

## **DM SOUTH BANS FIREWORKS INSIDE TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS**

**Panaji, February 09, 2026**

District Magistrate, South Goa has prohibited the use, bursting ignition or operation of fireworks, sparklers, pyrotechnic devices,, flame thrower type devices, smoke generators and similar fire smoke producing equipments inside tourist establishments, any indoor or enclosed premises such as night clubs, bars and restaurants, hotels, guesthouses and resorts, beach shacks, and temporary structures and event venues and entertainment establishments is strictly prohibited throughout South Goa district.

This prohibition applies to all organisers, event managers, individuals, and institutions, tourist establishments such as night clubs, bars and restaurants, hotels, guesthouses and resorts, beach shacks, and temporary structures and event venues and entertainment establishments.

This prohibition will not apply to religious shrines, such as temples, churches, mosques, gurudwaras and similar recognized places of worship, where traditional lighting or rituals practices are carried out as per customary norms.

In exceptional cases, the District Magistrate (or an authorized officer) may grant prior written permission for indoor pyrotechnics provided the applicant submits a detailed safety and risk mitigation plan and all supporting documents required for safety compliance.

This order shall come into effect from February 09, 2026 and shall remain in operation for a period of 60 days (both days inclusive) unless withdrawn earlier.

All Deputy Collectors and Sub-Divisional Magistrates of South Goa are authorised to verify violations of this Order and to file FIR before the concerned police station and lodge complaint before the jurisdictional Judicial Magistrate.

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