

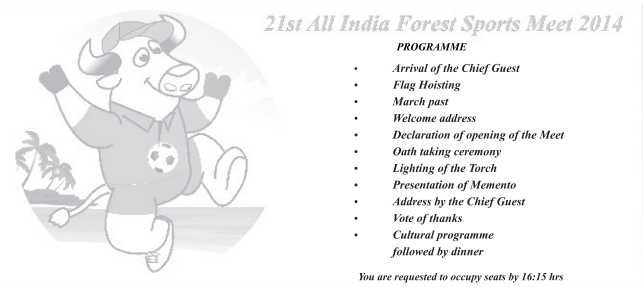
OPENING CEREMONY - 4TH NOVEMBER 2014

The 21st All India Forest Sports Meet 2014 got off to a glittering start at the Athletic Stadium at Bambolim. The Games was inaugurated by Shri Manohar Parrikar, Chief Minister of Goa in the presence of Ms Alina Saldanha, Minister for Forests & Environment and Shri R. K. Srivastava, Chief Secretary of Goa at 4:30 pm on 4th November 2014.

The program began with the Chief Minister hoisting the flag for the All India Forest Sports Meet – Goa. This was followed by the march past by the 34 participating teams. The march past was led by the Chattisgarh team which was the best team during the last Games held in Haryana.

The teams included the various State Forest Department teams and Forest Institution teams. The Chief Minister declared the Tamil Nadu team as the winners for the best march past followed by the





Goa team which was adjudged runners up.

Shri Manohar Parrikar declared the Games open following which Dr. F. L. Coelho part of the Goa team administered the oath. This followed by lighting of the torch which was led by a four member Goa team.

Smt Alina Saldanha, Minister for Forests & Environment congratulated the Forest Department for organising the sports meet. Shri Richard D'Souza, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests delivered the welcome address.

Shri Manohar Parrikar during his address advised the participants to play the Games enthusiastically and also to take time to visit the various places around Goa. He said that Goa was blessed with beaches, the plains as well as the mountains in a very small span of land.

Shri S. K. Aggrawal, Chief Conservator of Forests and Organising Secretary for the Games proposed the Vote of thanks.

This was followed by a cultural programme in which all the participants also participated with a lot of enthusiasm.



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