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**ORDER**

**UNDER SECTION 144 OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE, 1973.**

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Police, South Goa, Margao vide letter no.SP/S-Goa/3231/2022 dated 30/09/2022 has submitted that the Government of Goa, is proposing to setting up permanent Campus of IIT-Goa (IIT-G) at village Cotarli in Sanguem Taluka and the Government has identified Survey No.21/1, the said land is recorded in the name of the Government of Goa in the revenue records;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is further submitted that as soon as the Government announced setting up of IIT- Goa at Sanguem at above mentioned survey number, some farmers and villagers of Sanguem locality got together and formed a group and started agitation against the setting up of IIT project at village Cotarli of Sanguem Taluka saying that they will be deprived of their agricultural land and the natural flora and fauna of the village will be destroyed;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is also submitted on 17/07/2022 the revolting group organized a public meeting at Srishant Plaza, Sanguem, in connection with proposed project of IIT Goa wherein only farmers of Uguem Village Panchayat and Sanguem Municipal Council jurisdiction, which are affected by the IIT-Goa project were called to attend the meeting and to discuss further course of action and around 100-125 local entered in the meeting hall;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is also submitted although the meeting was called for the local villagers & affected farmers, the revolting group invited some NGOs and speakers from other places of Goa to incite and give adverse propaganda about the IIT project. Noticing that, some locals supporting the IIT project, barged in the meeting hall. Initially meeting commenced peacefully. One of the guest speakers



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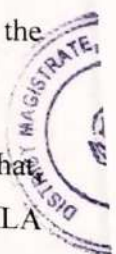
Mr. Abhijit Prabhudesai, NGO, r/o Benaullim addressed the gathering and stated that by setting up IIT project there will be loss to agriculturist who are cultivating the land from their forefathers and there will be huge loss to the environment and loss to the flow of natural stream water originates from the peaks located adjacent to the land proposed for IIT;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is further submitted the meeting ended up on a noisy note as the pro IIT supporters, out voiced the anti IIT agitators, after the hearing the speech and instigating remarks of Mr. Abhijeet Prabhudessai. Keeping in view the Law and order aspects the crowd from both the side were dispersed by Sanguem Police;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is additionally submitted that on 21/07/2022 one video clip was put in to circulation on the social media which was recorded by the media person of IN-GOA News Channel Pvt. Ltd. wherein it was observed/noted that the agitating farmers were standing in the proposed land of IIT-Goa project at Cotarlim village, Sanguem Taluka. The agitating group are claiming that they are the land owners of the part of the agriculture land identified for IIT-Goa from Survey No.21/1 to Survey No.21/7 of village Cotarlim village, Sanguem Taluka, which is being cultivated and enjoyed by their family since their forefathers and by setting IIT at the proposed site flora and fauna will be destroyed. They commented that at any cost they will not allow Govt. of Goa and local MLA to set-up IIT-Goa at the proposed land;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Police (South) has submitted that in spite of suitable briefing the farmers/locals by the Hon'ble Minister/Local MLA and faculty members of IIT project and there will be no any injustice to any farmers or locals while setting up IIT project at the proposed site and all affected farmers will be compensated or settled with due deliberation. However, agitating group are inciting/provoking the villagers to oppose the IIT project by uploading unwarranted bites on the social media and organizing corner meetings in the locality of Sanguem area and instigating the locals to take law in their hands and to revolt against the government project and also to dent the government authorities in continuing process of setting up IIT at Cotarlim Village, Sanguem;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is also submitted the local villagers now are conducting meetings in the adjoining property to the earmarked land at Survey no 21/1 of Cotarli Village and are making provocative speeches to oppose the said



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IIT-Goa project at Sanguem. The meeting was attended by 150 to 180 members on every Sunday;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is further submitted there have been instances that the agitating members have stopped the members of the survey teams from conducting the survey of the proposed/earmarked land (06/09/2022) and that an offence in this regard has already being registered vide Sanguem PS Cr. No.36/2022 u/s 186, 506 (ii) IPC;

