

2019

December 2019 Double tracking of Castlerock-Kulem railway line approved

2020

April 2020 Four-laning of the NH4 highway and laying of a Dharwad- Xeldem 400 KV transmission line approved
59,000 trees are set to be felled.

23rd May: Ministry of Forest Clearances, a cover story in [The Hindu](#) highlighting these projects.

1st June Campaign starts- STAGE I

5th June 149 researchers and professionals write to the Ministry expressing concerns about projects.

12th June 224 local business owners, chefs, publishers write to the Ministry expressing concerns about projects.

13th June First Facebook live [stream](#) by Sridhar Halali on butterflies of Mollem

14th June Former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh opposes projects in Mollem

15th June 291 conservationists write to Centre over forests approvals

20th June First webinar: Legal perspective on linear infrastructure within protected areas with Anamika Gode

22nd June [Mollem Memory Project](#) launched on Instagram as a student initiative to voice concerns.

26th June 150 business owners and 150 tourism stakeholders, 160+ scientists write to the Central government opposing approved projects. Travel and Tourism Association of Goa.

1st July Change.org with 70,000+ signatures, Let India Breathe email campaign to the NBWL with 7000+ emails and Jhatka Petition Letter to the CEC with 8000+ signatures sent.

2nd July Webinar on 'Understanding Interconnections in Mollem' by Journeys with Meaning.

3rd July Goa Foundation petitions the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) about the three projects in Mollem.

5th July- STAGE II

CEC of Supreme court issues notice to Goa Government, Wildlife Boards of the State and Center. They have 30 days to respond i.e. by 2nd August

8th July First Instagram live stream by Anamika Gode and Gabriella D’Cruz on Stage II of the campaign.

11th July 400+ students write to CEC expressing concerns about projects in Mollem

16th July Deadline- Letters sent to representative MLAs (In preparation for Assembly meeting)

17th July Public Interest Litigation (PIL) admitted in the High Court.

24th July Goa Foundation PIL hearing at High Court. Respondents have to report to the High Court by 18th August, 2020.

25th July Facebook live [session](#): A Spatial Perspective on Linear Infrastructure Projects In and Around Mollem by Madhura Niphadkar and Nandini Melhotra

27th July Knee for Mollem - students take a knee under their favourite tree
Assembly meeting- Seven MLAs raise the topic of Mollem.

- a. Individuals sent in emails and hardcopies to their MLAs office
- b. Individuals approached their MLAs through physical meetings
- c. 3 MLAs wrote sent formal representations to the CEC
- d. 3 other MLAs tweeted their support to students, but some are yet to issue formal representations to the CEC.
- e. 7 MLAs asked starred and unstarred questions in the Assembly
- f. Knee for Mollem: Citizens all over Goa showed solidarity with knelt under their favourite tree with banners stating ‘Raise my Mollem questions’
- g. Seven MLAs raised written questions about Mollem but Mollem was not orally discussed in the three hour assembly session.

30th July A [Song](#) for Mollem by Febronia Fernandes is released.

2nd August Email campaign to CEC deadline

Citizens and expert representations sent to the CEC. Prerna Singh Bindra, former Member of the National Board for Wildlife sent a summary of 15 different representations made to the CEC:

1. Prerna Singh Bindra, former Member of the National Board
2. Scientist who have worked closely with livelihoods around Mollem

3. 400+ students (One Health)
4. 300+ College Students
5. Travel Tourism Association of Goa
6. 150+ tourism stakeholders
7. 20+ lawyers from all across India
8. 150+ small-business owners
9. 103 Veterinarians and allied Animal Welfare Organisations
10. Project Affected Citizens (Goencho Ekvott, Villagers Action Committee) and Mollem residents
11. 249 Artists
12. 181 architects
13. 100+ Teachers
14. Leader of Opposition and Member of Legislative Assembly, Indian National Congress
15. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Goa
16. Rohan Khaunte, Member of Legislative Assembly, Independent
17. Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, Member of Legislative Assembly, Indian National Congress
18. Citizens letters of support through Let India Breathe and Jhatkaa

Post 2nd August Extensive press coverage on [Letters/Submissions](#) to the CEC, the Indian Express, Hindustan Times, MidDay, The Citizen and almost daily coverage in the Goan, Herald, Navhind Times, Lokmat, Times of India (Goa edition)

11th August Deadline for sending EIA 2020 objections

15th August Peaceful March at Mollem and Collem and all over Goa.

First Earthsongs session on [Instagram](#) with singer Ditty.

