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WILDLIFE WEEK 2015



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Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

To accelerate awareness of wildlife conservation among people, from October 2nd to 8th, the Wildlife Week is celebrated across the country by organizing different activities related to wildlife conservation to commemorate this week. Our country, being a mega-storehouse of various species, organizes several conferences, awareness programmes, and public meetings among the nature lovers, Schools and educational institutions with wild life as the theme. Continuing with its efforts to conserve Wildlife and create awareness among masses for wildlife conservation, Goa Forest Department also celebrated the 64th Wildlife Week in the first week of October, 2015. A brief report of various events conducted is shared with the readers, as Cover Story of our Newsletter.

Healthy Body houses Healthy Mind and sports are the perfect ways to maintain good health. The 22nd All India Forest Sports Meet- 2015, were conducted in Bengaluru, by Karnataka Forest Department w.e.f. 19th Dec-23rd Dec, 2015.

A 48 member contingent from Goa Forest Department participated in the sports meet. The Goa Team secured 9 points and stood at 26th place in the 22nd AIFSM, among total 38 Teams (State Forest Departments & Forest Institutions). Glimpse of the 22nd AIFSM are shared with the readers.

With best wishes

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Cover photo : Hon'ble Forest Minister Sh. Rajendra Arlekar with prize winners.

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64th WILDLIFE WEEK CELEBRATED

The 64th Wildlife Week was observed from 02nd – 8th of October, 2015 in the State. The first week of October every year is synonymous with Wildlife Week across the country. The main objective being to highlight the Biodiversity in the Wild through events that celebrate the Wildlife and provide a platform for the Forest Department to solicit the active engagement of all stakeholders with special emphasis on the youth and student community. Several programs were planned during the week by the Wildlife & Eco-tourism circle. The 64th Wildlife week was unique in the sense that for the first time various competitive events were organized at five different venues across the State instead of organising in Panaji as was the practice till 2014. The five major towns of Panaji, Mapusa, Ponda, Margao and Vasco hosted the events. It enabled in eliciting a highly encouraging response from the educational institutions.



Sh. Rajendra Arlekar, Hon'ble Forest Minister addressing the gathering

Besides, the students perusing education in regular schools, Forest Department involved differently abled students by organizing on-the-spot painting competition in the respective institutions. The differently abled children enthusiastically gave wings to their imagination.

An insight on the various activities that were solemnized during the Wildlife week 2015 were as follows.



Poster on snake awareness released by the Hon'ble Forest Minister



Essay competition in progress



Release of souvenirs at the function



On-the-spot drawing competition



Essay writing in progress



Awareness rally in Panaji



Release of coffee mug souvenir

The Valedictory program of 64th Wildlife Week was held on 12th October, 2015 A.N. at Sanskruti Bhavan, Patto. Shri Rajendra Arlekar, Honble Minister for Forests, Panchayat and Environment was the Chief Guest on the occasion. All the senior officers of the Forest & other departments, Retd. Forest officers, Members of State Board of Wildlife, Honorary Wildlife Wardens, Prize-winning students, teachers and parents were present on this occasion. Prizes were awarded by the dignitary to those who had excelled in various events at the District and State levels. HDFC Bank sponsored cash awards for the State level winners.

In his valedictory speech, the Chief guest exhorted the audience to come forward and assume the responsibility to take care of our environment. He further emphasized that protection of Wildlife bio-diversity is intrinsic to our culture and everyone should lend their mite to this cause. He also expressed his satisfaction at the response of student community and general public in the State to the events organized during the week. On the occasion curios like coffee mugs and key chains brought out by the Wildlife & Eco-tourism (South) Division and a poster titled "Identification and Treatment of Snake bite cases" was released.

Event	Name of Prize Winner	Position	Name of the School
Konkani Essay Competition Middle School (North Goa)	1. Sarika Laxman Kelekar	1 st Prize	A.J. De Almeida High School, Ponda
	2. Sridatta R. Pednekar	2 nd Prize	Peoples High School, Panaji
	3. Ashritha R. Bhat	3 rd Prize	Our lady of the Rosary School, Dona Paula
Konkani Essay Competition Middle School (South Goa)	1. Roshni F. Bind	1 st Prize	Anjuman H.I. High School, Baina
	2. Tanuja B. Dhond	2 nd Prize	Keshar Smriti High School, Dabolim
	3. Grestina Fernandes	3 rd Prize	Fr. Agnel Multipurpose High School, Verna
Marathi Essay Competition Middle School level (North Goa)	1.Neha Subhash Mirashi	1 st Prize	New English High School Kundaim
	2. Sakshi Premanand Shetkar	2 nd Prize	Gananath English High School, Nirancal
	3. Rutuji Samir Date	3 rd Prize	Dr. K.B. Hedgewar Vidhyalaya
Marathi Essay Competition Middle School level (South Goa)	1. Vidhina Fal Dessai	1 st Prize	Govt. High School, Agonda
	2. Yadnya Ramesh Tawadkar	2 nd Prize	Shree Balram Residential School, Amona-Paiginium
	3. Tirtha Kunkalienkar	3 rd Prize	Our Lady of Destero High School, Vasco.
English Essay Competition High School level (North Goa)	1.Sahil S. Gaonkar	1 st Prize	Gananath English High School
	2. Leeann Souza Albuquerque	2 nd Prize	Dnyan Prasarak Vidhyalaya, Mapusa
	3. Maia Lisa D'souza	3 rd Prize	Sharda Mandir School, Panaji
English Essay Competition High School level (South Goa)	1. Prakruti P. Naik Gaonkar	1 st Prize	Katyayani Baneshwar High School, Canacona
	2.Divya M . Khot	2 nd Prize	Damodar English High School, Gudi- Paroda
	3. Shrutika S. Gawas	3 rd Prize	Mahila Nutan High School, Margao

