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Order

No. 38/2/2024/163 B.N.S.S./L&O/MAG/XII/M.O.468

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/442/2026 dated 06-02-2026 has reported to this office that the use of fireworks, pyrotechnic devices, sparklers, flame/smoke effects and similar fire/smoke-generating equipment inside indoor or enclosed premises during events 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, any indoor or enclosed premises such as 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 organisers, 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.

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

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 09-02-2026 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 Station 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 the seal of this Office on this 9th day of February, 2026.

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

Office of the District Collector and District Magistrate, Kushavati District

Order

No. 38/14/01/2026/163 B.N.S.S./L&O/MAG/KD/M.O.186

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

Whereas, the Superintendent of Police, Kushavati District, vide letter No. SP/S-Goa/Reader/434/2026 dated 05-02-2026 has reported to this office that the use of fireworks, pyrotechnic devices, sparklers, flame/smoke effects and similar fire/smoke-generating equipment inside indoor or enclosed premises during events 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, Kushavati District, I, *Egna Cleetus*, IAS, District Magistrate, Kushavati District, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, do hereby order that:-

a. 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, any indoor or enclosed premises such as Nightclubs, Bars & Restaurants, Hotels, Guesthouses & Resorts, Beach

shacks and temporary structures and Event venues and entertainment establishments is strictly prohibited throughout Kushavati District.

- b. This prohibition applies to all organisers, 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.
- c. This prohibition shall not apply to religious shrines, such as temples, churches, mosques, gurudwaras and similar recognised places of worship, where traditional lighting or ritual practices are carried out as per customary norms.

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 09-02-2026 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 Kushavati District 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 (Kushavati District) Goa, is directed to issue direction to all the Police Station of Kushavati District to take note of this order and to place the matter before the concerned Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Magistrates of Kushavati District in case of violation under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Office on this 9th day of February, 2026.

Egna Cleetus, IAS, The District Magistrate, Kushavati District, Goa.