Children of Mollem come together on [Instagram](#) to voice their opposition to the projects.

27th August 300+ locals of Mollem write to MoEFCC expressing concern about approved projects

30th August STAGE III- Hope. Awareness. Action

1st September Rotary Club Meeting Citizens and Min. of Environment - Nilesh Cabral (Can be found on their [page](#)) where stakeholders

2nd September Wildlife of Goa weekly documentary [series](#) by Kabir Naik and Omkar Dharwadkar begins: [Trailer](#) invites us to join them on a journey through a wide range of habitats in Goa including beaches, forests, plateaus and wetlands and the biodiversity they are home to.

5th September Teachers Day! Children, youth and teachers of Goa come together on [Instagram](#) to share what nature teaches them.
100+ teachers write a [letter](#) to the Environmental Minister expressing concerns over Mollem projects.

Wildlife of Goa documentary series [Episode 1](#) is released. It outlines how the monsoons that shower Goa for 4 months change the landscape and tease out all sorts of wildlife from their summer hiding places.

9th September Kabir Naik releases rap song: [Mollem marta ulle](#) in solidarity with Mollem campaign.

10th September Panchvem Amche Mollem musical by people of Goa is released on [Instagram](#) as an ode to Mollem's natural wonders

12th September Local villagers voice opposition to three projects at Panchayat, stating that Mhadei river and Dudhsagar waterfalls will be ruined. Gram Sabha scheduled for 4th October.

13th September Wildlife of Goa documentary series [Episode 2](#) is released: Amphibians of Goa. Seasonal streams revived by the monsoons also give life to a huge, diverse group of animals: the frogs. This episode highlights endemic species of frogs found in Goa.

17th September Tourism and livelihoods of Goa introductory session live on [Instagram](#) with Pooja Rani and Divya Sahasrabuddhe

19th September Earthsongs with Febronia live on [Instagram](#). Heated discussions between Hon'ble PWD Minister Deepak Prabhu Pauskar with Project Executive team, Sarpanch & Panchayat Members of VP Mollem and residents.

20th September Wildlife of Goa documentary series [Episode 3](#) is released: Odonates of Goa. This episode gives you a glimpse into the lives of Goa's dragonflies and damselflies, collectively known as odonates.

21st September 2020

Scientists write to the Regional Empowered Committee of the MoEF&CC in Bengaluru about the need to study cumulative inter-state impacts on Goa Tamnar.

25th September Digital Global Climate strike on [Twitter](#) where students asked politicians to stop tokenism of consultation. Strikes in Margao, Panjim and Vasco.
Peaceful strikes at Panjim Church and Margao Circle.

27th September Webinar on environmental and social impacts of waterways.
Wildlife of Goa documentary series [Episode 4](#) is released: Butterflies of Goa. This episode explores the vast diversity of butterflies that Goa is home to.

30th September Save Mollem Protest at Vasco junction to voice opposition.

2nd October Gandhi Jayanthi East (Mollem at dawn) to West (Vasco in the evening) march for Goa.LI

4th October Prakash Javadekar Union Minister visits Goa and says, "If I get memoranda, I will surely study." Gram sabha as stated by Sarpanch Tanvi Kerkar is still not held. Students fight back saying Goa Needs Answers, Stop Passing the Buck.

5th October Headline news to the Javadekar feigning ignorance. A construction license is unilaterally issued by the Sarpanch without a panchayat resolution. The license is not signed by the Secretary.

6th October Nilesh Cabral Goan Forest and Power Minister threatens local people and says "Will cut connections if people don't want Mollem power projects, let them apply". Goan citizens respond on twitter "Are we taking free electricity from Cabral-owned power company?", others say they will disconnect his connection in 2 years.

7th October Ex- Forest Minister Alina Saldanha writes to the Centre.

8th October 2020

Mollem residents who went to give a memorandum opposing the projects detained at Panjim Police station outside the CM's office.

9th October Ex-teacher and poet from Sharaschandra Khandeparkar and Sahitya Akademi Award Winner Damodar Mauzo release a poem and message on Mollem titled Voices of Mollem. Twitter storm - tweet asking Javadekar if he requires a foghorn,

10th October World Mental Health day [webinar](#) Dr. Debarati Mukherjee (INSPIRE Faculty Fellow at the Indian Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru), Prof. Vikram Patel (Harvard Medical School & Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health & Sangath, India), Nerissa Santimano (Royal Society of Public Health, London UK), Deepti Sharma (Visual Artist and Storyteller) on Mental Health and the Natural Environment.

