

## Schools with required student-teacher ratio to get regular teachers: CM

**Says if the enrolment of students is less then teaching staff will be appointed on contract basis; Goa School Managements' Association refutes CM's statement**

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**PANJIM:** Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Wednesday said that regular teachers will be sanctioned to school having the required student-teacher ratio and if the enrolment of students is less then teaching staff will be appointed on contract basis.

Reacting to the demand made by the Goa School Managements' Association to appoint teachers on regular basis in aided-schools, Sawant said, "Teacher is sanctioned on regular basis considering the students ratio in the school. If the number of students is less by four or five, then the teacher in given on contract basis. When the school is eligible with the required strength of students then the teacher will be appointed on regular basis. If we appoint a teacher in the school having less of number of students and if the number of students further drop in the next academic year then the school will not be eligible for the appointment of a full-time teacher."

Only schools eligible with the required students ration will be given teacher on regular basis and if the number if students is less then the con-

### FULL-TIME TEACHERS APPOINTED UNDER POLITICAL FAVOUR: GSMA

**PANJIM:** The Goa School Managements' Association (GSMA) action committee convenor Prashant Naik on Wednesday said that Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had lied to the people of Goa over the appointment of regular teachers.

Naik claimed that he can produce hundreds of examples where the schools are sanctioned contractual posts even when they are eligible for full-time regular posts of teachers and subordinate staff as they fulfill the required criteria prescribed in the Goa education rules.

He also alleged that full-time teachers are appointed either under political favour or if one is politically connected.

"Let the CM give us date and time to come with the details of this and we will be more than willing to provide him with the required data," Naik said.

With regards to the Bal Rath issue, Naik stated that the Director of Education Shailesh Zingde is on record where he said that the schools have to procure the buses either through CSR or through their own funds and the directorate of education will only continue giving salaries of the driver and attendant and grant for diesel. Naik has requested the Chief Minister to give them an early appointment so the issue of Bal Rath and appointments can be sorted out.

tract teachers will be appointed in that school.

The Chief Minister clarified that the Bal Rath scheme will continue and urged the school managements to utilise the maintenance grants for the propose it was released and not to divert it. The government is working on replacing the Bal Rath buses

which are old, he added.

The government has hiked the Bal Rath grants from Rs 3.75 lakh to Rs 4.25 lakh to pay salary of drivers and attendants/cleaners and fuel. The school managements can replace the present buses but procuring of new buses will not be allowed now, Sawant said.

## GUARDIANS OF THE DESERT



Border Security Force personnel mounted on camels take part in the Marwar Festival celebration, in Jodhpur, on Wednesday

## MANTRA OF ENVIRONMENT LAW BREAKERS: Destroy & disappear without paying the penalty

**GCZMA was to recover over Rs 3.35 cr as fine from violators of sound pollution rules at turtle nesting sites; around Rs 2.1 cr recovered, remaining not recovered as offenders are 'untraceable'**

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**MORJIM:** Destroy the environment and disappear seems to be the maxim of violators of environment laws in Goa. The GCZMA was to recover Rs 3,35,48,623 as fine from 104 violators but managed to recover "around 70 to 80 per cent" of the amount as the remaining offenders are "untraceable", said Johnson Fernandes, Member Secretary of Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA).

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AMOUNT RECOVERED FROM VIOLATORS BY GCZMA		
Booked	Location	Amount (in Rs)
30	Morjim	1,10,10,819
32	Mandrem	86,60,035
42	Agonda	13,87,769
<b>Total 104</b>		<b>Total 2,10,58,623*</b>



“Once the season is over, they are nowhere to be found and they do not appear to set shop again. There is nothing that can be done - Johnson Fernandes, Member Secretary of GCZMA

“First, files go missing and now defaulters abscond. This is a joke and proof that most environmental violators are outsiders and the authorities are hand-in-glove with them - Alegrina Fernandes, Siolim resident

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## Anger in Mobor over sand dune destruction

**Villagers allege inaction as Sarpanch and MLA engage in war of words**

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**MARGAO:** Discontent brewing in the Cavelosim-Mobor stretch over the past few days took a dramatic turn on Wednesday as villagers confronted the Cavelosim sarpanch on the issue of sand dune destruction. Local MLA Venzy Viegas and Sarpanch Dixon Vaz exchanged strong words, as allegations flew thick and fast on both sides. Some villagers and the MLA claimed that a property owner had violated Coastal Regulation Zone

(CRZ) regulations and constructed a road in the sand dunes, leading to an adverse impact on the sensitive coastal environment. Despite a show cause issued in June, no action had been taken against the property, said villagers. When local residents confronted the Sarpanch over steps not being taken to restore the sand dunes to their original state, he assured them that he would issue an order on this soon.

