

shorttakes**Nepali national found dead in Calangute room**

CALANGUTE: A 42-year-old man from Morang-Nepal, identified as Yoges Chamling, was found dead in his rented room at Prabhu Waddo, Calangute, on Wednesday. His roommate, Balam Dalai, discovered him unresponsive and alerted the landlord, Nilesh Vengurlekar, who informed police. Calangute Police have registered an unnatural death case. Investigations are underway.

Neighbour assaulted over rainwater dispute

MARGAO: Quepem Police have booked Minguel Fernandes (48) of Ambaulim for allegedly assaulting his neighbour with an iron rod and wooden stick over a dispute involving diverted rainwater. The complaint was filed by Floicy Fernandes, who said her father sustained injuries in the incident that occurred on 4 June. PSI Yogesh Gaonkar is investigating the case under Section 118(1) of the BNS 2023.

Two buffaloes killed by speeding car

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PONDA: Two buffaloes were killed on the spot after a speeding car rammed into a herd near the sewage treatment plant at Kavlem on the Dhavli-Farmagudi Highway late at night. Locals suspect the driver was speeding and failed to brake in time. Residents have demanded action against cattle owners who let their livestock roam freely on roads, citing repeated incidents in the area.

53-year-old Sanguem dies after fall

MARGAO: A 53-year-old Sanguem resident admitted to GMC Bambolim after a self-fall at Neturlim on June 4, has succumbed to injuries. The post-mortem confirmed death due to cranio-cerebral damage from blunt force trauma. Sanguem Police have conducted an inquest and are investigating under PSI Krishnadeep Borkar.

Mosquito coil suspected cause of house fire

PONDA: A fire suspected to have started from a mosquito coil caused damage worth Rs 2 lakh to a house in Shantinagar, Ponda, around 5 am on Wednesday. The elderly couple residing in the house escaped unhurt. Ponda Fire Services doused the fire before it could reach the kitchen. The bed, roof, and electrical appliances were damaged.

Shiroda murder accused suspended

PONDA: Chetan Gaonkar (34), accused of murdering his wife Hema Gaonkar by smashing her head with a stone on May 31 in Shiroda, has been suspended from his job at the Ponda Additional Collector's Office. Police cited ongoing marital discord as motive. Gaonkar was remanded to 10-day police custody. The couple's three-year-old son has been left orphaned.

Majorda man collapses at Colva school, dies

MARGAO: Joao Camilo Fernandes (59) of Majorda collapsed at St Joseph School, Colva, and was declared brought dead at South Goa District Hospital. Police said Fernandes had a known history of heart issues. His body has been preserved for medico-legal formalities. PSI Nikhil Khajnekar is investigating.

Scooter stolen from Margao residence

MARGAO: A scooter was reported stolen from a parking area in Margao on 19 May. The complaint, lodged by Pritam, led police to register a case under Section 303(2) r/w 3(5) of the BNS 2023. Margao Police are investigating.

Fallen tree damages house in Khareband

MARGAO: A large tree collapsed on a house near a hotel at Khareband, causing damage worth Rs 50,000. No injuries were reported. The Margao Fire Team responded swiftly. In a separate incident, a tree fell on a compound and road at Pandicol, Curtorim. Damage was minor, and the road was cleared by 10.30 am.

power shutdown

CANACONA-PALOLEM: On June 10, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Telephone Exchange, Cleopatra, Gaitondewada, Dhavalikar hospital, Devabag, Ice factory, Sobit Sarovar hotel, Daya hotel, Palolem club, Palolem beach, Rickshaw stand and parking area Bhumipurush

Underpass near KTC bus stand nearing completion, but delay in shifting gas line holds up approach road

Team Herald

PONDA: The much-anticipated underpass at the Nageshi-Bandora junction near the KTC bus stand is almost complete, but work on the approach road has been delayed due to a two-month hold-up in shifting gas lines at the site.

The underpass, part of the highway expansion project from Khandepar to Safa Masjid undertaken eight years ago, could not initially be constructed at the KTC Bus Stand junction due to its proximity to the historic Safa Masjid. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) had not permitted the construction of an underpass at the heritage site.

As a result, residents of Chirputem faced considerable inconvenience, being forced to travel an addition-

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Workers engaged in approach road work for the underpass approaching the KTC bus stand, Ponda

al two kilometres to reach their homes. The absence of a direct access road or

underpass also deterred passenger buses from travelling the extra distance to

the KTC Bus Stand, causing further hardship.

However, according to

the National Highways Authority, both the underpass and approach

road works are nearly finished and will soon offer smoother access for buses and commuters.

Responding to repeated demands from locals, who had gathered multiple times at the junction urging a solution, local MLA and Power Minister Sudin Dhavlikar had promised to construct an underpass at the Bandora junction. That promise has now materialised with the underpass structure in place.

Chanda Parwar, Assistant Engineer, PWD, stated that the Gas Authority had been requested long ago to shift the gas lines along the underpass construction site. "However, due to the delay, the underpass construction was also held up. The PWD is now working to complete the project at the earliest," she said.