14th October Magical Mollem: Goa's Green Heart, Call for Action video released. ([English](#) and [Konkani](#) versions available)

16th October Earthsongs with rapper Sohail Sayyed on Insta live.

20th October 2020

-The Power Minister issued a White Paper on Electric Load Demand over the Last 10 years. Citizens write to him with the filter "Cabral you've got Mail" and demand to make the report public.

21st October 2020:

- Letter to Power Minister regarding Protest 400kv transmission line through Mollem and non publishing of promised white paper was put on linktree
- Filters/Stickers were made for Instagram Campaign 'Cabral you've got mail.'

24th October 2020

- Pinnacle Club hosted an open discussion on Mollem Infra Projects at 4pm: Understanding Environmental and Development needs. Sherry Fernandes, Prajal Sakhardande and Sharadchandra Khanderparker speakers.
- Flash mob by Chicalim Youth Farmers Club at Miramar, Panjim,

27th October 2020

- the railways started the work of double tracking past midnight thinking Goans are fast asleep. But they are being proved wrong by the members of Goyant Kollso Naka as they gather at Nessai.
- Protest against Coal in Don Bosco, Benaulim

28th October 2020

- CM tells the people of Goa to stop Protesting against Coal, and that Goa is not banning the coal
- GKN holds midnight protest on Sao jose Areal railway line

29th October 2020

- Awareness campaign on Environmental Destructive Mega Projects in Goa at 6 pm, Opp Paroda Church
 - Youth dance to create awareness about various issues in Goa. A flash mob held in Miramar, Vasco, Cortalim and many other places.
- <https://www.facebook.com/341179116380901/posts/982970732201733/>

30th October 2020

- Awareness campaign on Environmental Destructive Megaprojects in Goa at 6:00 pm, at Our LAdy of Succour and good success, Church, Nagoa (Goencho Ekvot)
 - HC stays till December projects passing through Mollem forest
- <https://www.heraldgoa.in/Goa/HC-stays-till-December-projects-passing-through-Mollem-forest/167037>
- Day 30 of 30 Pre-Summit Webinars of The New Earth Summit hosted by Earth Keepers Connect, Goa; Topic - Goa a Coal Hub?--'Rong-Rongit Goyem' an Original Konkani Song.
 - Musicians Protest against coal!

31st October 2020

- Awareness campaign on Environmental Destructive Megaprojects in Goa at 6:00 pm, at St. Andrews Church, Vasco

-HOW ADANI IS KILLING GOA AIDED BY THE CENTRAL AND GOA STATE GOVERNMENT
By Bevinda Collaço

-Coal particles contaminating Mandovi river, found in oysters too: Study: a piece in the [Hindustan Times](#) by Gerald Dsouza

1st November 2020 and 2nd November 2020

-Tweetstorm at 12 noon by Human Rationalists of Goa

-Species of the month is put up

-Battle of Chandor

Over 5,000 persons turned up

Lots of youth and women were present

The railway tracks were occupied from 12 midnight to 5 AM and no trains (only coal trains are scheduled at this time) were allowed to pass.

The protest was successful in stopping the work of double tracking at the road crossing at Guirdolim-Chandor.

The Dy Collector, Jyoti Kumari, came to the site and asked the protestors to allow the trains to pass, at which the people asked her for an order from the Collector revoking the order permitting the road closures for the 8th-9th night at Davorlim.

This order is now awaited, failing which the protests will continue at Davorlim.

Protest covered by Amritha Balachandra on Faye DSouza's [Youtube](#) channel in conversation with journalism students Sherry Fernandes and Goa Foundation Director Claude Alvares.

3rd November

Citizens of Goa Oppose 3 Infra Projects [news](#) covered by Amitha Balachandra on Faye DSouza's Youtube channel in conversation with Dean D'Cruz, Architect & Planner in Goa Sherwin Correia, 20 Year Old Anti-Coal Activist.

4th November

21 year old journalism student Sherry Fernandes files her [Citizen Report](#) on the protests around Mollem.

5th November

Faye DSouza [in conversation](#) with Nandini Velho, Wildlife Researcher, Abhijit Prabhudesai, Convenor Goyantt Kolso Naka, Sherry Fernandes, Journalism Student & Claude Alvares, Director Goa Foundation

-FIRs against 2 NGOs Goyant Kollso Naka and Goencho Ekvott for Goa midnight protest.

-Instagram reached 10.7k followers!

