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## WILDLIFE WEEK SPECIAL

## AWARD FOR RANGE FOREST OFFICER CHIEF MINISTER'S MEDAL



Shri Mangaldas Devshekar, Range Forest Officer was awarded the Chief Minister's Medal by Dr. Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa on 19th December 2019 during the State function of the Goa Liberation Day at Panaji.

The citation and medal was bestowed on him for his commendable work in the field of training and education of innumerable number of field staff of the ranks of Forest Guards and Foresters.

This is the first occasion of a Forest Officer being awarded the Chief Minister's Medal in the Goa Forest Department.

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## HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER RECOGNITION FOR FOREST GUARD **COMMENDATION AWARD**



Shri Ashok Velip, Forest Guard was given the commendation award by Dr. Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa on 19th December 2019 during the State function of the Goa Liberation Day at Panaji.

The citation and award was bestowed on him for his commendable work in the field of nursery management and for the excellent work done by him in the Goa State Medicinal Plant Board.

## VISIT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS TO BONDLA



The Director General - Forests, Government of India Shri Sidhata Das visited the State of Goa. He was accompanied to Bondla Zoo by Shri Subhash Chandra, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and other senior officials of the Goa Forest Department. He later visited Bhagwan Mahaveer National Park.



## WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FORESTS HELD



A workshop for Indian Forest Service Officers from all over India was conducted by the Goa Forest Department on 21st and 22nd October 2019 on “Sustainable Management of Forests and Eco-Tourism through People’s Participation” and sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

Prominent personalities in the country were invited as Resource persons to give presentations on the topic. The workshop was attended by 20 Officers from the country.



## FINANCIAL HELP PROVIDED TO FAMILY



One of the newly trained Forest Guards Shri Prashant Natoshe of the Goa Forest Department expired in a tragic event during his joining his place of posting. As the Forest Guard was from a very poor family from the village of Kalay adjacent to Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary, the staff of the Goa Forest Department contributed generously and presented an amount of Rs. 2,64,000 in Fixed Deposit and Rs. 11,500 cash to the bereaved family. The initiative of the enterprise was taken up by Shri Subhash Chandra, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

## 5TH BIRD WALK HELD AT CHORAO



The Goa Forest Department in association with the Goa Bird Conservation Network organised the 5th Bird walk at the Dr. Salim Ali Bird sanctuary, Chorao on 23rd November 2019 from 7 am onwards. It was attended by a large number of enthusiasts and bird lovers.

## INTER-ACTION OF PCCF WITH IFS PROBATIONERS



Shri Subhash Chandra, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests interacted with the probationers on the 23rd December 2019 of the 2018 batch of Indian Forest Service Officers who were on a study tour to the State of Goa. The meeting took place at Bondla Zoological Park in which the Officers were introduced to the wildlife management practices in the State of Goa.

The meeting was also attended by Shri Kuldeep Sharma, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, North Goa Division and Smt Deep Shikha Sharma, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Division.



## WEBSITE FOR BIRD FESTIVAL LAUNCHED



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant launched on 2nd December 2019, the website for the 3rd Bird Festival of Goa which is scheduled to be held in January 2020 at the Forest Training School, Valpoi.

The website was designed for the on-line registration of the participation of the delegates and for providing information of the Bird Festival.

## WORKSHOP ON TURTLE CONSERVATION HELD AT MORJIM



A workshop on turtle conservation was held at Morjim beach on 28th November 2019 by the Wildlife and Ecotourism (North Goa) Division to create awareness on the



importance of nesting habitat of the olive ridley turtle nesting programme organised by the Goa Forest Department. It was attended by a large number of the public and students.

## TRANQUILLIZATION WORKSHOP HELD AT BONDLA ZOO



A workshop on the use of tranquillisation equipment was conducted on 16h December 2019 for the staff of the Wildlife Rescue Squad of the Goa Forest Department by the officials of the Bondla Zoo. The information on use of the tranquillising gun and other equipment was provided by the Zoo veterinarian and other staff. The programme was conducted for a period of one day.

## IMPORTANT EVENTS CONDUCTED DURING WILDLIFE WEEK

Day & Date	Events
02.10.2019	<p>NORTH GOA</p> <p>1) Wildlife Awareness bicycle rally for High School level students:- a) From St. Joseph High School, Takwada, Usgao - Goa to Pali Tisk, — Usgao Circle and back at Bondla. b) From Maloli — Office to Chidambaram temple at Madei.</p> <p>2) Walk in the wild for youth &amp; general public at Bondla, Madei &amp; Mollem Sanctuaries.</p> <p>SOUTH GOA</p> <p>3) Swachh Bharat Campaign - cleanliness and plastic free drive by Forest Department staff and students at school premises, playground and surrounding road sides of Valkini village and at Govt. High School, Valkini, Bhati, Potrem Round, Barazan and Bhati colony within the jurisdiction of the Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary.</p> <p>4) Swachh Bharat Campaign by Department staff and students at Government Middle and Primary School, Amona, road leading to N.H. 17 from Eco – Tourism Complex at Hatipaul of Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary.</p> <p>5) Bicycle rally on wildlife awareness for students and teachers of Government Higher Secondary School, Canacona.</p> <p>6) Walk in the wild for youth and general public of Edda village in Bela – Tirwal forest area of Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary.</p>
03.10.2019	<p>NORTH GOA</p> <p>1) On the spot Painting / Drawing competition with crayons for Primary and Middle Schools at Panaji, Mapusa, Ponda &amp; Valpoi. 2) Essay Writing Competition at District level in three languages (English, Konkani &amp; Marathi) for Middle &amp; High Schools in North Goa.</p> <p>SOUTH GOA</p> <p>3) 'On the Spot Drawing Competition' for Primary and Middle</p>



