

# MESSAGE



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It was indeed a proud moment for the State of Goa to host and organise the All India Forest Sports Meet for the second time, since its inception. This edition of the 21st All India Forest Sports Meet, 2014, once again, owes its gratitude to our then, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Manohar Parrikar.

We are aware that the annual Forest Sports Meet is aimed in promoting sports and games amongst the staff and officers of the Forest Departments, Forest Organisations and Forest Institutions of the Governments of the States, Union Territories and the Central Government of India and at the same time foster friendly relations among the work force of the Forest Departments.

The games this year were organised at state-of-the-art stadium complexes with the most modern facilities of international standards and we are sure that these games will be the bench mark on which future sports events shall be judged.

The State Government as well as the State Forest Department did their best to see that all the facilities were made available for the games and also ensured a comfortable stay for the participants. I congratulate Mr. Richard D'Souza, PCCF, Mr. S. K. Aggarwal, CCF and the Organising Secretary for putting up an excellent show. Their untiring efforts have shown results beyond expectations and their work is worthy of appreciation.

My best wishes to all the staff of the Goa Forest Department and a special thank you to all the participants and their respective team managers for making this sports event a great success.

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