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# Party noise, police apathy put turtle nesting in peril

**Anjuna Biodiversity Board claims cops ignored repeated complaints** about fireworks, illegal parties at Dream Beach in Vagator



**MAHIRI** BEACH, VAGA-TOR: The number of Olive Ridley turtles nesting at Mahiri Beach - also known as Dream Beach - has dropped significantly this season, prompting concern and criticism from local conservationists. Members of the Anjuna Biodiversity Board allege that the sharp decline. from 20 turtles last year to just 12 this year, is a direct result of police inaction in the face of repeated violations of wildlife and noise regulations.



"The Anjuna Police ignored formal complaints from the Forest Department about fireworks and illegal trance parties on the beach," said Satyan Har-

the Anjuna Police and the

laser about and LED light displays observeď during a night patrol on January 9 at Vagator Beach. report that warned lights these harmful and dangerous' to Schedule-I marine wildlife, such as Olive Ridley turtles.

Despite this warning, there was no reported action from the police. A second letter, dated February 25, 2025, from Range

Forest Officer Atmaram Gauns reiterated concerns. It cited similar disturbances observed during a patrol on February 21, including fireworks and loud music from W Hotel – activities that pose a threat to nesting turtles.

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## Heavy rain forecast for Goa

IMD sounds orange alert for June 12-14

#### **Team Herald**

PANJIM: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued orange alert for June 12, 13 and 14, 2025, forecasting heavy

rainfall at isolated places in both the districts and vellow alert for June 11, 15 and 16, 2025.

"Thunderstorm and lightning with strong surface winds with speed 30-40

kmph gusting to 50 kmph is very likely at isolated places over North Goa and South Goa districts on June 12, 13 and 14," the IMD said.

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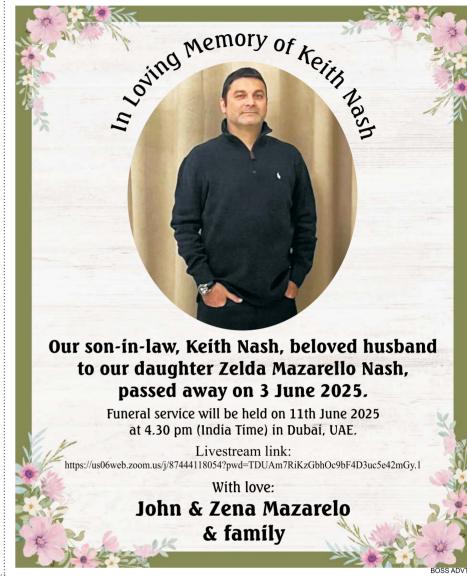
### **OLIVE RIDLEY NESTING IN NORTH GOA IN 2025**

- Mahiri Beach: 12 turtles, 1229 eggs Ouerim Beach: 12 turtles, 1,283 eggs
- ▶ Mandrem Beach: 23 turtles, 2,375 eggs Calangute Beach: 5 turtles, 500 eggs Arambol Beach: 3 turtles, 384 eggs
- Candolim Beach: 4 turtles, 466 eggs Singuerim Beach: 2 turtles, 183 eggs Anjuna Beach: 1 turtle, 132 eggs Dona Paula: 1 turtle, 139 eggs (Figures provided by the Forest Department)

disregard for the law by music at these parties viomalkar, a member of the those entrusted to enforce lates noise pollution orders Officer T B Kharbe informed

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