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Department of Revenue

Office of the Collector and District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao Goa, Magisterial section

Order

No. 37/02/2025/MAG/DRONE/M.O.1562

UNDER SECTION 163 OF THE BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023.

Whereas, the Hon'ble Vice President of India will be visiting Goa from 29th May, to 30th May, 2026.

And whereas, in view of the above VVIP visit and with a view to enhancing security arrangements, it is necessary to impose restrictions on aerial activities, including aerial photography, videography and the operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) in sensitive areas;

And whereas, I am satisfied that there is sufficient ground for proceeding under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 to prevent any potential threat to public safety, security and maintenance of public order;

Now, therefore, I, Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao-Goa in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 do hereby prohibit aerial photography, aerial videography and the flying or operation of any Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)/drones in any form, within a radius of 02 (two) kilometres of Dabolim International Airport, Mormugao during the period specified herein from 03:00 p.m. on 29/05/2026 to 05:00 p.m. on 30/05/2026 on account of the VVIP visit to Goa.

Provided that this order shall not apply to:

Police Personnel and other Government officials/agencies if using the drones purely in connection with their official duties, subject to the following conditions:

- Such Police Personnel and other Government officials shall be in their prescribed service uniform, wherever applicable and shall carry valid identity cards and written authorization issued by the competent authority permitting the use of drones for official purpose;
- The exemption shall be applicable only while such personnel are on official duty and strictly for official purposes during the period of enforcement of this Order.

In view of the emergent nature of the order, this order is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general. Any breach of this order would invite action under Section 223 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and other applicable laws.

This Order shall come into force and remain in force during the following time periods:

From 03:00 p.m. on 29/05/2026 to 05:00 p.m. on 30/05/2026 at Dabolim International Airport.

Given under my hand and seal of this Office on this 26th day of May, 2026.

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