

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS DURING ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST

Panaji: November 22, 2019
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The feast of St. Francis Xavier at Old Goa will be held on December 3, 2019 and Novenas will be held from November 24, 2019 to December 2, 2019. As the Feast and Novenas attract a large number of devotees, traffic arrangements have been made, to avoid inconvenience. On the route from Panaji to Old Goa via Ribandar, there will be Special Buses to ferry passengers. The Special Buses from Panaji to Old Goa will proceed via Ribandar and on reaching Dempo Engineering at Old Goa, will take left turn to enter the Bhakia Property for parking at Bhakia Bus Stand.

The Two Wheelers and Four Wheelers, on reaching Dempo Engineering at Old Goa will take left turn to enter Bhakia property for parking.

Vehicles having VIP Car Pass will be allowed to come up to the entry road and will be parked in VIP Parking Lot.

The vehicles carrying the differently-abled will be allowed to come up to Old Goa Church Junction and park their vehicles in the open space opposite Sulabh Sauchalaya near Old Goa Panchayat. The vehicles parked in Bhakia property and in the open space opposite Sulabh Sauchalaya near Old Goa Panchayat on their return journey to Panaji, will take the same route via Ribandar.

On route from Panaji to Old Goa via Kadamba By-Pass, Panaji to Ponda Route Buses will not be allowed to proceed via Ribandar. Instead, they will be diverted at KTC Circle to proceed via Kadamba By-Pass (NH-4A).

The Two Wheelers and Four Wheelers on reaching Kamat Gas Station junction will take left turn towards Santa Monica Nursery and on reaching at St. Augustine Tower junction will take further left turn and on reaching Habitat junction will take right turn and on reaching Dempo Engineering will take left turn to enter Bhakia property for parking.

All Heavy and Medium Vehicles will be diverted via Kadamba Bye-Pass NH-4A. The new road connecting Kadamba By-Pass to Santan Church will be One- Way from Kadamba By-Pass towards Santan. Similarly it will be "No Entry" for Medium and Heavy vehicles from both sides i.e. from Santan Church and from Kadamba By-Pass.

On Saturdays, Sundays and on the Feast Day, Heavy and Medium Goods Vehicles wanting to proceed via Old Goa will be diverted at Karaswada Junction on NH-17 and at Banastarim Junction on NH-4A to proceed via Amona Bridge.

The road from Pilar to Old Goa will be made One-Way for the movement of traffic. No vehicle from Old Goa will be allowed to return via Neura. All vehicles shall exit via NH-4A at Merces or light vehicles can exit via new road to Santan Church. Four Wheelers from South Goa will be allowed to come up to Ella Farm Gate and will park in the Ella Farm field, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Service open space. Two wheelers will be parked in the private property prior to Neura junction and in the parking lots behind the Bom Jesus Basilica.

Buses coming from South Goa via Neura road on reaching Ella Farm main gate will take left turn and come to Bus Stand at Kunkolkar School Ground and will exit on NH-4A for onward journey.

Two Wheelers and Four Wheelers coming from Ponda side on reaching near Pinto Garage will take left turn for parking at the ground behind Pinto Garage. For return journey, the two wheelers and four wheelers will take the same route to go towards Ponda. The normal traffic from Ponda wanting to go to Panaji on reaching near Dargah junction at Old Goa will take Kadamba By-Pass (NH-4A). Ponda to Panaji Route Buses will not be allowed to proceed via Old Goa Church complex. Instead, they will be diverted at Neura Junction to proceed via Kadamba By-Pass (NH-4A). Vehicles desiring to proceed towards Gaundalim are advised to proceed via Banastarim and avoid Old Goa.

Heavy vehicles coming from Ponda side will be diverted at Banastarim Junction via Amona Bridge to join NH-17 at Karaswada. The stretch of road between Old Goa Police Station to Church junction via MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar's House will be made One-Way. No vehicle from Church junction will be allowed to take right turn to reach Old Goa Police Station via MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar's House.

The vehicles coming from Diwar to Old Goa will proceed via Viceroy's Arch and will be parked in the courtyard of St. Cajeton Church. The vehicles coming from Diwar will proceed through Viceroy's Arch and Arch of Conception to go towards Ponda and Panaji. Vehicles from Ponda side wanting to proceed to Diwar will take right turn at Neura Junction and proceed to Diwar Ferry via Old Goa Main Junction. The vehicles coming from Gaundalim side and desiring to proceed to Diwar will take right turn near Ramesh Naik's house to proceed to Diwar jetty. The vehicles coming from Panaji via Ribandar to go to Diwar will take

left turn at Old Goa Church junction, take route towards St. Catherine Chapel and thereafter take left turn on the new by-lane to go to Diwar jetty. The lane connecting Gaundalim road to Arch of Conception will be No Entry. The road from Old Goa Church junction towards Diwar Ferry via St. Catherine Chapel will be made One-Way. No Heavy and Medium vehicles will be allowed to cross Diwar ferry. All such vehicles will use Ribander ferry to enter and exit Diwar.

Two Wheelers and Four Wheelers coming from Panaji side via Ribandar, will be parked at Bhakia Property. Vehicles coming from Panaji side via new Kadamba By-Pass (NH-4A), will be diverted near Kamat Gas Station to proceed for parking at Bhakia Property taking left near St. Augustine Tower junction. Two Wheelers and Four Wheelers coming from South Goa side will be parked at Ela Farm, at Animal Husbandry Premises and at Open space on either side of highway near Neura Junction.

Two wheelers will also be parked in private property prior to Neura junction. Two Wheelers and Four Wheelers coming from Ponda side, will be parked at open ground near Pinto Garage. Two Wheelers will also be parked at two open Plots belonging to Mr. Colaco and Mr. Sequeira opposite MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar's Residence.

Two Wheelers and Four Wheelers coming from Diwar Ferry will be parked in the courtyard of St. Cajetan Church. Vehicles having Passes issued by Traffic Police will be parked in the Open space near Old Goa Main Junction and near Sulabh Souchalaya and in the Courtyard of V.P. Old Goa. Priest vehicles will be parked in the compound behind Basilica of Bom Jesus. Vehicles of Church Volunteers will be parked in the asphalted parking area behind Sulab Souchalaya.

The following are designed Bus Stands, Panaji-Old Goa buses via Ribandar road, at Bhakia property and Panaji Old Goa buses via Kadamba Road, along new 4-lane road behind MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar's house. South Goa-Old Goa buses at Kunkalkar School ground, Ponda-Old Goa buses, near Hubbard farm. Buses of Devotees/Tourists, behind MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar house on new alignment of Kadamba By-Pass (NH-4A).

All the motorists are requested to follow the traffic circulation plan and to cooperate with Traffic Police, to ensure smooth flow of traffic.

The stretch of road between Old Goa Church junction to Gandhi Circle will be closed for all types of vehicles except emergency vehicles like Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade. The ring round road connecting

Old Goa Church junction to St. Catherin Chapel to Arch of Conception to Petrol Pump to Old Goa Police Station to MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar's house to Old Goa Church junction will be One-Way from Old Goa Church junction towards Diwar side and 'No Entry' from the village Panchayat Old Goa junction towards MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar's house.

All the motorists are requested to kindly follow the traffic circulation plan and to cooperate with Traffic Police, to ensure smooth flow of traffic.

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