Event	Name of Prize Winner	Position	Name of the School
Konkani Essay Competition (Middle School)	1. Riddhi Guirish Sinai Priyolkar	1 st Prize	A.J.de Almeida High School, Ponda
	2. Chrimelli Fernandes	2 nd Prize	St. Mary of Angels Convent High School, Chinchinium- Salcete
	3. Divya Padiyar	3 rd Prize	Bhatikar Model High school Gogal-Margao
Marathi Essay Competition (Middle School)	1. Spruha Nagarsekar	1 st Prize	Dr. K.B. Hedgewar, Panaji
	2.Vrushali P. Joshi	2 nd Prize	The New Educational Institute, Curchorem
	3.Samruddhi K. Gaonkar	3 rd Prize	Govt. High School, Mulgao
English Essay Competition (High School)	1. Cleona de Nazareth	1 st Prize	Chubby Cheeks Spring Valley High School
	2.Roland C. Periera	2 nd Prize	V.D.S.S.V Wagle High School, Mangeshi
	3 Sabita Malik	3 rd Prize	St. Aloysias High School - Benaulim
Quiz Competition (College)	1. Ivo MS D'Costa	1 st Prize	G.R. Kare College of Law
	1. Kaushik B. Dessai		
	2. Megan Baretto	2 nd Prize	Carmel College, Nuvem
	2. Sherry Pande		
	3. Prachy Chodankar	3 rd Prize	DIET College
	3. Shradha Gaonkar		

HEALTHY BODY HOUSES HEALTHY MIND

Goa Forest Department participated in 22nd All India Forest Sports Meet, Bengaluru.

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The All India Forest Sports Meet is conducted annually with an aim to promote sportsman spirit and comradery among the forestry personals working at various levels of hierarchy in the respective Forest Departments of the Country. The contingent of Goa Forest Department is taking part in the annual AIFSM since inception of these games. Needless to assert that the Goa state has hosted the prestigious Forest Games twice including the Last AIFSM. The ministerial as well as executive staffs of the Department are always very enthusiastic about participating in these games.

The 22nd All India Forest Sports Meet- 2015, were conducted in Bengaluru, by Karnataka Forest Department w.e.f. 19th Dec- 23rd Dec, 2015. A 48 member contingent from Goa Forest Department participated in the sports meet in Cricket, Kabaddi (men), Football, Lawn Tennis, Badminton, Chess, Carrom, Weight lifting, Powerlifting & various other track and field events.



Sh. Gaurish Gaonkar, FG while weight Lifting Event 85-94 kg

Sr. No	Name of Event	No. of Players	Results	Remarks
1.	Football	14	Silver Medal	Won Quarterfinal Match against Jharkhand (2-0). Won Semi-final against A & N Islands (5-3, Tie Breaker) and became Runners up in Final against J & K (0-2)
2.	Kabaddi	10	--	Won First Round Match against Gujrat convincingly. Lost Quarterfinal Match against Haryana with final score of 23-35 in favour of Haryana.
3.	Cricket	14	--	Won First Round Match against Maharashtra convincingly. Lost Quarterfinal Match against Karnataka.
4.	Weight Lifting	01	Bronze Medal	--
5.	Shotput (Men)	02	Fourth Position	--
6.	Rifle Shooting (Men Veteran)	01	Fifth Position	--
7.	Rifle Shooting (Men Open)	02	Sixth Position	--

- With 1 Silver, 1 Bronze and 1 Fourth Position, the Goa Team secured 9 points and stood at 26th place in the 22nd AIFSM, among total 38 Teams (State Forest Departments & Forest Institutions).
- The fair play of Goa Forest Team was appreciated by one and all on the Field as well as off the field.
- The team strived hard in events like Football where the opponent team could only score 2-0.
- This was Second Year for Goa Kabaddi team to participate in AIFSM. They won first match convincingly and lost their quarter Final match to Haryana Team in a nail biting finish.
- Cricket team won the first match against Maharashtra convincingly & lost their Quarter Final Match to host Karnataka Team who bagged third place in the meet.
- Sh. Gaurish Gaonkar, FG (Social Forestry, Parks & Garden Div.) won Bronze Medal in Weightlifting (category 85-95 Kg).
- Sh. Gaurish Gaonkar, FG (Social Forestry, Parks & Garden Div.) secured Fourth Place in Shotput Men open event where he marginally missed Third Position.
- No foul play or misbehaviour was reported from any player of the Goa State Team



