

# MOCK drills check preparedness of MPT, Dabolim airport's old terminus building

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The district administration South on Tuesday conducted two mock drills in the port town of Vasco, aiming to check preparedness to face chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) emergencies or disaster.

Deputy collector and sub-divisional magistrate Mormugao Mahadev Araundekar was the incident commander for the mock drills. The first mock drill was held at Mormugao Port Trust premises in the morning wherein leakage was shown to a container cargo. Various nodal offic-



NDRF specialised force during the mock drill at old Dabolim airport terminal building

ers were involved in the mock drill involving of various departments such as police, traffic cell, health, MMC, electricity, PWD, transport and others. The leakage was plugged by us-

ing dry sand.

The second mock drill was held at old terminal building of Dabolim airport wherein emergency situation was created by planting uranium and cobalt-60.

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The Airports Authority of India (AAI) sought help of trained and well-equipped specialists from National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). The NDRF personnel finally identified and detected Cobalt-60.

Incident commander Araundekar told this daily that over-all both the mock drills received a good response from all the stakeholders.

"It is the need of the hour that the AAI personnel are trained by the NDRF personnel in order to be prepared for radiological disasters," said Araundekar.