

**NODAL OFFICERS APPOINTED TO ATTEND STRAY ANIMALS
MATTERS**

Panaji: November 12, 2025

Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services in compliance with the order of the Supreme Court of India in *Suo Motu Writ Petition*, the matter titled “City Hounded by Strays, Kids Pay Price” and in pursuance of the directives issued by the Chief Secretary has appointed Nodal Officers at the State Level and Taluka/ Municipality Level to attend matters related to stray animals.

Dr. Prakash Korgaonkar, Dy Director (Planning)), DAHVS appointed as State Nodal Officer – 9607918105/ 9422393302. Whereas Dr. Natasha N. Asolkar, Assistant Director, Veterinary Hospital, Mapusa for Bardez – 9607918113/ 9422440696, Dr. Gayatridas Gauthankar, Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Dispensary Bicholim for Bicholim – 9607918130/ 9049249506, Dr. Vaibhav Parab, Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Dispensary, Pernem for Pernem – 9607918128/ 8355815467, Dr. Yogesh S. Naik, Assistant Director, Veterinary Hospital, Honda for Sattari – 9607918122/ 9822101003 and Dr. Priya Dalal, Assistant Director, Veterinary Hospital, Tonca for Tiswadi – 9607918115/ 9822182421 appointed as Nodal Officers for North Goa Taluka Level.

And South Goa Level Nodal Officers are Dr. Arpita T. Naik, Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Dispensary, Canacona for Canacona – 9607918143/ 7798767267, Dr. Deepika Prabhakar, Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Dispensary, Vasco for Mormugao – 9607918144/ 9284723892, Dr. Atanazia T. Fernandes, Assistant Director, Veterinary Hospital, Sonsoda for Salcete – 9607918114/ 9850452939, Dr. Manish M. Bale, Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Dispensary, Sanguem for Sanguem – 9607918140/ 9404755787, Dr. Malory Maria Ferrao, Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Dispensary, Quepem – 9607918162/ 7744836829, Dr. Natasha Rachel Coutinho, Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Hospital, Ponda for Ponda – 9607918123/ 9579642087 and Dr. Ketan B. Chowgule, Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Dispensary, Mollem for Dharbhadora – 9607918135/ 7038649703.

The Nodal Officers should ensure prompt attention and necessary medical treatment of stray animals and maintain coordination with the concerned department, municipal bodies, law enforcement agencies and Animal Welfare Organizations for effective implementation of the directions.

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