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## ‘Pele Police’ nab Malpe fishing trawler loaded with catch from Goa coast

**In another dramatic chase, on Pele's speed boat, Coastal Police wearing Pele life jackets apprehended a Malpe trawler plundering fish off Benaulim coast**

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**MARGAO:** In another dramatic chase, the Coastal Security Police with the help of Pele's speed boat nabbed a Malpe, Karnataka trawler which was plundering fish of Benaulim coast on Wednesday.

The coastal police do not have boats to chase the marauding trawlers from Malpe, Karnataka. The huge Malpe trawler which was boarded by Coastal Police was found to be loaded with fish like kingfish, mackerels and Tuna caught in



Betul Coastal Security Police personnel travel on fisherman Pele's speed boat to seize a Malpe trawler off Benaulim coast

Goan waters.

Francis Fernandes ali-

as Pele recalled that the Chief Minister had said,

Coastal Police can use Pele's speed boat and a fine of Rs 10 lakh will be imposed once the due procedure is completed.

The Coastal Police, who chased and caught the Malpe trawler, were not only using Pele's speed boat, but also using Pele's life jackets. The Malpe trawler was caught with a huge catch of fish after a dramatic chase. Pele then went to the Malpe trawler and showed huge fish catch from Goan waters.

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## ANC nab one from Anjuna with drugs worth Rs 2.5 lakh

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**PANJIM:** The Anti-Narcotic Cell (ANC) police conducted its second raid within a span of 24 hours again at Anjuna and arrested a South Indian man with narcotics worth Rs 2.5 lakh. The contrabands include cocaine, charas and DMT.

With this, the total number of narcotics seized during the last two days was totally valued over Rs 1.27 crore.

On Monday night, the ANC had conducted its biggest LSD bust and during interrogation and further follow up, the ANC police zeroed in on one of his contacts living near German Bakery and accordingly laid a trap and apprehend-

ed the accused who is in his early 30's and was found possessing variable quantities of charas and cocaine.

The biggest surprise came when the accused was found with commercial quantity of DMT (dimethyltryptamine) which is one of the most dangerous and potent synthetic hallucinogen. Two grams of DMT is considered as commercial quantity and it is mostly used in spiritual ceremony known as ayahuasca ceremony which people conduct in isolated hinterland where DMT is mixed with different herbs and administered orally or through inhaling the smoke.

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MAX. TEMP 32.2 °C  
MIN. TEMP 24.9 °C

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I had to mess up my hairstyle just to fill the tank!

## Indian Navy's stitched ship set to embark on maiden voyage in December 2025

**The ship is being built at Hodi Innovations, in Divar Island; the voyage will retrace an ancient maritime route and honour India's maritime heritage**

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**PANJIM:** Goa is getting ready to play an important role in reviving India's pursuit to rediscover its ancient maritime trade route and heritage, that will be undertaken by the Navy in December next year.

The Indian Navy, Ministry of Culture, and Hodi Innovations, Goa, last year collaborated to reconstruct the 'ancient stitched ship' as a reminiscent of the ships that once sailed the oceans on India's ancient maritime trade routes.

The ship is now getting ready at the Hodi Innovations shipyard in Divar Island and subsequently, the Indian Navy's crew stitched ship will embark on its maiden ocean voyage from Mandvi in Gujarat to Muscat in Oman in December 2025.

This was disclosed by Sanjeev Sanyal, member of the Prime Minister's economic advisory council at an event held at the International Centre Goa (ICG) on Tuesday.

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Member of the PM's Economic Advisory Council, Sanjeev Sanyal speaks at the ICG event on Tuesday. Seen with him is Captain Saleh, retired officer of the Royal Navy of Oman



The 21 metre stitched ship undergoing construction at the Hodi Innovations shipyard in Divar Island

► The stitching work in the construction of this ship will be undertaken by a team of traditional shipwrights, led by one Babu Sankaran  
► An age-old technology will also be deployed, under which the wooden planks will be shaped using the conform to the shape of the hull  
► Each plank will then be stitched to another using cords/ropes, sealed with a combination of coconut

fibre, resin, and fish oil – akin to the ancient Indian shipbuilding practice  
► The ship which has been modelled after a 5th century, stitched sailing ship painting found in the Ajanta Caves in Maharashtra  
► The 21-metre stitched ship will have a 13-member Indian Navy crew  
► It will sail from Odisha to Indonesia's Bali using ancient navigation techniques