

ILLEGAL LPG DECANTING OPERATION BUSTED AT SANCOALE

Civil Supplies Department seizes seven vehicles and 1,000 gas cylinders; probe reveals several domestic cylinders were underweight, while commercial ones were unsealed

Team Herald

VASCO: In a surprise inspection at Peacock Valley, Sancoale, Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs busted a large-scale illegal LPG decanting operation and seized seven vehicles and 1,000 gas cylinders.

The action was initiated based on a complaint from Tulshidas Dhabholkar, Assistant Director, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Mormugao taluka. Verna Police have since registered a case against the proprietor of Kadesh Gas Service, Pilar, and other individuals involved. Of the seven vehicles seized, six belonged to

UNSAFE PRACTICE

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- Six vehicles belonged to the prime accused and one to an unidentified person
- The accused were reportedly conducting illegal LPG decanting without proper authorisation or safety protocols
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During the inspection, authorities discovered approximately 1,000 LPG cylinders, comprising both domestic and commercial types from BPCL and HPCL. Investigations revealed that

several BPCL domestic cylinders were underweight, while commercial cylinders were unsealed and found to weigh more than their standard tare weight.

The accused were reportedly conducting illegal LPG decanting without

proper authorization or safety protocols, which presented a significant risk to public safety. Additionally, LPG cylinders were being stored and loaded at the location without any valid documents or permissions, disrupting the regular supply of this essential commodity.

Verna Police have registered the case under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023, the Petroleum Act, the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, and Explosives Act, 1884.

Verna PI Anand Shirodkar is investigating the case under the supervision of Mormugao DySP Gurudas Kadam.

Livelihood centre opens in Vasco to empower women entrepreneurs

Team Herald

VASCO: The inauguration of a new City Livelihood Centre (CLC) at the Mormugao Municipal Council (MMC) building marked a significant step towards empowering women entrepreneurs and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Vasco.

The centre has been jointly developed by the MMC and the Goa State Urban Development Agency (GSUDA).

The CLC provides a dedicated platform for women and SHGs to sell their homemade and eco-friendly products, offering a sustainable livelihood opportunity under one roof. This initiative was inaugurated by Panchayats Minister Mauvin Godinho, alongside Vasco MLA Krishna 'Daji' Salkar, Mormugao Chairperson Girish Borker, and other dignitaries.

Salkar expressed gratitude to the MMC for providing the space, aligning the CLC with Prime Minister Modi's 'vocal for local' initiative.

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Call for spl trains between Vasco, Vailankanni

Team Herald

VASCO: Division Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) meeting advocated for the railway authorities to operate special trains between Vasco and Vailankanni from August 27 to September 8, to coincide with the annual feast period.

The 38th DRUCC meeting chaired by Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Bela Meena was held at the Seminar Hall of the Chief Workshop Manager's office, Gadag Road, Hubballi.

Thirteen members, including Augusto M Da Costa, nominated by South Goa MP Capt Viriato Fernandes were present for the meeting.

DANGER LURKS



JOSEPH FERNANDES

Thick overgrowth at Pilerne has rendered electric poles nearly invisible, creating a hidden electrocution hazard for unsuspecting pedestrians. With power lines entangled in dense foliage, locals fear a potential tragedy and urgently call on the power department to act before lives are lost

Curti colony locals protest gutter widening work

Claim it has blocked access to their flats; want access restored immediately

Team Herald

PONDA: Tensions escalated on Wednesday at the old housing board colony in Curti, Khandepar, as residents protested the commencement of gutter widening work by a contractor, claiming that it has severely impacted their daily lives by blocking access to their flats within the Housing Board and threatened further agitation if their access is not restored by Thursday morning.

Expressing strong disapproval, they cited the heavy rains in July as an inappropriate time to begin such work. Residents confronted the contractor, expressing their frustration that the digging began without prior intimation.

A primary concern for the residents is the one-meter-wide trench, which is overflowing with water from the surrounding hills. There is a significant risk of children or adults ac-



identally falling into the gutter and being swept into the main nullah. Additionally, residents are concerned that the drainage pipes provided are too small for the width of the newly dug gutter.

The sudden digging work has also blocked the main entry and exit route for residents. They have warned of filing a formal complaint against the contractor, citing obstruction of a vital access road, public nuisance, potential endangerment during medical emergencies, and the risk posed to children by the open trenches. They claimed

that the situation has hindered their ability to go to work and conduct other daily routines, affecting their livelihoods.

