

Surla panchayat urged to protect forests

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Bicholim: Residents of Surla in Bicholim taluka, during the recent gram sabha, unanimously demanded with the panchayat to protect the forests in the village for the safety of wild animals and conservation of the environment. The gram sabha was chaired by sarpanch Vishranti Surlakar.

During the meeting, locals said that there has been several instances of wild animals like leopards, bisons, wild boars and other animals entering human habitats.

Locals from Gaonkarwada and Mestawada brought it to the notice of the panchayat that they do not have proper road access. Panch member Shanu Surlakar said to resolve this issue, land owners need to cooperate with the residents.

The discussion also focused on other issues such as irrigation facility for farmers, discharge of rainwater, electricity, house construction, mining, rented house, etc. The issues were put forth by Uday Natekar, Mahendra Shirodkar, Pramod Narvekar, Manohar Volvoikar, Gopal Surlakar, Sanjay Jog, Aapa Bhamaikar, Santosh Maulingkar, Prashant Gaonkar and others.

Meeting was attended by deputy sarpanch deputy sarpanch Bhola Khodginkar, panch members Subhash Fondekar, Shanu Surlakar, Suchita Gaonkar, Dinesh Madkaikar and Sahima Gawade. Secretary Mahadev Naik assisted during gramsabha.