- Twitter team put up pics of themselves with chart paper saying #ArrestMeToo
- BJP panel to CM: Party image at stake, go slow on infra projects
- We are Yuva released a video, explained by Gabriella D'Cruz
- Mollem campaign got covered by Daily Splainer.
- Government has asked for more land in Sao Jose De Areal
- Emoji message - call to action!
- Press release with Quotes
- Insta filter with regards to arrests
- Special report made by Rashi Goel
- Adani made an official instagram page claiming that they have nothing to do with the projects in Goa
- LC work at Davorlim postponed

6th November:

- Extinction Rebellion's main social media page posted about the protest
- Quora posted about the Protest
- VICE world news posted an article about Goans protesting against the government
- Faye D'Souza had a discussion with Nilesh Cabral at 7:30
- Abhi and Niyu made a Video on Mollem.

7th November:

- Dhruv Rathee posted about Mollem on Facebook
- Advertising for Tweetstorm on 15th began
- Vice India posted an article about Mollem
- Mapusa MLA Joshua (BJP) posted a video in support of Mollem
- FFFI made a link to send objections to government

8th November:

- Instagram Live WEBINAR by FFFI by Veera Mahuli (lawyer, activist & artist) at 7pm
- Facebook Live with Twitter Team at 5pm
- Rajdeep Hooda tweeted about Mollem
- Yash ganthe shared video of his drive to Anmod

9th November:

- Miss Malini wrote an article about Mollem

10th November:

- White paper is available in Public Domain on electricity department website
- Youth of Borda organises Awareness campaign on environmental destructive mega projects in Goa @ 6pm NEar St. Annes School, Agali- Borda
- Twitter reached 1.7k followers!

12th November:

- Whatsapp Stickers were made

13th November:

- Release of [downloadable](#) colouring page on Malabar gliding frog, our species of the month
- 9:00-10:00 am messages for the Forest with Ayesha Baretto on 91.9

14 November:

- Vikram D'silva's [zoom talk](#) on Mollem
- Children's day [protest](#) takes place in Goa

15 November

Twitter Storm, biggest so far with Fridays for Future, Let India Breathe, #IndiawithGoa
#SaveMollem trends Nationally
Children's day Letter sent

16 November:

- Actress [Amyra Dastur](#) tweets in support of Mollem
- First Draw-Along [Livestream](#) with Danica Pereira on Instagram.
- Student Josna Desai and Captain Viriato Fernandes of Goencho Awaaz [in conversation](#) with Amitha Balachandra on Faye DSouza.

17 November:

- Goa CM meets students, makes them sing 'uplifting songs' while not making any commitments about halting projects.

18 November:

- [Global Association of Indian Medical Students](#) tweet about Mollem with 3 infographics
- NGO Goencho Ekvott went to support locals to stop the work at Darvolim, were threatened by the police to stop filming. Films available [here](#).

19 November:

- Award winning Goan cartoonist Alexyz lends supports to Mollem through [these cartoons](#)
- [KabirNk](#)'s infographics about the frogs of Goa released.
- IANS Press Release: [Goa CM Sawant slams expats for criticism of government projects](#)
- Stage 2 forest clearance granted by MoEFFFC for the forests outside

20th November:

- Protest at Margao SBI Bank by GKN for STOP SBI FUNDING COAL
- Protest at Cansaulim Market Area for NO DOUBLE TRACKS FOR SWR THROUGH SOUTH GOA by VACAD

21 November:

- Goyant Kollso Naka calls out to SBI asking them to reject the proposal to fund Adani's disaster coal mine in Australia. Covered by [The Goan](#) and [The Times of India](#).
- Mollem Memory Project covered in [The Better India](#)

- BJP Cortalim MLA Alina Saldanha says government must consider scrapping all three projects. Covered by [The Goan](#).

22 November:

- Vasco BJP MLA Carlos Almeida speaks to [The Goan](#): says he sent 2 letters to CM for information on double tracking, yet to receive a response.
- In reply to the article 'The need of power infrastructure in Goa' by Maria G. Durairaj (Herald, Nov 18), Inacio Vas questions the hurried nature of the high tension transmission project through Mollem. Also in [The Herald](#).
- Chicalim Youth Farmers Club threatens to hit the streets and not support government in upcoming elections if demands are not met. Covered in [The Herald](#).
- In the [Herald](#): With people opposing the three linear projects proposed in the State, the laying of double tracks in Environment and Power Minister Nilesh Cabral's Curchorem constituency is going on in full swing.

