

POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY ON OCTOBER 21

Panjim, October 18, 2024

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The Police Commemoration Day Parade will be held at Police Headquarters Ground on **October 21**, 2024 to commemorate martyrdom of Police personnel who laid down their lives in service to the nation.

The nation remembers the sacrifices of ten valiant police personnel who laid down their lives while defending the integrity of the Motherland at Hot Springs (Ladakh) in Jammu and Kashmir. These Policemen were killed in ambush laid by heavily armed Chinese troops, who had violated Indian Territory in Aksai Chin.

Since the middle of 1959, the frontier had suddenly become active on account of transgressions by Chinese troops. However, on **October 21**, a Police party led by Karam Singh, DCIO, was ambushed by Chinese troops equipped with automatic weapons and mortars. The Indians Policemen, who were armed only with rifles, held their ground till they were overpowered by hostile force resulting in death of 10 and capture of 9.

The entire Indian nation mourned the martyrdom of these policemen in an unequal encounter with Chinese Troops of Indian Territory. The Police Forces assembled at every District Headquarters in the Country in ceremonial parades to mourn the sacrifice of these valiant soldiers.

Later the Heads of all Police Organizations of India decided (1960) that every year **October 21** would be observed as Police Commemoration Day in all Police Lines throughout India to commemorate the martyrdom of the Policemen at the altar of duty. On **October 21**, 2021, the Prime Minister dedicated a National Police Memorial at Chanakyapuri in New Delhi in the memory of all such policemen who have unflinchingly laid down their lives at the altar of duty.

Goa Police too has been serving the people of Goa selflessly and unflinchingly and is proud of its martyrs, who laid down their lives to uphold the pledge they took during their training. Significantly, on the occasion of Police Commemoration day it will be a fitting tribute to our heroes namely late Head Constable Shri Balaram B. Shinde, late Police Sub-Inspector Shri Abhishek Sher-Ali Parvez Gomes, late Police Constable Shri Shailesh K. Gaonkar and late Police Constable Shri Vishwas B. Deykar who laid down their lives at the altar of duty.

On the occasion of Police Commemoration Day, Director General of Police Shri Alok Kumar, IPS has appeal to all citizens to visit the website of Indian Police in service of the Nation (www.Police.gov.in) launched by the Prime Minister, in **December 2015**, to highlight the supreme sacrifices made by police Personnel in line of duty.

It may be recalled that, on **March 4**, 2000, at around 04:00 pm, while Head Constable Shri Balaram Shinde was on duty at the Cortalim out-post, an unruly mob encircled it and locked up a few of his colleagues into one of the rooms. Shri B. Shinde resisted the mob and tried his best to convince and control the mob. He was assaulted and was inflicted with life threatening injuries that rendered him

unconscious. A few well-wishers of the locality helped him and informed senior Officers who were getting the road cleared. He was immediately shifted to GMC, Bambolim where he remained in coma till he breathed his last on [April 23](#).

Late PSI Shri Abhisek Sher-Ali Parvez Gomes, resident of Margao was directly recruited Police Sub-Inspector, who had joined the Police Department on [September 7](#), 2006.

On [March 16](#), 2013 he along with Police Constable Shri Maruti Dhupwadkar was on traffic duties at Ponda. At around 07:30 hrs at Amigos Junction, Curti Ponda they noticed a speedily driven truck and signalled it to stop. The truck driver evaded the signal and did not stop and sped away towards Borim side nearly knocking down the PSI. On suspicion the PSI quickly jumped on his official motorcycle to intercept the truck.

After hot chase he managed to overtake the truck and signalled it again to stop. However, the truck driver did not stop for the second time and instead of halting, the driver sped past and knocked down the motorcycle and the PSI, Gomes was dragged along with the motorcycle to a distance of about 20 meters from the accident spot. He sustained grievous injuries including torn leg on the spot. He was initially admitted to I. D. Hospital, Ponda and thereafter shifted to Goa Medical College, Bambolim. However, PSI-Gomes unfortunately succumbed to the injuries while undergoing treatment. PSI, Abhisek Sher-Ali Parvez Gomes of Traffic Cell, Ponda was intentionally killed by the truck driver while he was discharging official duty.

On the intervening night of [January 16](#), 2022, Late Shri Shailesh Gaonkar, PC-7407 and late Shri Vishwas Deykar, PC- 210060 who were attached to Colva Police Station was performing Nakabandi duty static surveillance point in view of assembly election duty at Seraulim Salcete Goa. While performing his duties he was dashed and dragged away by vehicle Skoda Rapid bearing No. Ga-05-D-6430. The driver of the vehicle drove the vehicle in a rash and negligent manner and he was under the influence of alcohol, Shri Shailesh Gaonkar sustained grievous injuries to his body. He was immediately shifted to District Hospital Margao where he was declared as brought dead by Medical officer on duty.

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