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'Goa delegation 'manhandled' during Mahadayi inspection'

Khanapur police rubbish Digambar Kamat's claims

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Leader of Opposition in Goa and former chief minister Digambar Kamat on Saturday alleged that the members of Goa delegation, part of the joint team that is visiting Kalasa-Banduri project site at Kanakumbi in Khanapur taluk following the Supreme Court order, were assaulted by the locals on Friday.

Kamat took to Twitter saying that Goan delegation was manhandled by Karnataka and that it was a conspiracy hatched by the BJP units of Goa and Karnataka. He further said that it was done to hide the truth that the BJP had compromised the interests of Goa and allowed Karnataka to divert water from Mahadayi (Mhadei in Goa) river.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka police have



A tweet by Goa Opposition Leader Digambar Kamat.

rubbished Kamat's claims.

Khanapur SI Dashagouda Patil told reporters, "As per the Supreme Court's direction, only the joint inspection committee members and the officials were allowed at the project site. No unauthorised persons were allowed..."

"No one was abused or beaten. A person, who had come along with the Goan delegation claiming to be a journalist and environmentalist, was not allowed entry into the project site," he said.