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## CARBON SEQUESTRATION WORKSHOP WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2019



## EDITORIAL



Dear readers,

It gives me great pleasure to bring before you the Goa Forest News—the quarterly newsletter of Goa Forest Department. The newsletter is a diary of activities of the Goa Forest Department and it aims to highlight the major activities and achievements of the Department. It helps to capture important and noteworthy moments of our day to day activities. The readers are requested to contribute to the enrichment of this newsletter by sharing their experiences, articles or sending photographs so that the views from all corners are expressed in the succeeding issues of the newsletter.

During this quarter from April to June, the World Environment Day 2019 was celebrated by the Goa Forest Department in collaboration with WWF-India and the Goa Science Centre on 4th June 2019 at the Goa Science Centre, Miramar, Panaji, Goa. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant was the Chief Guest on the occasion. During the function, a book on Corals was released. This episode also highlights events like bird walk, training on carbon assessment and a lecture session on sacred groves organised by the department for the field officers.

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# MONTHLY LECTURE SERIES AT FOREST TRAINING SCHOOL - VALPOI

## SACRED GROVES OF GOA



*Above : Shri Rajendra Kerkar delivering the lecture on Sacred Groves of Goa*

The Forest Training School, Valpoi began a new lecture series from the month of April 2019 for the Officers and trainees of the Forest Department in which prominent achievers in various fields of forestry were invited to deliver a lecture on their field of specialisation.

In the first such lecture, prominent and noted social activist Shri Rajendra Kerkar was invited to deliver a lecture on the publication of his book “Sacred Groves of Goa” on the 2nd April 2019. The lecture was followed by a question and answer session. Over hundred staff and trainees of the Forest Department attended the lecture.

# MONTHLY BIRD WATCHING SERIES IN GOA TAMBDI SURLA



*Above : Group photo after the bird watching walk with members of the GBCN and school children*



*Above : The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Shri Subhash Chandra IFS addressing the participants*



*Above : The field staff observing birds through spotting scope*

The monthly bird watching trails being organised by the Goa Forest Department in collaboration with the Goa Bird Conservation Network was held at Tambdi Surla on 13th April 2019.

The walk was organised by the Range Forest Officers of Collem range, Ponda range and Wildlife Mollem ranges. It was attended by school children, Forest Guard trainees of Forest Training School, Valpoi and Officers of the Forest Department.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Shri Subhash Chandra IFS was also present and gave his introductory address.



# FRIENDLY GAMES AT FOREST TRAINING SCHOOL, VALPOI

## VOLLEY BALL AND CRICKET MATCHES



The Forest Training School, Valpoi organised a series of friendly matches between the trainees of the 34th Batch of Forest Guards and visitors invited from within and outside the Department. These included matches between the trainees along with trainees of the 33rd batch, teams of the Goa Forest Department and with local clubs and Institutions.

This was held on the playground of the Forest Training School campus at Valpoi. There was good sportsman ship spirit seen during the games. The trainees of the 33rd batch also participated in other activities of the Training School and went away with fond memories of their training period.



# WORKSHOP HELD AT FOREST TRAINING SCHOOL - VALPOI

## CARBON STOCK ASSESSMENT



A capacity building programme for Forest Officials of the Goa Forest Department on Carbon Stock Assessment of Forest Ecosystem was held jointly by the Goa Forest Department and TERI, New Delhi from 13th May 2019 to 18th May 2019 at the Auditorium and campus of the Forest Training School, Valpoi.

The programme was attended by the Field Officers of the Forest Department and Resource persons from TERI conducted the programme. The workshop consisted of classrom teaching as well as field exercises in which carbon stock assessment of all the various parameters were explained and conducted practically in the field by the Officers.

The Director of TERI was present on the occasion and also delivered a lecture in the workshop.





# PROGRAMME HELD AT GOA SCIENCE CENTRE, MIRAMAR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATED



*Above: Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant addressing the gathering*



*Above: Shri Subhash Chandra IFS, PCCF, Goa addressing the gathering*



*Above: Shri Abhishek being felicitated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister*

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant was the Chief Guest on the occasion. During the function, a book on Corals was released. This book was published by the Forest Department in collaboration with the WWF-India.

The author of the book Abhishek was felicitated during the programme.

# PROGRAMME HELD AT FOREST TRAINING SCHOOL, VALPOI

## MARINE WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES



A workshop on handling of wildlife emergencies of marine animals was conducted at the Forest Training School, Valpoi on 21st June 2019 for 85 trainees of the 34th Batch of Forest Guards undergoing induction training at the Institute by the Terra Conscious group.

Terra Conscious has been active in the field of handling marine wildlife emergencies in the State of Goa in collaboration with Drishti Emergency Services and the Goa Forest Department. Practical sessions included demonstration and mock exercises were held.





# TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME

Technology demonstration programme on wood science and sandalwood with other forestry species was conducted by Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore at Forest Training School, Valpoi for Officers of the Goa Forest Department

