is rectified. In a public notice, the department explained that electricity meters installed inside locked or inaccessible homes pose challenges to accurate billing and routine maintenance. As



per electricity regulations, all meters must be positioned such that department staff can access them without needing to enter the house. Consumers are therefore being asked to identify a suitable, weather-

protected location within their premises for the installation and to coordinate with their respective sub-division offices to have the meter shifted.

The department cautioned that if a meter re-

mains inaccessible after the deadline, it could lead to temporary disconnection. In instances where the connection is permanently disconnected, consumers would be required to re-apply for a new connection and complete all formalities afresh. To avoid such inconvenience, the department is urging residents—especially those currently living outside Goa with locked homes and indoor meters—to take prompt action.

Consumers can find the name of their sub-division office on their electricity bill and are encouraged to contact the concerned officials at the earliest. The

department also requested the public to share this information with others who may be affected, particularly friends or relatives whose homes are

currently vacant. For further details, consumers may visit the department's website at www.goaelectricity.gov.in or call 0832-2224680.

APPOINTMENTS

GOVERNMENT OF GOA
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Online Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the posts of College Librarian, College Director of Physical Education, College Counsellors on Contract Basis (CB) and Assistant Professors (Contract Basis and Lecture Basis) in the below mentioned subjects in Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce at Sanquelim, Khandola, Quepem, Sant Sohrobanath Ambye Government College of Arts and Commerce, Pernem Government College of Commerce and Economics, Margao (Autonomous); Goa College of Home Science, Panaji and Goa College of Music, Panaji for the Academic Year 2025-2026 only.

Sr. No.	Subject	Sr. No.	Subject
1.	Biotechnology	18.	Hindi
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Candidates wishing to apply for the same have to compulsorily fill and submit the Online Application Form by clicking on the link "Application Form for the post of Assistant Professors on Contract basis/ Lecture basis/ College Librarian/College Director of Physical Education/ College Counsellor" on the DHE website www.dhe.goa.gov.in.

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Last date for filling up the Online Application Form is 12/06/2025 till 5.00 p.m. Essential Qualifications: As per Goa University Statute Notification No.2/562/18 Legal(Vol.IX)/2250 dated 29/10/2019, UGC Regulations and Government of Goa Rules.

NOTE:

- Exact number of positions of Assistant Professors (on contract and lecture basis) will be filled purely as per the availability of workload.
- Government of Goa rules will be followed for Reservation of posts.
- Candidates will be shortlisted based on merit.
- The selection will be merit based on performance in the oral interview and subject to verification of original documents.
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Director (Higher Education)

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Ecological fallout: Elephants displaced by Kali dam project kill 3 Goans, says environmentalist

AUGUSTO RODRIGUES

KERI (SATTARI): As the legal battle in the Supreme Court of India between Goa and Karnataka continues over the diversion of the Mhadei river to the Malaprabha basin via the Kalasa and Banduri nullahs (canals), a sobering fact has yet to resonate amid the heated discussions — three Goans were killed by elephants displaced by dam-related work across the Kali river.

"One man was killed in Revora, near Mapusa, by an elephant that had wandered from Dandeli into Goa," recalls renowned environmentalist Rajendra Kerker. "Two more victims were from Pernem taluka, including one from Ibrampur," added Kerker, who is also the author of Glimpses of Goa.

According to Kerker, any decision involving the diversion or sharing of water must also consider the fragile environment, ecology, and wildlife that the river systems support along their course.

Elephants displaced by the ongoing construction around the Kali river have now migrated to the Tillari river basin in Maharashtra,

where they are reportedly wreaking havoc.

"The herd that was displaced from the Kali region — and may have been responsible for the deaths of the three Goans from the foothills of the Western Ghats — is currently in the Tillari river basin," disclosed Kerker.

"Disturbing animal ecosystems is perilous. If prudence is not exercised in resolving the Mhadei dispute, similar incidents may recur in Goa. The consequences could be severe," he warned.

Several streams feed into the Mhadei, including those from Bejao, but Kerker highlights three as particularly significant: Banduri, Pant, and Singur. Among them, Banduri is a perennial nullah that contributes a large quantum of water — a key point Goa is attempting to establish with evidence before the court.

The Banduri nullah region, Kerker explains, lies within the highly sensitive Khanapur forest range of the Western Ghats, home to tigers, sloth bears, king cobras, and many other rare and indigenous species.

"Locals in the area derive most of their potable

and irrigation water from the Banduri nullah. Any attempt to divert its flow could have far-reaching consequences, especially if its ecological importance is overlooked," he cautioned.

The tribunal originally set up to resolve the dispute gave its decision in 2018. However, Kerker points out that Goa, Maharashtra, and Karnataka have all since filed petitions before the Supreme Court.

"So far, no hearing has taken place. Therefore, no determination has been made regarding the availability of sufficient data to assess the basin's yield or the amount of water that can be awarded," claims Kerker.

Given these circumstances, Kerker believes it is premature to draw conclusions about the tribunal's earlier decision on the issues raised by the Government of Goa.

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Over 2,300 booked for smoking, spitting in S Goa

MARGAO: Despite the Goa Prohibition of Smoking and Spitting Act, 1997 clearly prohibiting smoking and spitting in public places, South Goa police have reported a record 2,318 persons booked under the Act as of April 20, 2025.

The law states that "no person shall smoke or spit in any place of public work

or use," including public service vehicles. Yet violations continue unabated, particularly in commercial and high-footfall areas.

Margao, being the commercial hub of South Goa, has witnessed numerous instances of such violations at business premises, public offices, and tourist hotspots. However, the number of cases booked by the Margao Police Station remains surprisingly low, with only 69 cases registered up to April 20, 2025.

In contrast, Vasco Railway Police Station recorded the highest number of offences with 280 cases, followed by Ponda Police Station with 270, Airport Police Station with 223, Cuncolim Police Station with 216, Collem Police Station with 212, Curchorem Police Station with 160, Maina-Curtorim Police Station with 132, Quepem Police Station with 118, Sanguem Police Station with 116, and Colva Police Station with 80. Mormugao Police Station registered only three cases.

A senior police officer acknowledged that, despite awareness drives and enforcement measures, individuals continue to flout the law by smoking in public spaces. "The crackdown will continue, and action will be taken against defaulters," he said.

According to police data, South Goa police stations booked a total of 7,089 cases under the Act up to December 18, 2024, compared to 5,947 cases booked in 2023.

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