GOA Cricket team in jubilant mood after winning the first Match against Maharashtra

GOA Kabaddi team photo with Sh. S.S.Garbyal IFS Retd. (DGF & SS, MoEF & CC,GoI)





GOA Kabaddi team during their Q. Final Match against Haryana Team



GOA Football team during their Final Match against J & K Team



Sh. Gaurish Gaonkar, FG after winning the Bronze Medal in Weight lifting event 85-94 kg)



GOA Football team while scoring 0 goal against Jharkhand Team in Final Match



Sh. S.K.Aggarwal, CCF & other Officers with GOA Football team after the Final Match

Take away from 22nd AIFSM-Bangaluru:

1. The Goa Forest Department's executive and ministerial staff had participated enthusiastically and with full sportsman spirit in the 22nd AIFSM. Each player felt proud to represent their State at the National Level Meet. All of them were fit and were having desired stamina to compete with opponents, which in due course will keep them to perform their official duties efficiently.
2. Each one of the players felt motivated by the kind of support provided to them by the Forest Department, Government of Goa to participate in the Games. The motivations gained by the staff will definitely boost their affinity to the Forest Department and their day to day working in the field.
3. The participants from Goa state got an opportunity to interact with officials of their respective ranks as well as others and could get updates on various advancements, conditions, field realities from other States.
4. In the process of March past practise, Goa Forest Department has prepared a March Past Contingent which can represent in the upcoming Republic Day Parade in the State Level Function in Panjim, Goa. Forest Training School can be utilised as venue for fine tuning of same in due course.



GOA Football team during their Final Match against J & K Team



Hump nosed pit viper

WILDLIFE RESCUE REPORT (OCT 2015 TO DEC 2015)

The dedicated wildlife rescue squad of Goa Forest Department carries out regular successful wildlife rescue and rehabilitation operations. Continuing the efforts, following wildlife was rescued and rehabilitated by the Wildlife Squad:

MAMMALS	
Hanuman Langur	3 nos.
Civet Cat	4 nos.
Bonnet Macaque	4 nos.
Spotted Deer	1 no.
Mongoose	1 no.
BIRDS	
Owl	6 nos.
Warbler	1 no.
Sea Eagle	3 nos.
Koel	2 nos.
Pigeon	1 no.
Parakeet	2 nos.
Kite	1 no.
OTHER ANIMALS	
Garden Lizard	1 no.
Indian Black Turtle	1 no.
Mugger	4 nos.
Monitor Lizard	10 nos

SNAKES	
King Cobra	3 nos.
Wolf Snake	nos.
Bronzeback	26 nos.
Russels Viper	149 nos
Saw scaled Viper	1 no.
Cobra	225 nos
Rat Snake	330 nos
Python	69 nos.
Sand Boa	52 nos.
Water snake	3 nos.
Checkered Keelback	51 nos.
Stripped Keelback	2 nos.
Common Krait	7 nos.
Vine Snake	5 nos.
Cat Snake	10 nos.
Ornate Flying Snake	6 nos.
Montane Trinket Snake	5 nos.
Bamboo Pit Viper	4 nos.
Variegated Kukri	1 no.
Common Kukri	2 nos.
Tree Snake	15 nos.

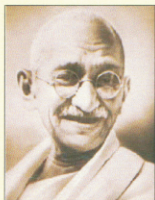


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Swachh Bharat Abhiyan



Dr. (Smt.) Mridula Sinha,

Hon'ble Governor of Goa,

Nominee of Hon'ble Prime Minister for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

WITH TINY LITTLE THINGS ARE BIG THINGS MADE

The Cleanliness Campaign will be made successful with your small habits given below:-

WHAT TO DO	WHAT NOT TO DO
• Understand the focus of Cleanliness Drive.	• Do not merely criticise or comment on the campaign; do something.
• Feel the importance of cleanliness.	• Do not make the cleanliness campaign into just a slogan.
• Keep your home and courtyard clean; dispose off the garbage only into a bin.	• Do not dispose off the garbage of the house in a public place.
• In villages, create a dug up to dispose off the waste from your houses. When it gets filled up, plant a tree on it.	• Do not litter outside your house.
• Every day during the bath, cleanse every part of your body.	• Bath should not be mere wetting of your body.
• For the sake of mental cleansing, think only of positive things.	• Give up negative tendencies.
• Children learn everything by observation. Do cleaning up in their presence and also involve them in the cleanliness campaign.	• Do not allow children to scatter waste or to litter.
• In mills, factories, or in big and small workplaces, make adequate arrangements to provide toilets.	• Do not forget to provide the toilets at your place of work.
• Promote cleanliness-related conduct through your workforce.	• Littering workers must be discouraged.
• Put to public shame any one littering or throwing waste along any road, in a vehicle or any public place.	• Do not keep quiet, on seeing any one littering or throwing garbage in a public place.
• Once a week clean, and get cleansed, your lane and locality.	• Do not limit the cleanliness part only to your home.

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