7.5 lakh power bills rectified, dispatched: Power minister

NEARLY 90% OF CONSUMERS ARE WITHIN SANCTIONED LOAD LIMITS: CEE

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The Goa Electricity Department has formally corrected electricity bills of 7.5 lakh consumers and begun dispatching them, marking the start of a sweeping set of consumer-friendly reforms after the government stepped in to discontinue the levying of fines for breaching sanctioned load limits.

Power Minister Sudin Dhavalikar said the department aims to complete correction of all erroneous bills within the next year.

"Consumers who were wrongly charged excess load penalties will get relief. The excess amounts collected will be adjusted in future bills," he stated.

A public notice from the Chief Electrical Engineer confirmed that, as a one-time measure, excess demand and excess energy charges levied on Low Tension (LT) consumers from November 2025 onwards have been withdrawn.

Goa corrected electricity bills for 7.5 lakh consumers, refunded excess load penalties through future adjustments, simplified connections, and introduced automatic sanctioned load enhancement reforms statewide

Bills issued between November 2025 and June 23, 2026, will be regenerated and consumers will now be charged only for actual consumption under the applicable tariff.

Penal charges and delayed payment charges linked to excess demand will be also removed.

The reforms follow months of public anger over inflated bills and penalties.

Protests had erupted across Goa earlier this summer, forcing the government to intervene.

Dhavalikar said the latest measures are designed to restore trust and simplify billing.

A key change is the Automatic Enhancement of Sanctioned Load mechanism, where consumers who exceed their sanctioned load will have it automatically enhanced to the highest demand recorded between November 2025 and June 2026. The process will continue monthly until March 31, 2027.

Consumers whose enhanced load remains within 5 kW (single-phase) or 10 kW (three-phase) will not need to apply or submit documents. Their load will be deemed regularised for billing. Those exceeding these limits must apply online within three months to regularise.

Officials clarified that automatic enhancement is only for billing purposes. It does not certify the safety of a consumer's electrical installation and responsibility for ensuring adequacy of systems rests with consumers.

In another major reform, the department has simplified procedures for new single-phase LT connections up to 5 kW. Applicants will now only need to submit proof of identity and proof of ownership or occupancy.

The earlier requirement of a wiring completion and test report from a licensed contractor has been waived. Mandatory joint inspections by Junior Engineers have also been scrapped.

Officials said the changes will reduce paperwork, cut delays, and make access to electricity faster and simpler.

Bicholim police trace 11 mobile phones

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BICHOLIM

The Bicholim police have successfully traced 11 mobile phones which had been reported as stolen or missing between May and June. The mobile phones were traced through the CEIR Portal as part of sustained technical efforts by the police. The total value of the recovered mobile phones is approximately Rs 2.66 lakh.

After completing verification and legal formalities, all the recovered mobile phones were handed over to their respective owners. The owners expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the Bicholim police for the prompt and efficient recovery of their valuable property.

Bicholim police has appealed to the public to immediately report any lost or stolen mobile phones and register the details on the CEIR Portal to facilitate timely tracing and recovery. Citizens are also advised to preserve the IMEI number of their mobile phones and promptly report any loss or theft to the nearest police station.

Govt to draft human-wildlife conflict management plan

Forest dept maps hotspots as incidents rise across State

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PANAJI

The State Forest Department is preparing a comprehensive Human-Wildlife Conflict Management Plan aimed at reducing increasing incidents of conflict between humans and wild animals across the State, with the department already identifying conflict hotspots in villages and forest-fringe areas.

The issue figured prominently during the monthly review meeting chaired by Forest Minister Vishwajit Rane with Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) and senior forest officials, where the progress of key conservation initiatives and implementation gaps were reviewed.