Injured woman rescued from Navelim flat

Team Herald

MARGAO: A 32-year-old woman was rescued from her locked flat on the 7th floor of D Block, Supreme Colmorod Apartments, near Easy Buy Mall, Navelim by the Margao Police.

The police forced open the door and took the injured and unconscious woman to the hospital.

In other incidents, a tree branch fell near Santosh Garage at Vidyanagar, Borda, obstructing traffic. Fire personnel cleared the branch. Additionally, a bathroom geys

caught fire in Flat No S-6, 2nd Floor, Ferrara Garden Phase II Apartment, near Apollo Pharmacy, Gogol, Margao. Fire personnel extinguished the remaining fire and inspected the site.

Widows with minor kid eligible for Griha Aadhar, & pension scheme

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Social Welfare Minister Subhash Phal Dessai on Wednesday announced that widows with a child below 21 years are now eligible for both Griha Aadhar and Widow Pension Scheme.

Earlier, the widows had to cancel their Griha Aadhar benefits to avail Widow Pension Scheme but now they can receive both benefits by producing the birth certificate of their child.

Speaking to reporters at Mantralaya at Porvorim, he said the social welfare de-

partment has decided to give financial assistance to widows having child below 21 years under Griha Aadhar and Widow Pension Scheme.

"Widows will not have to cancel the Griha Aadhar as it will automatically stop on the day of sanction for the widow support scheme. She can directly apply for a pension of Rs 2,500 with the social welfare department and if she has a child, then additional support under Griha Aadhar will be given till the child reaches the age of 21. So in total, they will get Rs 4,000 per month," he said.

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WALK-IN INTERVIEW
The Director, Directorate of Health Services, Central Panel - Goa, desires to make the following appointments on contract basis as here below:

Sr. No.	Designation	No. of post	Monthly Remuneration (Consolidated)	Date and Time of Interview	Essential/Desirable Qualification
1.	Senior ENT Surgeon	2	Rs. 95,000/-	07/07/2025 at 10:00 a.m.	Essential: (i) A recognized Medical qualification included in the First or Second Schedule or Part II of the Third Schedule (other than Boardable qualifications) to the Indian Medical Council Act 1956. Holders of educational qualifications included in Part-II of the Third Schedule should be also fulfilling the conditions stipulated in the sub-section (2) of the section 13 of the I.M.C. Act, 1956. (ii) Post-Graduate degree qualifications in the specialty concerned. (iii) 3 years work in a responsible position connected with the specialty after post graduation. OR 5 years work after post graduate diploma in a responsible position connected with specialty in the case of post graduate diploma holders.
2.	Junior ENT Surgeon	2	Rs. 80,000/-	07/07/2025 at 2:00 p.m.	Essential: (i) A recognized Medical qualification included in the First or Second Schedule or Part II of the Third Schedule (other than Boardable qualifications) to the Indian Medical Council Act 1956. Holders of educational qualifications included in Part-II of the Third Schedule should be also fulfilling the conditions stipulated in the sub-section (2) of the section 13 of the I.M.C. Act, 1956. (ii) Post-Graduate degree qualifications in the specialty concerned.
3.	Medical Officer	19	Rs. 65,000/-	08/07/2025 at 10:00 a.m.	Essential: (i) Medical qualification included in the First or Second Schedule or Part II of the Third Schedule (other than Boardable qualifications) to the Indian Medical Council Act 1956. Holders of educational qualifications included in Part-II of the Third Schedule should fulfill the conditions stipulated in the section 13 (2) of the I.M.C. Act, 1956 or a degree of Goa Medical School. (ii) Completion of compulsory rotating internship. Desirable: (iii) 1 year experience.

Detail note for all posts: Knowledge of Konkani and/or Marathi.
Age Limit: Not exceeding 45 years (relaxable as per instructions/orders issued by the Government).
Venue: Chamber of the Director, Directorate of Health Services, Central Panel - Goa.
* Self-attested copies of birth certificate, educational qualification.
* Candidates have to report for document verification at 8:30 a.m. (2.00 p.m. along with application, original and photocopy of certificates and testimonials.
* No TDA shall be paid to attend Walk-in-Interview.
Dr. Pooja Bhatnagar
Director (Administration)