23 November:

- Coverage in [Article 14](#) with a focus on resistance and solidarity in Goa.
- Protest at Nessai crossing: Activist Freddy Travasso has appealed to every individual to join the protest at the Nessai railway crossing on Monday at 10 am, saying the panchayat and the villagers have adopted several resolutions against double tracking since 2013 till date. Covered in [The Goan](#).

24 November

26 November

[Mauvin Godinho threatens the youth](#)

Youth visited MLAs OFFICE at vaddem Vasco for submission and found it closed. On inquiry from MLAs PS Mr Ligorio, they were informed that the PS could not be in the office due to his family emergency (accident of a family member). The PS was graceful to suggest the option of submitting the memorandum personally to the MLA at the panchayat office the next day. On behalf of the Chicalim Youth, the parish priest inquired from the Sarpanch and sought an appointment with the MLA at the Panchayat office which was gracefully granted by the sarpanch. After following such basic protocol, It surprises me beyond imagination that the MLA dared to accuse the youth of 'barging in'.

30th November

Prime Time Coverage on [Reality Check on NDTV](#), Pramod Sawant and CWLW lie to people of Goa.

1st December

[Prime Time Coverage](#) on NDTV India by Sreenivasan Jain, two part series.
ASKASCIENTIST Twitter month on Savemollemgoa

2nd December

Why are Goans still protesting, [a video report by India Times](#)

3rd December:

[Inside the Race to Save Mollem](#), article by Vivek Menezes in Live Mint.
[Goa State Industries Association Opposes](#) the three projects.

5th December:

Youth have a press conference at Social Justice Hall and put forth their five demands.

6th December

[Goa Protestors](#) Oppose three projects, in the German media

7th December

Letter of five demands gets submitted to the Chief Minister in the morning with a letter submitted to the Chief Wildlife Warden and PCCF in the evening to refrain from passing a work order.

An talk by Advocate Karleen D'Mello who are at the forefront of the effort to save Goa from the harmful repercussions of 3 infrastructure projects.

8th December

[Youth March to Save Mollem](#), a video by Kabir Naik
[Times Up Selfie Challenge](#) by Mollem Memory Project

9th December

Youth meet PCCF and CWLW as a follow up to the campaign. Start of Campaign Time is Up.
Faye DSouza tweets in support.

10th December

Song "[Goykara, Goem Sambhall](#)" by Siolim Deanery Youth.
Song [Sangonastanam](#) by SFX Chicalim
First CEC hearing today and youth step up the Time's Up campaign.

12th December 2020

Article in Money Control, [Maka naka. Go!](#) Here's why Goa's youth are protesting a 'development' project

19 December 2020

Unarmed youngsters with roses detained in a statewide protest. India Today coverage:
<https://twitter.com/savemollemgoa/status/1340676587197329408?s=20>

Detention coverage: <https://twitter.com/schmmuck/status/1340654863256932353?s=20>

20 December:

Full update of the events of 19 and 20th December here:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CJBjhPvjIG9/>

25 December

Goa Heritage Action Group

21 December:

27 December

Fury as Goa's rare wildlife park faces invasions by road and railway

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/dec/27/fury-as-goas-rare-wildlife-park-faces-invasion-by-rail-and-road>

2021

4 January

VACAD letter sent to the Central Empowered Committee of the Supreme Court

7 January:

Central Empowered Committee (CEC), constituted by the SC will visit sites of three proposed projects at [Mollem](#) from Jan 20-23. Several representations were made to CEC by youth, medical students, scientists, tourism stakeholders & locals. More on [Times of India](#)

8 January:

Communities in Mellauli protested against the proposed permanent campus of IIT-Goa asking the government to scrap the project. News covered by [Faye Dsouza](#) and [NDTV](#).

Goa Herald covers inadequacies in EIA with regards to 3 infrastructure projects.

<https://twitter.com/savemollemgoa/status/1347469786100371458/photo/1>

9 January:

Goa sessions court sets aside charges against those detained on 19/20th December (Liberation Day), including Mollem volunteers.

<https://twitter.com/savemollemgoa/status/1347778525290405891?s=20>

10 January:

Peter Fernandes writes in [The Goan](#) about Goa becoming a coal hub thanks to vested interests of politicians and business tycoons,

12 January:

Campaign to email MLAs before the Goa Legislative Assembly Meeting on 25 January begins. Letter for email can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wx97b7_iz3rEMJMRgHI4I2zO9INw7Ew9/view

14 January:

Report on the Save Mollem Movement in the Financial Times:

<https://www.ft.com/content/ea5293c3-6482-48c6-9c01-ae01367cd592>

18th January

Students write to the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) of the Supreme Court Welcoming them. Press release on the same can be found here.