Rane said that the discussions centred on monsoon preparedness, the proposed Human-Wildlife Conflict Management Plan, identification of ecologically sensitive areas along the Mandovi and Zuari rivers, the status of waterholes and grasslands, prey-predator dynamics in protected areas, and the standard operating procedure (SOP) for registration of eco-guides. Preparations for Van Mahotsav were also reviewed to ensure greater public participation in conservation activities.

The conflict management plan assumes significance as the Forest Department has already begun mapping human-wildlife conflict hotspots across Goa. The exercise is being carried out using records from the Department of Agriculture, Goa Waste Management Corporation and complaints to identify vulnerable areas and recommend species-specific mitigation measures.

Forest officials have earlier stated that even villages reporting a single incident over the last five years are being included in the mapping exercise. Compensation records relating to crop damage are also being analysed to identify recurring patterns and determine the animal species responsible for conflicts.

Last year, the department had approached the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) to carry out a systematic assessment of wildlife in areas outside the protected zones in the State. The State had stressed the need for a detailed study to map conflict zones, identify animal corridors, map the vulnerability of various species, assess threats and create proper plans to reduce conflict.

Rane said regular review meetings were essential to ensure timely implementation of projects, improve accountability and strengthen the functioning of the Forest Department in protecting Goa's biodiversity and natural heritage.

Heavy rains leave many houses, roads inundated at Curchorem

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SANGUEM

Heavy overnight rainfall left several houses inundated and roads submerged in Ghadiwada, Curchorem, exposing what residents describe as the continuing failure of the area's drainage infrastructure.

Many residents complained that rainwater entered their homes early in the morning, damaging household belongings and parked vehicles.

According to locals, the problem has persisted year after year despite development works undertaken in the area.

"This happens every year. Last year, some work was carried out, but nothing was done to solve our problem. Instead, our streetlights were damaged during the work, and no proper drainage system has been

constructed," a resident complained.

Residents also criticised the Public Works Department (PWD) and other authorities for their alleged failure to provide an effective outlet for natural rainwater.

The Ghadiwada stretch, which serves as a major link for commuters travelling towards Cacora and Quepem, remained waterlogged following the heavy rains.

With houses and commercial establishments lining both sides of the road, the flooding caused considerable inconvenience to residents, shopkeepers and motorists.

Villagers attributed the worsening situation to an inadequate drainage network.

Ongoing development works over the past two to three years have reportedly resulted in mud and debris clogging existing drains, preventing rainwater flowing down from nearby fields from draining away efficiently. As a result, water accumulates rapidly during heavy rainfall and spills into residential properties.

Residents have appealed to authorities to ensure that proper drains are constructed on both sides of the road as part of ongoing infrastructure projects. They warned that if the current situation persists, continuous monsoon rains could cause even greater damage in the coming weeks.

PWD min moots time-bound disposal of civic applications

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MARGAO

As he came across complaints of red tape in the Margao Municipal Council, PWD Minister Digambar Kamat on Tuesday has mulled a system to improve the disposal of applications and to address grievances.

At his weekly Pubic Darbar at the Margao Municipal Council, the Minister came across complaints of delays on the part of the Civic body to dispose of applications for the transfer of house tax, trade license etc. This prompted the Minister to suggest a mechanism where applications and grievances are disposed and addressed in a time bound manner.

He later told the media that a full-proof mechanism for disposal of applications will be put in place at the Margao Municipal Council after a meeting with the Municipal Administrator and Chief Officer.

PWD Minister Digambar Kamat attends to the public grievances at the Margao Municipal hall on Tuesday. Santosh Mirajkar

"I have asked for a list of pending applications for transfer of house tax and trade license. Our initiative is to ensure that files are disposed of in a time bound manner. We have to give relief to the spot", he said.

The Minister said that this is perhaps for the first time in recent history that the Margao Municipal New Market and Gandhi Market is being repaired and renovated with roof by the Public Works Department.

The Minister also cautioned the MMC to ensure that garbage collection is carried out on a regular basis. He has mulled a dedicated garbage collection number, wherein households can call on the number to complain about non-collection of waste.

