



## *21st All India Forest Sports Meet 2014 Goa*



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The Goa Forest Department had the privilege to host and organise the 21st All India Forest Sports Meet 2014 from November 4 to 8, 2014. The Games were held at different venues around Goa and included the most modern facilities of international standards.

The inaugural and closing ceremonies were held at the Athletics Stadium at Bambolim, Goa while most of the other events were held at the Peddem Sports complex in Mapusa, Goa. Events like Football, Cricket, Basketball, Volleyball and Lawn Tennis were held at stadiums specific to each event at Dhuler Football Ground, Goa Cricket Association ground of Porvorim, Bambolim sports complex and Panjim Gymkhana respectively.

I am thankful to our then Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar (now Hon'ble Defence Minister, Govt. of India) without whose blessings, this event would not have been possible. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Alina Saldanha, Hon'ble Forest Minister and Shri Ramesh Tawadkar, Hon'ble Minister for Sports for their guidance.

I am thankful to all the distinguished Officers and guests who participated and contributed to make this sports event a success. I also sincerely thank the members of various Committees for their untiring efforts put in day and night to organise these Games. Our sponsors need a special mention for coming forward volunteering to finance part of the games. The coaches, referees and staff of the Sports Authority of Goa have contributed a lot in the conduct of the games and I am thankful to them.

This souvenir has been brought out as a remembrance of this Sports event and contain all results with photographs for record and future reference.

  
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