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# ALL INDIA FOREST SPORTS MEET 2020

## TWO MEDALS FOR GOA TEAM



Shri Gaurish Gaonkar, Forest Guard won the silver medal in the event of Power lifting at the All India Forest Sports Meet 2020 held at Bhubaneshwar, Odisha this year.

The State Football team won the Bronze medal in the same meet. Congratulations and best wishes to the winners of the awards.



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## HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER INAUGURATES THIRD BIRD FESTIVAL OF GOA



Dr. Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa inaugurated the third Bird Festival of Goa held at the Forest Training School, Valpoi held from 17th to 19th January 2020. The festival was attended by amateurs and professional bird watchers from all over the country. The three day event included bird walks, talks and presentations by renowned environmentalists, authors and ornithologists from India.



Birds of Goa Writer Bikram Grewal making a presentation at the festival



View of the camping area, exhibition stalls and night life at the festival venue of Forest Training School, Valpoi



## TRAINING IN NURSERY TECHNIQUES HELD FOR INMATES OF COLVALE JAIL



The Research and Utilisation Division organised a training workshop on nursery techniques and medicinal plants on 28th February 2020 for the inmates at Colvale Central Jail in Colvale.

The sessions included briefing on nursery work with practical field work including preparation of potting mixture, stacking, etc.

## TIGRESS & THREE CUBS FOUND DEAD IN MHADEI **FIVE OFFENDERS ARRESTED**



A tigress and its three cubs were found dead reportedly poisoned in the areas adjacent to Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary on 5th January 2020. The Forest Department officials moving swiftly have arrested five accused after investigation. The tigress and cubs were found dead during combing operations in Golauli forests in Sattari taluka and were suspected to be poisoned by the villagers.



## HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER INAUGURATES **VAN BHAWAN**



Dr. Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa inaugurated the new building complex of the Goa Forest Department headquarters “Van Bhawan” at Altinho, Panaji, Goa on 12th February 2020.

The headquarters has been constructed by the Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation. The building complex will house the head office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and other offices including Working Plan Division.

## ON THE OCCASION OF REPUBLIC DAY 2020 FREE EYE CHECK UP CAMP



On the occasion of Republic Day 26th January 2020, in order to strengthen the connect with local people, the Goa Forest Department organised a Free Eye Testing Camp at Forest Complex, Hathipaul in Canacona.

The message to conserve to reduce the pressure on Forests was also delivered by the Range Forest Officer Shri Sangam Gawas and Shri Vikramaditya Gaonkar. Around 77 villagers have benefitted from the camp.



## COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE TO LIVESTOCK GIVEN IN GOLLAULI AND DERODEM



To support the livelihood of family members of Shri Vitho Z. Pawne of Golauli village whose cow was killed by tiger, an amount of Rs. 15,000/- was released by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. The cheque was handed over to the family members by Shri Kuldeep Sharma, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, North Goa Division in the presence of Thane Dongurli Sarpanch Smt Prachita Gawas.

Also an amount of Rs. 15,000/- was released to provide immediate relief to Shri Ladko Fati Jadhav of Derodem village whose cow was also killed by a tiger recently. While handing over the cheques, Shri Sharma informed that this amount was provided for immediate relief to the families affected by the tiger attack on domestic livestock and that further compensation under the guidelines of the year 2012 shall be released shortly.

## WILDLIFE RESCUE SQUAD DOES COMMENDABLE JOB **RESCUE OF LEOPARD**



A sub-adult male leopard was found trapped in a snare in a private property at Bombade Sattari. The information was shared with Range Forest Officer Valpoi Shri Deepak Tandel who along with the Special Protection Squad of North Goa Forest Division reached the spot and cordoned the area at once. The Veterinary Officer and tranquilising team of Bondla Zoo also reached the spot with rescue equipments.

The leopard was successfully rescued after an hour long operation and later shifted to Bondla Zoo for medical investigations.

## THREE HELD FOR ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF KHAIR WOOD



The Range Forest Officer Keri Shri Vivek Gaonkar and his team chased down a vehicle transporting illegally felled khair trees. The offender on apprehending attempted to set himself ablaze on fire, but his attempt was foiled by the forest staff. Thereafter, he attempted to attack the Forest Guards with a sharp knife, but this attempt was also foiled by the alert Forest Guards.