IN SHORT >>

Impaired man found seated near mother's body at Canacona

CANACONA: In an unusual incident, an impaired man was found seated near the decomposed body of his 70-year-old mother at Mastimoll-Canacona on Tuesday.

According to reports, Canacona police received a call on Tuesday morning stating that a woman was found dead and in decomposed condition inside her house behind the ITI at Mastimoll.

A police team went to the house and on enquiry found out that Laxmi Dotrekar (70) was lying dead on the bed and the body was in a decomposed state. Her impaired son was found seated near the body. Police further informed that the woman was staying along with her son at their residence and was last seen by neighbours on Saturday evening.

Police conducted the panchanama and sent the body for an autopsy at the South Goa District Hospital at Margao. Canacona PSI Babu Dessai is conducting further inquiry in the matter.

3-day ManavNama conclave to focus on self-reflection

PANAJI: The Ganga Zuari Academy will host the first edition of the three-day ManavNama conclave in Goa from July 24 to 26, aiming to encourage introspection and personal growth beyond professional and social identities.

The conclave is supported by the Goa government, the Maria Crescencia Menezes Memorial Education Trust and the International Centre, Goa. Registration is open until July 5, with limited seats available. The registration fee is Rs 3,500, which includes refreshments, lunches and the conclave dossier.

Goa eyes coastal bamboo plantation

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PANAJI

After taking up bamboo cultivation along nearly 250 km of highway stretches across the State, the Goa government is now looking to extend the initiative to ecologically sensitive coastal and sloping areas as part of its climate resilience and carbon neutrality strategy.

The Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA), at its recent meeting, discussed a proposal titled "Revival of Native Bamboo Through Plantation in Coastal and Slopy Areas: A Nature-Based Solution for Climate Resilience, Coastal Protection, Sustainable Development and Step Towards Carbon Neutral Goa."

The proposal, forwarded by the Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB), aims to restore native bamboo species in vulnerable landscapes to strengthen coastal protection, improve ecological restoration, enhance carbon sequestration and generate sustainable livelihood opportunities for local communities.

During the meeting, the Authority noted that the proposed initiative would involve an expenditure of around Rs 7 lakh. While deliberating on the proposal, members observed that the State has already undertaken bamboo cultivation along approximately 250 km of highway stretches and is now exploring the expansion of the programme to other environmentally sensitive regions.

Officials said bamboo, owing to its fast growth, extensive root network and high carbon absorption capacity, can play a significant role in stabilising slopes, reducing soil erosion, protecting coastal ecosystems and mitigating the impacts of climate change. The initiative also aligns with the State government's broader objective of promoting nature-based solutions and moving towards a carbon-neutral Goa, official said.

Two fake call centres busted in Bardez

34 arrested, materials worth ₹50 lakh seized

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MAPUSA

Thirty-four persons were arrested and goods worth about Rs 50 lakh seized on Tuesday morning, when police busted two fake call centres in separate incidents at Calangute and Anjuna for allegedly defrauding American citizens.

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In one raid, Calangute police had received information that an illegal call centre was operating at a resort in Khobrawada-Calangute.

A police team led by Police Inspector Lakshi Amonkar raided the resort and found the fake call centre operating there. Police detained 19 persons and later arrested them, while mobile phones, laptops and other items worth about Rs 25 lakh were seized from the accused.

In the other raid, an Anjuna police team led by Police Inspector Krishna Sinari raided a resort at Chinvar-Anjuna, where a fake call centre was in operation.

Police arrested 15 persons and seized mobile phones, laptops and other items worth approximately Rs 25 lakh.

According to sources, the accused used to contact American citizens and lure them with loans and instant cash, thereby cheating the unsuspecting American citizens with gift cards. Based on complaints received from foreign citizens, Calangute and Anjuna police carried out the raids. Police are conducting investigations in both cases.

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