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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2020 CELEBRATED

HON. CHIEF MINISTER LAUNCHES SHORT FILM ON BIRDS OF GOA



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June 2020, released a short film on "Birds of Goa" which gives a glimpse of phenomenal diversity of birds, an indicator of clean environment of Goa.

Following this function, he interacted with more than 100 Forest Guards on field duty through the virtual mobile platform. Over 100 Forest Guards have been recently issued android mobile phones with applications like eStripes for monitoring wildlife and tiger populations in the protected area network of Goa.

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VISION 2020 WORKSHOP HELD FOR OFFICERS WITH INTERACTION WITH HON. CHIEF MINISTER



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, interacted with the senior Officers of the Goa Forest Department at 4 pm on 19th June 2020 in the Conference Hall of Goa Van Bhawan on the Vision 2020 and Action Plan on long term goals and short term goals of the Goa Forest Department.

This was following a day long workshop on personality development and documenting on Vision 2020 for the Goa Forest Department in which all the senior Officers of the Goa Forest Department participated. The Resource Person Dr. Pratibha L. S. facilitated the session after a brief presentation on personality development.

FOREST OFFICERS ASSIST IN COVID RELIEF DURING LOCKDOWN LEADING FROM THE FRONT



While the world was reeling under the pandemic of COVID 19, and following a country-wide lockdown, Forest Officers right from the senior most to the field executive were engaged in providing relief to the civil administration.

- Senior Forest Officers of rank of APCCF and CF were given responsibility as Observers for South Goa and North Goa respectively to oversee COVID situation, lockdown compliance, food and accommodation for stranded labourers.
- Six DCFs were appointed Incident Commanders for the talukas, to carry out the relief work during lockdown.
- 150 Forest Guards were engaged in providing security and maintenance of social distancing during the distribution of food and groceries to the poor in various villages in Goa. Their tireless work from early morning to upto 3 am into the night has been appreciated at all quarters.

RARE BLACK PANTHER ON CAMERA TRAP TWEET BY HON. CHIEF MINISTER



Dr. Pramod Sawant



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A great glimpse of Goa's rich wildlife. Black Panther camera trapped at Patiem Beat of Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary.



The camera trap in Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary captured a rare picture of a black panther near a water hole. This beautiful picture caught the attention nation wide and soon went viral after the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant tweeted the picture and also shared it in his Facebook account.

FROM THE NEWS PAPERS
OFFENCE CASES REGISTERED

Forest officials seize logs worth ₹ 10 lakh in Pernem



The logs which were seized at Parsem-Pernem.

Nivruthi Shirodkar

THE GOAN | NETWORK

PERNEM

In a major raid, forest officials seized logs valued at Rs 10 lakh from two different sites in Gavandiwada in Parsem-Pernem on Friday.

According to sources, wood smugglers took the opportunity of the lockdown and illegally felled several bhendi and

teak trees from a hilly area.

Pernem RFO Gauresh Bulatkar and his team seized 172 bhendi logs and over 30 teak logs at Gavandiwada under the guidance of Deputy Conservator of Forests (North) Kuldip.

"We received information that trees had been cut in a hilly area of Gavandiwada-Parsem. The Pernem RFO and his team conducted a

search operation and found 172 bhendi logs at one place and over 30 teak logs at another place, the combined worth of which is valued at about Rs 10 lakh," Sharma informed reporters.

A case has been registered against unknown persons under the Forest Act and Sharma said efforts are on to locate those guilty of felling the trees.

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Two arrested for khairwood smuggling

Team Herald

VALPOI: Continuing the crackd down khairwood smuggling, the Forest Department arrested two persons and seized two vehicles transporting khairwood in the last one week.

In the first case, one Udai Sadu Gawas, a native of Aee Kittwada in Dodamarg, was arrested while transporting 36 khairwood logs in an Omni Maruti Van at Gullem Morlem in Sattari late evening on Wednesday. The offender had cut these trees in Harvalem Comunidade property.

Gawas was arrested by

Range Forest Officer Vivek Gaonkar and his team.

In the second case, one Damodar Nagvekar, resident of Devasu Korgao in Pernem, was arrested with 47 khairwood logs and one bag of khairwood chips at Agarwada in Pernem on Monday evening.

He was intercepted by Tukaram Kharbe and team while transporting the khairwood in a Tata vehicle. The illegal cutting was carried out in a private property at Sodiem Siolim. Last year, the same offender was arrested in a similar khairwood case at Banestri.

IN COLLABORATION WITH WILDLIFE CRIME CONTROL BUREAU SEIZURE OF WILDLIFE ARTICLES



The Goa Forest Department in collaboration with the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau conducted raids in several regions along the coastal belt and seized a few articles suspected to be of wildlife origin. Further investigations are in progress.

ACCIDENTAL FIRE TO VEHICLES OF FOREST GUARDS WHILE ENGAGED IN FIRE PROTECTION



Two two-wheelers of the executive staff of Canacona range accidentally caught fire and were damaged beyond recovery while the staff were busy dousing out a forest fire in a teak plantation. The two-wheelers were parked on the roadside and it is suspected that a fire set deliberately or accidentally in a private property adjoining to the place where the vehicles were parked. There was dry leaf litter on the roadside where the vehicles were parked.

MEETING WITH TRADITIONAL HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS HON. CHIEF MINISTER ISSUES DIRECTIVES



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant attended a meeting with the Traditional Health Care Practitioners of Goa called by the Goa State Medicinal Plant Board and addressed the various issues related to the growth and exploitation of various plants having medicinal properties in forest areas around Goa.

The documentation of the plants from which raw materials were drawn was done in which the practitioners identified about 25 species that needs to be propagated through the various forest nurseries around Goa.