School students of Salcete, Quepem, Mormugao, Canacona and Sanguem Talukas conducted at Loyala High School, Margao, New Educational Institute, Curchorem, Govt. High School (Vasco Main), St. Tereza of Jesus High School, Canacona and Miracles High School, Sanguem respectively.

4) 'On the Spot Drawing Competition' for Specially Abled Students in 07 Special schools of South Goa District.

5) Bicycle rally on wildlife awareness by the staff of Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary and students of Govt. High School, Netravali.

04/10/2019

NORTH GOA

1) Poster Competition for Higher Secondary School at Campal Range.

2) Quiz Competition organized at College Level at Swami Vivekanand Hall, Junta House, Panaji.

SOUTH GOA

3) 'Walk in the wild' for students and teachers by Range Forest Office, Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary towards Mainapi waterfall.

4) Swachh Bharat Campaign at surrounding area of Mainapi waterfall.

5) 'Walk in the wild' inside Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary for students and teachers of Balram Higher Secondary School, Ordho fond - Canacona.

05.10.2019

NORTH GOA

1) 'Walkathon'.

2) Bicycle rally at Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary High School, Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary, Mollem.

SOUTH GOA

3) Swachh Bharat Campaign by staff of Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary within Range Forest Office, Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary premises and along the road going to Verlem and Salgini villages.

4) Quiz Competition for College students of South Goa District in Auditorium of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science, Margao.

5) Poster Drawing competition at Loyala School, Margao Higher



Secondary school students of South Goa District.

06.10.2019

NORTH GOA

- 1) Full day nature camp for school students.
- 2) Film show on wildlife theme at High School Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary & Madei Wildlife Sanctuary.

SOUTH GOA

- 3) Nature camp at Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary for students of Govt. High School, Netravali.

07.10.2019

NORTH GOA

- 1) Full day walk in the wild for students and teachers of nearby High Schools / Colleges / University held at Bondla, Madei and Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary.

SOUTH GOA

- 2) Walk in Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary for youth and public.
- 3) Nature Camp at Astragal - Bhutpal Nature trail, Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 4) Film show on wildlife theme for students and teachers of Shree Mallikarjun College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Canacona.

08.10.2019

NORTH GOA

- 1) Full day nature camp for School Students.
- 2) Film show at Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary and Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary on wildlife theme for High School level students







# PHOTO FEATURE OF WILDLIFE WEEK CELEBRATIONS



## XXV IUFRO CONGRESS IN BRAZIL ATTENDED



Smt. Deep Shikha Sharma, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests (Working Plan) attended XXV IUFRO Congress between 28th September to 5th October 2019 at Curitiba, Brazil. She participated in Forest Landscape Reclamation, side event and presented a poster on "Reclamation of Pissurlem mine site, Cumarconda beat, North Goa"

# NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

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Y August 4, 2019

NT LOCAL

TO BENEFIT RESEARCHERS

## Valpoi forest school to be elevated as research institute

Sattari has abundant forest cover, adding different researchers from across the nation will benefit from it for research.

The Chief Minister was speaking at the convocation ceremony of 33rd and 34th batches of recruitment of forest guards.

Goa is a touristic state, he said, and reiterated the government's commitment to develop hinterland to upgrade the sanctuaries under its foot.

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Protect trees for better living in future: Goa

BY A REPORTER

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CM tells people to keep Goa clean and green

BY A REPORTER

Panaji: Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant has urged the youth and students to join in tree plantation in their neighbourhood, schools, parks and farmlands to make Goa clean and green.

Chief minister was speaking on the occasion of inauguration and tree plantation drive of Van Mahotsav-2019 at Ravindra Bhavan, Sankhali on Monday.

Others present on the occasion were Subhash Chandra, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Santoshkumar, Dy Chief Conservator of Forests,

Sripad Arlekar, Member Secretary, Ravindra Bhavan and Vithoba Ghadi, vice chairman of Ravindra Bhavan, Sankhali.

Speaking further, chief minister said, through the concerted efforts of schools and mass awareness programmes could do well to understand surrounding plants, trees, birds and wild animals and can identify the need for a sustainable development.

Minister said, while being on fast development has protect its for- ble support

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