Magical Mollem Film featured on [The Wire](#). The 8 minute long film was shot in June 2020.

19 January

Environmentalists react sharply to the department of information and publicity's video in which Sterlite Power states that an environmental impact assessment (EIA) isn't required for transmission projects. More on [Times OF India](#)

20 January

Politicians, activists, NGOs, and the general public gather at the 54th Opinion Poll Day celebrated at Lohia Maidan, as they pledge to protect Goa against the destructive linear projects. More on [The Goan](#).

21 January

CEC's welcome covered by [The Goan](#).

22 January

Residents of Arossim, Velsao, Cansaulim, who will be adversely affected w. SWR rail double tracking, urge the CEC, currently in Goa, to protect their livelihoods, villages & heritage homes which will be destroyed with the projects. More on [The Herald](#).

CEC visits Mollem yesterday with the Forest Dept & Ministry of Road Transport & Highways to inspect the proposed sites for the expansion of NH4A. The youth hope to present written representation to the CEC opposing the 3 projects. More on [The Goan](#).

CEC conducts their site visit of the proposed railway line expansion project from Tinaghat to Kulem along with the founders of The Goa Foundation.

23 January

427 medical students across Goa and few from neighbouring states had written to the CEC of SC on 9th July 2020 with regards to Importance of forests keeping health in mind. In brief, it spoke of good forest health means good human health. Find the letter [here](#).

CEC (Supreme Court of India) studies the transmission line project that will cut through the forests of Mollem. This particular project risks the survival of 49 species of fish, of which 18 are endemic to the Western Ghats.

24 January

The CEC (Supreme Court of India) ends their 4-day site visit to Goa by meeting some citizen groups who have been on the frontlines of Goa's fight against the proposed destruction.

25 January

Conservationist and Writer Purna Bindra writes to the CEC to consider the grave ecological, social, cultural & economic consequences of the projects and to reconsider & revoke the decision to allow the 3 projects in Goa. Find the letter [here](#).

Four day state assembly commences with Opposition Leaders questioning government on the three linear projects. More on [The Herald](#).

26 January

Goa's Chief Wildlife Warden's bias and rule breaking to clear Linear Projects brought to CEC's notice. More on [Times of India](#).

27 January

Conservation India deep dives into why the Mollem movement started, what keeps it going and why it still matters. Read full article [here](#).

30 January

Mollem's green cover loss and 'crisis in making' covered by [Times of India](#).

Manohar Parrikar's legacy of rejecting the three projects highlighted by [Times of India](#).

MLA's Vijai Sardesai, Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco and Digambar Kamat cite the destruction of Goa's ecosystems in the Legislative Assembly. More in [The Herald](#). Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco's speech [here](#).

In total, 11 MLA's support the scrapping of the projects, but 20 do not. More in [The Herald](#).

Mollem's story is covered in [Longform Asia](#) as a student led movement fighting tooth and nail to save something greater than itself.

Amche Mollem commends opposition for uniting and pressing major arguments in a detailed press release.

1 February

Locals from Nuvem constituency want answers from their MLA Wilfred D'Sa, after he abstained from voting on the resolution against the 3 projects. More on [The Goan](#).

As part of the Budget, Centre grants 300 crores to Goa to commemorate its Liberation Day. Environmentalists fear this is primarily for the three linear projects.

2 February

Congress MLA Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco writes letter to CEC, urges them to scrap three projects. More in [The Herald](#).

Cuncolim MLA Clafacio Dias on Tuesday had to face irate villagers over double tracking of the railway after it blocked a rivulet and affected Holy Cross at Guirdolim.

3 February

Future Films Mollem Documentary covered by [The Quint](#).

4 February

MLA Vijai Sardesai writes to UNESCO World Heritage Centre & IUNC World Heritage Programme drawing their attention towards threats posed by the 3 projects. More on [Times of India](#).

CM Promod Sawant states that Goa has been a victim of 'propaganda against development' for the past few months.

5 February

Goa's 4th annual bird festival held in Mollem. 18 bird species endemic to the Western Ghats and 7 species of high conservation status are found here. While it was inaugurated by PM Sawant, Dr. Manoj Borkar details why a bird festival should actually be good for the birds in a piece [here](#).

CM Sawant also inaugurated 'Biodiversity Park' as part of the bird festival, most environmentalists reject this as tokenism. More on [The Goan](#).