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VILLAGE PANCHAYAT PILERNE-MARRA



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Penha de França is a picturesque village located in the Bardez taluka of North Goa district, situated along the serene banks of the Mandovi River. The village is known for its scenic beauty, peaceful environment, and close proximity to Panaji, the capital city of Goa, the village offers a blend of urban and rural characteristics. Traditional homes coexist with modern structures, reflecting a balanced and evolving community landscape.

Village can be distinctly divided into two geographical divisions:

- 1) To elevate area called housing Board Plateau
- 2) Low lying river basin area resting on the banks of the tributary of River Mandovi.

The total geographical area of the village is 542 hectares, and for administrative purposes, it is divided into eleven wards.

The panchayat has taken various Citizen Centric Developmental activities which is an achievement of LSDGs.

Sports and Community Facilities in Penha de França:

SPORTS GROUNDS



The Panchayat of Penha de França has acquired land from the Comunidade and constructed three artificial turf grounds with the objective of promoting sports and recreational activities within the village for youths and senior citizen. These grounds have become a valuable asset for encouraging physical activity and community engagement.

WATER PARK



Located in Alto-Porvorim, Penha de França, the Water Park is a well-designed community space meant for fitness, relaxation, and recreation. It is visited by public towards pleasant environment for daily exercise and leisure.

This water park has salient features such as Walking and Jogging Track, Children's Play Area, Outdoor Exercise Station, Seating and Open Space and Clean Washrooms equipped with well fitted equipment's.

HERBAL AND BUTTERFLY GARDEN

The Biodiversity Committee of Penha de França is among the most active bodies within the Panchayat. In collaboration with the Goa State Biodiversity Board, it has developed a beautiful Herbal and Butterfly Garden, aimed at enriching local flora, supporting biodiversity, and promoting environmental awareness.

The garden includes:

- Plants that attract butterflies, fostering biodiversity.
- A variety of herbal plants, promoting wellness and healthy living among residents.

This initiative plays a vital role in environmental conservation and community education.



ART PARK

Situated on BB Borkar Road, Sai Nagar, Alto-Betim Porvorim, the Art Park is a vibrant public space showcasing a blend of art, culture, and nature. It has become a popular destination for residents and visitors alike. Highlights of the Art Park: Murals and Sculptures, Open-Air Amphitheatre, Central Treehouse, Open-Air Screenings

ART PARK

Located in the heart of Porvorim, the Nana Nani Natwache Park is a thoughtfully designed green space primarily catering to senior citizens, while remaining open to all. Its name, translating to "Grandfather Grandmother Grandchildren Park," reflects its purpose of promoting intergenerational bonding.

The park spans 8,000 sq. meters in Krantinagar, Porvorim, and was constructed by the Goa State Urban Development Agency (GSUDA).

Key Facilities of this park are Walking Tracks, Shaded Seating Areas, Exercise Equipment, Lush Greenery, Children's Play Area, Sports Facilities, Library and Canteen, Cultural Stage, Four Multi-purpose Kiosks

The park stands as a model of inclusive urban planning, promoting emotional, physical, and social well-being—especially for senior citizens. It emphasizes the importance of family values, community bonding, and respect for elders.





DIVYARANJAN PARK



Divyaranjan Park Goa's first children's park designed for children with disabilities to adopt an inclusive approach that gives persons with disabilities equal access to public facilities, so that children with disabilities being future citizens, they deserve spaces where they can play alongside other children. It includes a wheelchair swing, a four-seater merry-go-round with safety straps, a two-seater swing with straps, and a multi-activity play station.

KHELANGAN

Porvorim has welcomed a significant addition to its community infrastructure with the inauguration of "Khelangan" a dynamic space dedicated to sports, wellness, and recreational activities. This new facility promises to enhance local opportunities for physical activity and social engagement.

Khelangan boasts a range of specialized sports amenities including a futsal ground, a badminton court, and a cricket training centre, providing diverse options for athletes and enthusiasts of all ages.





Very clean scenic beautiful place, yoga centre for all the villagers of Penha-de-Franca and surrounding people. Statues of Buddha and different yogasans is much liked place by everyone.

BEST PRACTICES OF VILLAGE PANCHAYAT PILERNE-MARRA, BARDEZ TALUKA, GOA



The Village Panchayat of Pilerne-Marra, situated in the Bardez taluka of North Goa, is a progressive and active local self-government institution, widely recognized for its community-driven development initiatives. It administers the villages of Pilerne and Marra, located approximately 8 km from Panaji and 10 km from Mapusa. For administrative purposes, the Panchayat is divided into nine wards, covering a total geographical area of 326.56 hectares.

GOSHALA (COW SHELTER)



The Panchayat has established a Goshala to house stray cattle, ensuring animal welfare and maintaining public hygiene. Agricultural by-products and fodder grown on Panchayat-managed farmland are used as cattle feed, supplemented by food brought by residents.

A shredder machine has also been installed to process coconut husks and other fibrous plant matter into digestible cattle feed.

AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED ACTIVITIES



The Panchayat actively promotes sustainable agriculture by offering assistance in the form of tractors, seeds, and fertilizers. The panchayat distributed free seeds and fertilizers to about 200 farmers from their own panchayat fund, this initiative encourages continued farming and preserves agrarian heritage. Major initiatives include:

- Cashew, Banana & Jumbo Grass Plantation on 1,500 sq. m. of open land to support cattle fodder needs.
- Development of 18,000 sq. m. of Comunidade Land into a green space with fruit trees, flowering plants, and 6,000 sq. m. for vegetable cultivation.
- Another 18,000 sq. m. Area is being prepared for betel nut cultivation, with plans to develop eco-friendly huts for agro-tourism.
- Plantation Drives have also been undertaken near the crematorium, with indigenous species like mango, kokum, and neem.
- Organic Manure Production using farm by-products for promoting sustainable farming.



- Market Outlet: The Panchayat plans to sell produce from its farmland through a local stall, pending legal clearances.



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

- Hundreds of trees are planted annually as part of the Vanmahotsav celebration, with follow-up to ensure survival.
- 35 women workers are employed to maintain the Panchayat's farmlands and plantations.

GREEN FRAMING INITIATIVES

The Village Panchayat of Pilerne -Marra commits to promote green cover and sustainable farming by distributing paddy seeds and fertilizers to the local farmers. This activity is done annually.



GREEN LAND FARM

The panchayat is maintaining green and farm Under the initiative of Atmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa. They have planted Vegetables, suits and flowers in the Farm



PROMOTING FARMING

Pilerne - Marra Village Panchayat considers development of Youths and Farmers as the Utmost priority to keep the Traditional practice of the Farming Profession alive. The Panchayat offers Various Services to the Farmers and to Motivate Youths to take up Farming such as giving tractors and harvest machines at subsidised rates.

DIVYARANJAN PARK



This is minimum sports complex in Green valley at village Panchayat of Pilerne-Marra with sports facilities such as badminton, jogging track, yoga with clean air, physical exercise tracks and provision for reading under tree shadow with charging points. This place is in greenery all over, cool breeze, a place for mind relaxation with variety of flowers.

SIGN BOARDS

Village panchayat Pilerne-Marra has displayed sign boards at every junction and border of panchayat area. " Know where you are standing" " you are not lost" "you are on right track" . These are messages given to all. Tourists do find their way easily. A great initiative by Village panchayat Pilerne-Marra.



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