

You reap what you sow: Dhavalikar comments on Gaude's removal

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PONDA: Reacting to the removal of Minister Govind Gaude from the State Cabinet, Power Minister and political rival Ramkrishna 'Sudin' Dhavalikar refrained from offering a direct comment, stating it was a decision taken by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). However, without naming Gaude, Dhavalikar remarked, "You get fruits as per your karmas (actions/deeds). As you sow seeds, so you will reap fruits. Those who perform good karmas progress in life, those who don't, suffer."

He was speaking on the sidelines of a felicitation function for meritorious

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students and a school uniform and scholarship distribution programme organised at Kavlem Panchayat in association with the Madhav Dhavalikar Trust. "It is not sufficient to merely become an MLA. An MLA's behaviour should be good and respectful towards others. One cannot use rude words. This applies not only to MLAs but also to sarpanchas and zilla panchayat members.

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When asked about Gaude's recent statement during a Sunday meeting at Khandola - in which Gaude claimed to have opposed the idea of Dhavalikar heading the cabinet during the late Manohar Parrikar's illness and instead supported Pramod Sawant for the Chief Minister's post - Dhavalikar responded, "It is a well-known fact that Vijay

Sardesai, Rohan Khaunte and others were opposed to the move. Ultimately, it is the people - and my fate - that will decide whether Sudin Dhavalikar becomes chief minister or not. Nobody else can determine my fate."

Asked about a contentious incident with Gaude during a cabinet meeting under Parrikar, Dhavalikar declined to go into detail, stating, "I don't want to speak much about it as the matter has already been decided. A man must reap the fruits of his actions (*zashé karma tashé phal*)."

On the question of whether the Maharashtra Mahantak Party (MGP) would step up activity in the Priol constituency following

Gaude's ouster, Dhavalikar said, "MGP is not confined to Priol. It is rooted across all villages of Goa and only needs a push for its revival. MGP's work will continue as it is. Even in Dabolim, our candidate secured 5,000 votes. The party has a presence across the State. I will strive throughout my life to strengthen the MGP."

He added that the MGP works without discrimination, and noted that students from Canacona and Quepem had recently been supported for educational needs.

It may be recalled that Govind Gaude had contested against Sudin Dhavalikar in 2007 from Marcaim and lost the election.

Youth attempts self-strangulation at Ponda Police Station entrance

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PONDA: A dramatic incident unfolded at the entrance of the Ponda Police Station, when an individual attempted to self-strangulate with an unattended cable wire lying on the ground.

The situation lasted for approximately 10 minutes before police intervened and took the person into custody. Passersby were confused by the scene, particularly as the youth involved was shirtless.

It is pertinent to note that the cable wire, which appears to have fallen from electric poles, has been lying on the ground for a



month, completely neglected. However, no action has been taken to remove it or inform the cable operators to secure it properly at a safe height.

The incident has highlighted the extreme danger posed by the neglected wire. It is not only a tripping hazard that could lead

to serious injuries or even fatalities for anyone entering the police station, but it also creates an unsafe environment for the public.

The locals hope that this incident will prompt the police to either remove the wire immediately or direct the cable operators to secure it properly on the electric poles.

Scooter rider killed in self-accident at Kerya

PONDA: A 36-year-old scooter rider, Nushish Naik from Shiroda, succumbed to injuries sustained in a self-accident that occurred at Khandepar on Monday night.

According to police, Naik was seriously injured in the accident and was first taken to the Sub District Hospital at Ponda. He was later shifted to GMC, Bambolim, where he passed away while undergoing treatment on Tuesday morning.

The police confirmed the cause of death as 'cranio-cerebral damage consequent to blunt force impact by surface and/or object'. The body was handed over to the family for final rites.

Traffic police, MMC urge port authority to dismantle hazardous wall in Baina

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BAINA: The Traffic Police and the Mormugao Municipal Council (MMC) have jointly called on the Mormugao Port Authority (MPA) to immediately dismantle a newly constructed compound wall in Baina, citing serious safety concerns at an already accident-prone location.

