

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS DURING ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST

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District Magistrate, North has ordered the diversion of traffic and parking for vehicles from 12.00 am of **November 24**, 2022 to 24.00 hrs. On the occasion of the feast of St. Francis Xavier at Old Goa to be held on **December 3**, 2022 and Novenas will begin from **November 24**, 2022 to **December 3**, 2022.

There will be special buses to ferry passengers from Panaji to Old Goa via Ribandar. The Special Buses from Panaji to Old Goa will proceed via Ribandar and on reaching Dempo Engineering at Old Goa, will take a 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 a left turn to enter Bhakia property for parking. The vehicles carrying disable persons will allow to come up to Old Goa Church junction and park their vehicles in the GTDC parking lot and in the open space opposite Sulabh Sauchalaya near Old Goa Panchayat. Similarly the vehicles parked in Bhakia property, GTDC parking lot and in the open space opposite sulabh Shauchalaya near Old Goa Panchayat. Similarly the vehicles parked in Bhakia property GTDC parking lot and in the open space opposite sulabh Shauchalaya 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 are allow to proceed via Ribandar. Instead, they will be diverted at KTC Circle to proceed via Kadamba By-Pass (NH-748). The two wheelers and four wheelers on reaching Kamat Gas Station junction will take a left turn towards Santa Monica Convent 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-748. The new road connecting Kadamba By-Pass to Santan Church will be One - Way from Kadamba By-Pass towards Santan Church. 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 **Saturday**, **Sunday** and on the feast day, heavy and medium goods vehicles desiring to proceed via Old Goa will be diverted at Karaswada junction on NH-66 and at Banastarim Junction on NH-748 to proceed via Amona Bridge.

For South Goa Vehicles 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-748 at Merces or light vehicles can exit via new road to Santan Church. Four wheelers from South Goa shall be allowed to come up to Ella Farm Gate and will park in the Ella Farm Gate and 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 of Basilica. Buses coming from South Goa via Neura road on reaching Ella Farm main gate will take a left turn and come to Bus Stand at Kunkolkar School Ground and will exit on NH-748 for onward journey.

Two wheelers and four wheelers coming from Ponda side on reaching near Pinto Garage will take a left turn for parking at the ground behind Pinto Garage. For the return journey, the two wheelers and four wheelers shall 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 Flyover and proceed to Kadamba By-Pass (NH-748). Ponda to Panaji Route Buses shall not be allowed to proceed via Old Goa Church complex. Instead, they will be diverted at Dargah junction to proceed via Kadamba By-Pass (NH-748). Heavy vehicles coming from Ponda side will be diverted at Banastarim junction via Amona Bridge to join NH-66 at Karaswada. The stretch of road between Old Goa Police Station to Church junction via house of the Ex. MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar will be One-Way. No vehicle from Church junction shall be allowed to take a right turn to reach Old Goa Police Station via the house of the Ex. MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar.

Diwar side vehicles, the vehicles coming from Diwar to Old Goa will proceed via Viceroy's Arch and will be parked in the courtyard of St. Cajetan Church. The vehicles coming from Diwar shall proceed through Viceroy's Arch and Arch of Conception to go towards Ponda and Panaji. Vehicles from the Ponda side wanting to proceed to Diwar will take a 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 shall take right turn near Shri Ramesh Naik house to proceed to Diwar Jetty.

The vehicles coming from Panaji via Ribandar to go to Diwar will take a left turn at Old Goa Church junction, take a route towards St. Catherine Chapel and thereafter take a 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 are allowed to cross Diwar ferry. All such vehicles will use Ribandar ferry to enter and exit Diwar.

Parking lots for Vehicles will be as follows 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-748), 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 the South Goa side will be parked at Ella 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 to the residence of Ex. MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar. Two wheelers and four wheelers coming from Diwar Ferry shall be parked in the courtyard of St. Cajetan Church. Priest's vehicles will be parked in the compound behind Basilica of Bom Jesus while Church Volunteers vehicles 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 a new 4-lane road behind the residence of Ex. MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar. South Goa-Old Goa buses at Kunkalkar School Ground, Ponda-Old Goa buses, near Hubbard farm. Buses of Devotees/Tourists, behind the resident of Ex. MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar on new alignment of Kadamba By-Pass (NH-748).

The stretch of road between Old Goa Church junctions to Gandhi Circle will be closed for all types of vehicles except emergency vehicles like Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade. The ring round road from Old Goa Church junction via St. Catherine Chapel / Arch of Conception / Petrol Pump / Old Goa Police Station to the residence of Ex. MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar 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 Ex. MLA Shri Pandurang Madkaikar's house. All 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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