**AND WHEREAS**, on 12/09/2022 a group 30 to 40 ladies from Molcornem/ Nagoa village along with some regular agitating members blocked the access of the survey team at Varcoto on Canal service road of WRD and did not allowed them from installing the survey stone at 4 different locations towards the Nagoa village side. The survey team could complete their work only after the intervention by the Police with the agitators in the presence of Executive Magistrate, Offence in this regard is also registered vide Sanguem PS CR No.37/2022 u/s 143, 145, 353, 341, 189, 336, 504, 506(ii) r/w 149 IPC;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is also submitted the even after imposing 144 Cr.P.C. prohibiting the assembly and gathering of five or more people within a perimeter of 200 mtrs from the demarcated site falling in survey no.21/1 of Cotarli village Sanguem Goa still the villagers are agitating at near Dando Sanguem which is just adjoining to the property bearing survey no.21/1. As per the intelligence gathered there is a likelihood that the anti IIT Agitators are going to hold a protest and rally on 05/10/2022 in Sanguem Municipal area and Uguem Panchayat area by doing such acts they are gaining more and more momentum and misguiding people by giving wrong facts, which may result in major law and order situation resulting in loss and damage to public property and human life;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is further submitted the villagers should be refrained from gathering for their agitation/ meeting or any other obstructive purpose at the Uguem Village Panchayat area and Sanguem Municipal area;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is revealed from the above facts brought to the notice of the undersigned that there is every apprehension that people may resort to violence and may create law and order situation and disturbance of peace and tranquillity in the area;



**AND WHEREAS**, it is necessary to take exigent measures in this regard so as to prevent any danger to human life or safety and security of public property and which may affect the overall security and may create disturbance of larger public order and tranquillity;

**AND WHEREAS**, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit the serving in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed and therefore, under the powers vested in me under sub-section (2) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, I hereby pass the order ex-parte;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Srinet Kothwale, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao**, in exercise of the powers vested in me under provision of Section (1) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, do hereby prohibit the assembly and gathering of five or more people in the Uguem Village Panchayat area and Sanguem Municipal area from 00.00 hrs of 05/10/2022 to 00.00 hrs of 06/10/2022.

I, further direct that the above restrictions shall not apply to Public servants on duty and to bonafide marriage or funeral processions or religious processions/ functions.

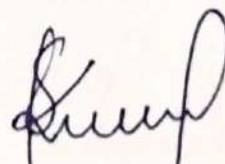
Any person contravening this order shall be liable for punishment under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

The Order shall come into force with immediate effect.

Failure to comply with the order shall be liable for penal action under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code and other relevant provisions of law in force.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, this **04<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022**.



  
(Srinet Kothwale)  
District Magistrate,  
South Goa District, Margao Goa.

To,  
The Director, Government Printing Press, Panaji with a request to publish the above Order in the extra-ordinary Gazette.



**Copy to:**

1. All Citizens of South Goa District  
Through Publication in the press.
2. The Superintendent of Police, South Goa District/North Goa District, Panaji  
- Goa.
3. The Under Secretary (Home), Home Department (General), Secretariat,  
Porvorim.
4. The Sub - Divisional Magistrate, Salcete/ Quepem/ Sanguem/ Dharbandora/  
Canacona/ Ponda/ Mormugao - Goa.
5. The Sub - Divisional Police Officer, Quepem/Vasco/Ponda/Margao.
6. The Director of Information and Publicity, Panaji, to give wide publicity as a  
news item.
7. The Director of Doordarshan, Panaji, with a request to broadcast the order.
8. The Station Director, All India Radio, Panaji for giving wide publicity.

**Copy submitted for information to:**

- 1) The Secretary to Governor of Goa, Raj Bhavan, Panaji.
- 2) The Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Secretariat, Porvorim -  
Goa.
- 3) The Chief Secretary, Government of Goa, Secretariat, Porvorim - Goa.
- 4) The Addl. Secretary (Home), Government of Goa, Home department  
(General), Secretariat, Porvorim - Goa.
- 5) The Director General of Police, Panaji - Goa.

