

# Marines to celebrate X'mas in Italy

BY JYOTIRAJ KOCCHI

The Kerala High Court on Thursday allowed the two Indian Marines, facing trial in the state for shooting to death two Indian fishermen in February last off the coast of Kerala, to visit their country for two weeks to celebrate Christmas even as relatives of the victims said that the court order disappointed them.

Judge P. Illoorasoor of the High Court permitted Marines Latore, Massimiliano and Salvatore Giroto to visit Italy under stringent conditions. The Marines are required to furnish bank guarantee for Rs 6 crore, they have to be back in Kochi before January 10, 2013 and they should not leave Italy during these two weeks except for

returning to India, according to the court order.

The court ordered allowing the Marines to travel to Italy to celebrate Christmas came barely a day after the Centre made it clear that it had no objection to their leaving India though the Government of Kerala had opposed their petition seeking permission to leave India saying there was no guarantee of their return once they were allowed to go.

However, the court did not accept the argument of the Kerala Director General of Prosecutions that the Marines might not come back if they were allowed to go. It said the Centre's stand was more relevant as this was a matter concerning international relations. Counsel for the Marines said Italy would

stand by its word and that there was no cause for anxiety.

Justice Bhushan said the Marines' passports could be released on production of the required travel documents and on filing of an unconditional undertaking that they would return to India and surrender their passports before 3:00 pm on January 10. The Italian authorities should keep them under surveillance during these two weeks, the court said.

The Marines, who had been on bail in Kochi since May 30, had filed a petition last week in the High court seeking permission to visit Italy to join their families for Christmas immediately after the Italian Government stepped up pressure on the Indian authorities by

formally complaining about the delay in concluding the case.

The Italian authorities should give undertakings ensuring that the Marines would be under surveillance and they should also furnish their addresses and phone in Italy and details of their movements in that country to the Police Commissioner, Kochi. On return, the Marines would be bound by the same conditions under which they were granted bail in May, the court said.

A report from Italy quoted Marine Giroto's wife Vania Arlito saying, "It is a moment of great joy and our hearts are dancing," in response to the court's verdict, but Dora, widow of one of the dead fishermen, said she was disappointed by the order.

## Man gets 22 yrs for raping student

**Kasaragod:** A day after a court in Kasaragod district awarded up to ten years imprisonment to a man, who raped and sold to flesh trade racket his minor daughter and three others, a court in Kasaragod on Thursday sentenced a 28-year-old Madras teacher to 22 years imprisonment for sexually abusing on 11-year-old girl student of his institution.

The Principal Sessions Court, Kasaragod also slapped a fine of ₹25,000 on Madras teacher Apurva, a native of Malappuram district. Principal Sessions Judge K. Balakumar ordered that the amount should be given to the victim. Apurva would have to undergo additional imprisonment for six months if he did not pay the fine, the judge said. The judge sentenced the accused to imprisonment for ten years for rape, ten years for subjecting the Class V student to unnatural sex and two years for threatening her. The incident had taken place on August 16, 2008 when Apurva took the girl student to his private room in the Madras at Bedlam, Kasaragod, and raped her.

Meanwhile, the Kerala Government has constituted a special police team to look into cases of atrocities against women and children in the context of a huge rise in such crimes in the State recently. Inspector General B. Sandhya would head the team of four women IPS officials, Home Minister Thirumavalavan Radhakrishnan said in the State Assembly on Thursday. PNA



Vani Banga, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at a rally in Jharkhand on Friday.

## A Christmas party for piglets in Goa!

BY MAYURSHUHAN ■ PANAJI

After having to sacrifice a lamb for the sake of Christmas parties over the years, the displaced animal loved for his taste will finally get their chance to have a party themselves.

Thanks to the People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), who rescued around 100 pigs destined for a Christmas party table from being "hugely slaughtered", they can now have a chance to dance in the舞.

The Christmas party is for

the piglets, which have been rescued from illegal slaughter by PETA (People Animal Welfare Society). They reacted around 100 pigs that will be there at the party, Bhavna Shekhar Gupta of PETA, a party organiser said.

Giving a new meaning to the term party animal, Gupta said that the pigs would be feasting on corn, sprouts, strawberries and other foods which they love to eat. "The party's all about the pigs that have been rescued. We will only stand by and watch," said Gupta, a sum-

tionist with PETA. She, however, mentioned that their efforts would be saving only a fraction of the pigs that are going to be slaughtered.

The party will be held at the PETA animal rescue centre at 12 noon. However, no Catholic feast is complete without slaughtering of a pig and the bigger the feast the more number pigs are killed. "In our village we have two feasts. For the main feast we slaughter two pigs for the smaller feast we slaughter just one. The importance of the feast can be gauged by the number of pigs slaughtered.

Goa is known for a whole range of pork treats like sausages, a spicy vinegar-based gravy of pork litsa, ears, tail and all cooked over days, sausages, cured pork stuffed in cattle intestines, pork chops, etc. Pork with beans called feijoada, addition of broth of pork cooked along with beans of beans and add a semi-dry pork dish.

### NORTHERN RAILWAY

#### NOTICE

It is notified that Sh. Gazender Singh S/o Sh. Saman Singh ESM-HMSP remained unauthorized absent from duty since 22.08.2010. He was issued SF-5 (B3-Sig/Major/27) dated 09.06.07. Enquiry was held against Sh. Gazender Singh and he was found guilty of unauthorized absent from duty. Thereafter he had been removed from service. No. B3-Sig/Major/27 DL-18.12.2012. DSTESIG, New Delhi

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Chairman CPWSD, Moga, District Moga invites bids in e-tendering system for the construction of works detailed in the letter below. The bid documents available online and bids to be submitted online through the e-tendering portal (<http://tenders.pwspj.org.in/>) only. Bids submitted manually will not be accepted.

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FROM DATE: 24.12.2012 TIME: 08:00 HOURS  
TO: DATE: 30.01.2013 TIME: 11:00 HOURS

2. TIME AND DATE OF PRE-BID CONFERENCE:  
DATE: 30.01.2013 TIME: 10:00 HOURS

3. LAST DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS/DOC:  
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DATE: 30.01.2013 TIME: 14:00 HOURS

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Estimate cost:  
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Rs. 105.00 Lacs  
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