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# OFFICIAL GAZETTE GOVERNMENT OF GOA

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## EXTRAORDINARY

### GOVERNMENT OF GOA

#### Department of Home

Office of the District Collector and District Magistrate, South

#### Order

No. 38/2/2024/163 B.N.S.S./L&amp;O/MAG/XII/M.O.3799

Order under Section 163 of The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 — Prohibition on use of Indoor Fireworks/Pyrotechnics

Whereas, the Superintendent of Police, South Goa District, Margao, vide letter No. SP/S-Goa/Reader/3773/2025 dated 09-12-2025 has reported to this office that the use of fireworks, pyrotechnic devices, sparklers, flame/smoke effects and similar fire/smoke-generating equipment inside tourist establishments including but not limited to nightclubs, bars & restaurants, hotels, guesthouses & resorts, beach shacks and temporary structures and event venues and entertainment establishments poses a serious and imminent risk to human life, property, public safety and public tranquility;

And whereas, the said report highlights that indoor deployment of such devices significantly increases the likelihood of fire outbreaks, dense smoke accumulation, stampede-like situations, injuries, disruption of public order and obstruction to safe evacuation in enclosed venues, thereby requiring immediate preventive action to avert potential danger to the public;

Now therefore, on being satisfied of the need to take preventive action based on the report of the Superintendent of Police, South Goa District, Margao, I, Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, do hereby order that:-

- The use, bursting, ignition or operation of fireworks, pyrotechnic devices, sparklers, flame effects, smoke effects or any similar fire/smoke-generating devices inside tourist establishments including but not limited to nightclubs, bars & restaurants, hotels, guesthouses & resorts, beach shacks and temporary structures and event venues and entertainment establishments is strictly prohibited throughout South Goa District.
- This prohibition applies to all organizers, event managers, individuals, institutions, tourist establishments such as nightclubs, bars & restaurants, hotels, guesthouses & resorts, beach shacks and temporary structures and event venues and entertainment establishments.

In exceptional cases, the District Magistrate (or an authorised 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.

The circumstances do not permit serving of this notice individually to all concerned persons. Therefore, this Order is hereby passed ex-parte. It shall be published for public information through Press, Social Media and by affixing copies on the Notice Boards of all Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Mamlatdars and Police Stations.

This Order shall come into force with effect from 09-12-2025 and shall remain in operation for a period of 60 days (both days inclusive) unless withdrawn earlier.

Violation of this Order is punishable under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

All Deputy Collectors and Sub-Divisional Magistrates of South Goa are authorised to verify any violation of this Order issued under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and to file FIRs before the concerned Police Station and to lodge complaints before the jurisdictional Judicial Magistrate.

The Superintendent of Police (South), Margao-Goa, is directed to issue direction to all the Police Stations of South Goa District to take note of this Order and to place the matter before the concerned Deputy Collector and Sub-Divisional Magistrates of South Goa in case of violation under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on 9th of December, 2025.

*Egna Cleetus*, IAS, The District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao.