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KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE & CAPACITY BUILDING ON MARINE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION



A two-day workshop on “Knowledge Exchange and Capacity Building on Marine Wildlife Conservation” was organised by the Goa Forest Department on 27th and 28th September 2019 at the International Centre, Goa at Dona Paula.

The Chief Guest for the inaugural function was Mr. Tarun Coomaz, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The function was presided by Shri Santosh Kumar, IFS, in-charge Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Goa Forest Department.

The participants for the workshop included senior officials from other line Departments including Indian Coast Guard, Fisheries Department etc as well as senior Officers of the Goa Forest Department.

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HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER GRACES CONVOCATION CEREMONY AT FOREST TRAINING SCHOOL



Above : Group photo after the Convocation Ceremony at Forest Training School, Valpoi

The Convocation ceremony on the culmination of the Induction Training of Forest Guards recruited by the Forest Department was held on 3rd August 2019 in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant and the Hon'ble Minister for Health Shri Vishwajeet Rane. Direct recruitment of 157 posts of Forest Guards were carried out and 9 posts are by promotion. The six month training of these Forest Guards is mandatory as per Recruitment Rules and the training is carried out as per the syllabus laid out by the Directorate of Forest Education, Dehradun.

Of the total 166 candidates, 163 candidates completed the training successfully. Two male candidates were terminated during the course of the training while one female candidate was relieved of the training as she was four months pregnant. She will have to join a subsequent batch in future.

Of the 163 candidates completing the training, 42 candidates secured over 75% marks and thereby were awarded Certificate with Honours, while the remaining 121 candidates having secured over 50% marks were awarded Pass Certificate. Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant and Shri Vishwajeet Rane presented the successful candidates the certificates and medals as per the merit.

The Batch Topper was Shri Gautam Tulshidas Gawade Maujekar. He was also awarded the medal for Batch Topper. Next is Shri Alkesh Ashok Metri who was also awarded the Engineering Medal. The third position went to Shri Pradesh Gaonkar. The fourth position to Nitesh Ganesh Naik who was also awarded the Best Forester medal.



HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER PRESENTS AWARD TO FOREST GUARD COMMENDATION AWARD



Shri Gauresh Gaonkar, Forest Guard was awarded a Certificate of Commendation at the hands of Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa during the Independence Day celebrations on 15th August 2019 at Panaji.

This certificate was awarded in recognition of his achievements in the field of sports for the Forest Department as well as the State of Goa. Shri Gauresh has won several medals and awards in the field of weight lifting, power lifting, shot put throw and discus throw.

He is presently posted as Forest Guard in Social Forestry and Parks Division in Tisk range.

HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER GRACES TREE PLANTATION DRIVE VANAMAHOTSAV 2019



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa Dr Pramod Sawant inaugurated the tree plantation drive of the Goa Forest Department of the Vanmahotsav 2019 at Ravindra Bhavan, Sanquelim on 1st July 2019 in the presence of Shri Subhash Chandra, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Shri Santosh Kumar, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. The other dignitaries present during the occasion were Shri Sripad Arlekar, Member Secretary, Ravindra Bhavan, Sanquelim and Shri Vithoba Ghadi, Vice Chairman of Ravindra Bhaan, Sanquelim.

While speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister urged the youth and students to join tree plantation in their neighbourhood, schools, parks and farmland to make Goa clean and green. Speaking further, he said, through concerted efforts of schools and mass awareness programmes could do well to understand surrounding plants, trees, birds and wild animals and can identify the steps required for a sustainable ecodevelopment.

TREE PLANTATION DRIVE HELD AT RAJ BHAVAN BY **GOVERNOR OF GOA**



The Governor of Goa Her Excellency Dr. Mridula Sinha was the Chief Guest at a function to mark the Vanamahotsava 2019 programmed organised at the Cabo Raj Bhavan by the Social Forestry and Parks Division. The family members of the Governor were also present on the occasion and trees were planted by them. Present on the occasion were Shri Subhash Chandra, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Shri Santosh Kumar, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Smt Yasodha, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry and Parks Division.

Dr. Sinha said we get rain, fresh air, shadow, wood for various uses from trees and therefore we have to protect trees. Knowing the importance of trees therefore, we have to plant more and more trees to keep our surroundings evergreen.

TREE PLANTING FESTIVAL CELEBRATED ALL OVER THE STATE **VANAMAHOTSAV 2019**



The festival of tree plantation Vanamahotsav 2019 was celebrated all over the State of Goa by the Goa Forest Department with active participation of the people and children. Various programmes were organised around the State in schools, colleges, and other public organisations to mark the occasion in which many sapplings were planted.



HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER FLAGS OFF CAMPAIGN SEEDLING DISTRIBUTION



The Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant flagged off the awareness van of the Goa Forest Department to mark the campaign for free distribution of seedlings at various places around the State of Goa for the plantations. This unique scheme of the Goa Forest Department is aimed to increase the green cover and create awareness on importance of tree plantation.



The Chief Minister also visited the various awareness generation stalls put up by the Goa Forest Department to create awareness on the importance of trees.