

MESSAGE



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It gives me great pleasure to learn that the 21st All India Forest Sports Meet is being organised by the Goa Forest Department from 4th to 8th November 2014 under the aegis of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.

The forest officials entrusted with the task of preserving the natural resources, forests and wildlife have to perform their duty in adverse and difficult terrain which requires considerable physical strength and endurance. The forest fraternity has always performed admirably, whenever confronted with such difficult challenges. Sports in all forms have the potential to make the sports person fit for discharging their duties. In order to keep the physical fitness at the optimal level, it is necessary that foresters balance their regular duties with appropriate athletic endeavour.

The Annual Forest Sports Meet gives an opportunity to foresters across the country to exhibit their physical and mental readiness to excel in the sports event and related situations in real life. I am confident that the All India Forest Sports Meet will encourage the horizontal and vertical integration among the forest fraternity and enhance professionalism in the service.

I would like to convey my best wishes to the organisers and all the participants and sincerely hope that their efforts are met with resounding success.

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