Locals demand restoration of speed breakers on Ponda service roads

Team Herald

PONDA: The removal of speed breakers at service roads and underpass junctions in Ponda has led to a surge in road accidents, with residents now demanding their immediate reinstatement to prevent further mishaps.

Local residents have raised concerns over the growing number of accidents since the speed breakers were removed. Social worker Sherli Dias highlighted the issue, stating, "Earlier, when the speed breakers were installed on the service road, there were no accidents. But recently, all speed breakers at underpass junctions have been removed, and thereafter frequent accidents have been occurring, affecting locals."

She pointed to a recent collision between a scooter



er and a tempo, asserting that if such accidents continue, the government will be held accountable. "The government must provide compensation to injured

people," she said.

Dias cited a specific incident where a motorcyclist—who was the sole breadwinner for his family—was injured after a car

struck his bike on a plain stretch near the underpass. "Three surgeries have been performed so far on this bike rider," she added.

She has called for the reinstallation of all speed breakers along with proper signboards on the service road from Curti to Amigos junction on the National Highway (NH). According to her, most accidents occur at underpass junctions where speed breakers have been removed, and speeding four-wheelers and heavy vehicles pose a risk to local bikers.

Another resident, Shrikant Naik, said the four-lane road widening project has become a threat to locals due to the absence of adequate signage and speed control measures. He too demanded that the speed breakers be restored immediately.

Ponda's first traffic signal installed at Bethora, locals call for flyover

Team Herald

PONDA: Ponda taluka's first-ever traffic signal system has been installed at the Kannwal-Bethora junction on the Margao-Belgaum Highway and is set to become operational in the coming days. Signal lamps have been placed on all four sides of the junction, with locals hopeful that the move will bring relief from traffic chaos and frequent accidents.

Residents have welcomed the traffic signal installation in their village panchayat area and expressed gratitude to the National Highway (NH) officials. However, many believe that a more permanent and efficient solution would be the construction of an underpass or flyover at the busy junction.

Nyanshewar Khandeparkar, a local resident, pointed out that while other parts of Ponda taluka have underpasses or flyovers along the highway, no such facility exists at Bethora. "Since 2019, we have been demanding a traffic signal system at this junction. Over the years, both the population and traffic volume have increased. Considering future growth, an underpass or flyover is a must at this location," he said, urging highway authorities to address their longstanding demand.

Devendra Chari, another resident, noted that while Bethora houses an industrial estate, traffic along the Margao-Belgaum route has grown significantly. "Though the traffic signal system has been introduced, it will lead to time delays. Authorities should seriously consider constructing a flyover here," he said.

Goa govt extends ESMA for pharma sector by six months

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Goa government on Friday extended the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) for private pharmaceutical manufacturing companies for another six months, thereby prohibiting employees in the pharma sector from going on strike or engaging in any form of protest.

The extension aims to ensure the uninterrupted functioning of all establishments involved in the manufacturing, packaging,

distribution and transportation of pharmaceutical products and their components in the State.

"Government of Goa, being satisfied that in the public interest it is necessary so to do, hereby extends the period prohibiting strike in any form in all establishments engaged in manufacturing, packaging, distribution and transportation of pharmaceutical products and components thereof in pharmaceutical sector in the State of Goa mentioned in the above order

for further period of six months with effect from June 10, 2025," stated an order issued by Manesh Hari Kedar, Under Secretary (Home-1).

Goa is home to approximately 54 pharmaceutical companies, contributing around 12-15 per cent of the country's total pharmaceutical production. However, trade unions have opposed the extension of ESMA, alleging that the government is overreaching its authority by continuing to impose such restrictions.

Ponda officials gear up to prevent vector-borne diseases ahead of monsoon



Team Herald

PONDA: In view of the approaching monsoon season, a preparedness meeting was held at the office of the Ponda Deputy Collector, chaired by Deputy Collector Shubam Naik. The meeting saw the participation of health officials, doctors, and representatives from various government departments including the Public Works Department, Agriculture Department, and Panchayats.

The key focus of the meeting was to discuss preventive strategies to combat vector-borne diseases such

as dengue and malaria. Deputy Collector Naik confirmed that, as of now, no vector-borne disease cases have been reported in the taluka. However, he directed all concerned officials to implement precautionary measures without delay.

"All departments must work collectively to prevent water-logging and stagnation of water, which are primary breeding grounds for mosquitoes," said Naik. He further instructed that awareness campaigns should be initiated through Panchayats and Municipalities to inform the public about preventive practices.

The Health Department, along with Panchayats, PWD and Agriculture Department officials, has been tasked with promoting cleanliness and sanitation across the taluka. A decision was also taken to involve various Panchayat committees in these efforts, ensuring grassroots-level participation in raising awareness on hygiene and mosquito control.

The meeting concluded with a unified commitment to prevent the outbreak of diseases during the rainy season through inter-departmental coordination and public engagement.

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