This demand follows a joint inspection and review meeting, during which both agencies identified the wall, along with gates erected on the up and down ramps, as major traffic hazards. According to

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the Traffic Police, these structures significantly reduce visibility for motorists and disrupt traffic flow, particularly during peak hours and in adverse weather conditions.

"The wall and gates obstruct clear vision and are making an already difficult stretch more dangerous," the Traffic Police Inspector said. "This not only causes congestion but also increases the likelihood of accidents."

The MMC reiterated the concerns,

stressing that public safety must take precedence over any structural or administrative justifications. Officials highlighted that the area has a history of road accidents, with several recent incidents involving both motorists and pedestrians.

MMC and the Traffic Police have formally requested that the MPA dismantle the wall and reconsider the positioning of the gates. They have also proposed alternative safety measures, including improved signage and road markings, to enhance commuter awareness and minimise the risk of collisions.

Another day at sea – A reflection on the Int'l Day of the Seafarer

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Today, June 25, the world recognises the International Day of the Seafarer — a day to honour the countless individuals who navigate the oceans, ensuring that the world keeps moving. From the cargo ships transporting essential goods to the cruise liners offering unforgettable journeys, none of it would be possible without the dedication and resilience of the seafarers.

My thoughts are of deep reflection. While we are often praised as "key workers", the reality of how we are treated — both on land and in transit — tells a very different story.

A few years ago, I was scheduled to join a vessel in Houston, USA, travelling from Mumbai via Heathrow, UK. What should have been a standard transit turned into an experience that left me feeling stripped of dignity. At the boarding gate in Mumbai, the airline staff informed me that my passport, along with those of other Indian seafarers, would be taken into custody and handed over to the pilot. The explanation? That Indian seafarers had been classified as "high-risk crew" by Indian authorities. Air India enforced such humiliation on Indian seafarers.

Upon arrival in Heathrow, we were escorted under security watch, funnelled through terminals as if we were criminals. That walk through the airport — watched, judged, and stripped of identity — is something I will never forget.

Fast forward to a more recent chapter. I was flying from Mumbai to Panama to join another vessel. It was a punishing 18-hour flight, and like clockwork, I was assigned to the last rows of the aircraft, where legroom vanishes and sleep is a myth. All in the name of budget cuts. I wasn't just any crew member — I was joining as Master of the vessel. Still, there was no gesture of professional courtesy.

As soon as the plane landed and immigration was cleared, I was bluntly informed by the local agent that I would be heading straight to the ship. No hotel. No rest. No time to breathe after nearly a day in the air. I firmly refused. I insisted on a hotel stay — out of sheer human necessity. Just a few hours to freshen up, reset, and prepare to take command. I couldn't help but think: if this is how the officers are treated,

what must the ratings be enduring?

We are called "key workers" in press releases and campaign posters, but what value does that title hold if it doesn't translate into respect? If it doesn't afford us even the most basic dignity — a seat with space, a moment to rest, or the freedom to move through an airport without being paraded like a threat? It's not the uniform or the rank that needs respect. It's the person wearing it.

On this International Day of the Seafarer, let us not limit our appreciation to posts or hashtags. Let this be the day we speak out — not for applause, but for awareness. Let this be the day we stop romanticizing life at sea and start humanizing the people who live it.

We, the seafarers, are not invisible. We are not "just crew". We are navigators, engineers, leaders, lifesavers, and human beings. To my fellow seafarers: You endure long months away from family. You brave harsh oceans, long flights, time zones, fatigue, and isolation — all so the world can keep moving. You matter. Your work matters. Your dignity matters. May the tides turn in our favour — not just in wind and wave, but in the way we are treated and remembered. Fair winds and following seas to all. Happy International Day of the Seafarer.