

FOREWORD

With 32% of its geographical area under forests, Goa - one of India's smallest States - is a land of many riches, some gifted to it by nature, some by its original inhabitants. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty, complex bio-diversity as well as a hot spot just to mention a few.

In order to comprehend and collate information involving various facets of forestry activities vis-a-vis statistics, there was an urgent need to comprehensively come out with a booklet encompassing various activities undertaken by the Forest Department which had never been compiled earlier. This would give the lay man, in a nut shell, activities and schemes of the Department besides what would be offered on the Eco-tourism front. Needless to say, that we have tried to comprehend as many things as possible so as to give a holistic view of the working of the Department.

All this would not have been possible without the untiring efforts of Shri N. C. Saravanan and his team for having worked diligently, speedily, to collect every small bit of information and authenticating them so that this booklet could be put in place. I hope this book serves the purpose for what it is intended.


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