

Photo of the Month



Shri Mangesh temple
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Shri Mangesh temple is located at Mangeshi Village in Priol, Ponda taluk, Goa. It is at a distance of 1 km from mardol close to nagueshi, 21 km from Panaji the capital of Goa and 26 km from Margao.



Initiatives

GTDC residencies to get facelift, to introduce Camiaos bus tours and focus on infrastructure development: GTDC Board

Panjim, April 27 : Keeping in mind the increasing demand for clean and affordable accommodation facilities for tourists visiting Goa, the Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC) has decided to renovate four of its existing residencies across the State.

These include the residencies at Mapusa, Margao, Vasco and Calangute annex. It is proposed to give all these residencies a facelift and facilities. These proposals have been approved by the GTDC Board which met on Wednesday.

Some of the other decisions taken by the GTDC Board include the construction of a Convention Centre in South Goa which will have large halls for events, weddings, banquets etc, offices and adequate parking.

The GTDC Board has also agreed to float fresh tenders for appointing agencies for the maintenance and upkeep of the Multi Level Car Parking (MLCP) project and Santa Monica Jetty.

The GTDC has also proposed to buy new buses which would be later designed as Camiaos for conducting sightseeing tours.

The GTDC Board also agreed to lease out office space to the FFRO and India Tourism at the Paryatan Bhavan, Patto.

During the meeting, various proposals pertaining to tourism infrastructure were taken up and proposals with regards to pathways, utility services, signage's, sewage treatment plants, and lighting were also approved by the board. The board has also agreed to a proposal for development of jetties for tourism purpose and a proposal to obtain Rs.500 crore from the central ministry under the Sagar Mala scheme has been agreed upon. This proposal will be sent to the Captain of Ports who will thereafter forward it to the Govt of India.



Awards

Goa Tourism bagged Gold Award at IMAI India Digital Awards for 'Best Use of User Generated Content'



Panjim, 25 April: Minister for Tourism, Mr. Manohar Azgaonkar and Director of Tourism, Mr. Menino D'Souza along with the Gold award for 'Best Use of User Generated Content' bagged by Goa Tourism at the India Digital Awards, organised by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IMAI). The campaign, called "Tourism by Tourists" harnessed tourists to create vibrant content about Goa which was leveraged across social media.

This included activities like #PickMyGoaPick, #ProTraveller, #GoaFeautreBlog, & #GoalsLike. The Tourism by Tourists campaign led to Goa Tourism becoming the fastest growing tourism brand on social media and tied for the highest Klout score for an Indian tourism board.



Events

Goa gearing up for Grape Escapade 2017



Panjim, 21 April: Goa Tourism has set the stage for "Grape Escapade 2017", Goa's premier wine, food and lifestyle festival organised annually in the state of Goa. The event will begin on 27 April and conclude on 30 April from 6 pm onwards at D.B Bandodkar Ground, Campal, Panaji, Goa.

Like every year, this year too, the festival promises to deliver unique experiences combined with live music and entertainment, food & beverage stalls under one roof.

The festival will present culinary delights from across the globe along with Goan music, dance and various other entertainment programs. The highlight of the festival will be the fashion show, traditional grape stomping, an exclusive wine tasting session and the selection of The Grape Escapade Queen 2017.

This one of its kind event is expected to bring thousands of tourists and locals to witness the four day event in Goa.



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