

Dhirio-Bull Fighting

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Recently, during a discussion in the state Assembly legislators across party lines demanded the legalisation of bull fighting which is locally called Dhirio in Goa.

About Dhirio-Bull Fighting

- Bull fighting, locally referred to as dhirio or dhiri, is an **integral part of Goa's cultural fabric**.
- It is organised after **the harvest season**.
- These bull fights have traditionally been held in paddy fields and football grounds of Goa, with village shepherds bringing in their animals.
- Dhiri was a "part and parcel of every Church fest" and villagers from miles around would gather to witness the popular sport.
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- A bull fight **begins with two bulls dashing** at each other and locking horns.
- They head-butt each other and repeatedly charge and retreat, provoked by trainers standing behind.

- Bull fights have been **taking place in Goa for generations**, going back to the time of the Portuguese.
- The High court **in 1997** directed the state to take immediate steps to ban “all types of animal fights including bull fights and ‘dhirios.

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