



REPORT ON 71st WILDLIFE WEEK, 2022

**WILDLIFE & ECO-TOURISM (SOUTH),
DIVISION, MARGAO - GOA**



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1. INTRODUCTION

India is a biological hotspot, which means, it is home to a large variety of animal and plant species. India's flora and fauna are highly diversified and constitute more than 7 percent of the world's biodiversity. It also incredibly accounts for 7.4 per cent of the world's fauna. This highly biologically diversified country requires proper education and awareness to preserve this rich cover. Hence, the wildlife week was conceptualized.

This week is commemorated to increase the awareness among the common mass regarding the role of wildlife in maintaining nature's equilibrium. Any damage done to wildlife over a prolonged period of time endangers the entire ecosystem. So it is critical to protect it systematically, and through heart and soul. There is a symbiotic relationship between the forest, forest-dwelling animals, ecosystem services, and humans.

The Wildlife Week is celebrated from the **2nd to the 8th of October** every year in India. This week aims at protecting and preserving India's flora and fauna. Wildlife Week was conceptualized in 1952 with a long-term goal to safeguard the lives of the endangered and threatened species of animals.

The Wildlife & Eco-tourism (South) division, Margao, Goa Forest Department kick started by celebrating its 71st Wildlife Week, 2022 from 28th October. Being immersed in nature and wildlife, children are enthusiastic to learn more about the wildlife, the students had opportunities to showcase their talent and show great interest by participating at various workshops that were organized during the week.

Various offline competitions such Fancy dress, Rangoli, T-shirt painting, Clay art and Quiz were organized for the students of schools and colleges of South Goa only. Online competitions included Photography and Reel-making competition. The response was over-whelming.



2. EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 71ST WILDLIFE WEEK, 2022



Goa Forest Department
WILDLIFE & ECO-TOURISM (SOUTH) DIVISION
 Margao - Goa

celebrates

71ST WILDLIFE WEEK, 2022

Highlights of the Week (1st – 7th Oct)

- * Online & Offline Competitions
- * Poster release
- * Awareness programs
- * Seminars by eminent speakers
- * Nature walks
- * Valedictory function

03.10.22 Interactive session on Turtle Conservation by 

06.10.22 Seminar on Marine Conservation by Venkatesh Charloo, Founder/Trustee, Coastal Impact 

ONLINE COMPETITIONS

Reel-making Competition
Std: 11 – 12 → Hinterlands of Goa

Photography Competition
Std: 11 – 12 → Bugs and Beetles of Goa

↑ **Last date of registration: 01.10.2022**

OFFLINE COMPETITIONS

Fancy dress Competition (28.09.2022)
Std: 1 – 4 → Wildlife of Goa

Rangoli Competition (29.09.2022)
Std: 5 – 7 → Flowers of Goa
Std: 8 – 10 → Birds of Goa
Differentially abled children → Any of the above topics

T-shirt Painting Competition
Std: FY, SY and TY → Wildlife Conservation

Clay Art Competition
Std: FY, SY and TY → Mammals of Goa

↑ **Last date of submission of T-shirts and Clay art models: 04.10.2022**

Quiz Competition

Std: 9 – 12
 (07.10.2022, 09.00 am to 01.00 pm.)
 Venue: Auditorium, Chowgule College, Margao

Std: FY, SY and TY
 (06.10.2022, 01.00 pm to 06.00 pm)
 Venue: Central Library, Sanskriti Bhavan, Patto, Panaji

↑ **Last date of registration for Quiz: 04.10.2022**

REGISTRATION LINKS FOR COMPETITIONS

- For Rangoli Competition: Register on <https://forms.gle/uyiNWUYmqL53LBt6>
- For Reel-making Competition: Register on <https://forms.gle/TNrciAZB5dm17vFH7>
- For Photography Competition: Register on <https://forms.gle/IsbdAz31CjGYPEZb8>
- For T-shirt painting Competition: Register on <https://forms.gle/RccyviAZd8HnMeqW6>
- For Clay Art Competition: Register on <https://forms.gle/ygo9pTdXhFkGn74e9>
- For Quiz Competition: Register on <https://forms.gle/KsAfe7cDhwikSezL9>

The RULES of all competitions in are mentioned in their respective submission forms. Please read them very carefully.

Venue - Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes District Library, Navelim, Margao.
 [for Fancy dress, Rangoli and Seminar on 06.10.2022].

- Best three (03) entries/teams to be evaluated for prizes.
- All participants will get participation certificates.
- Competition open for all schools and colleges of South Goa only.
- The decision of the Dy. Conservator of Forests, WL&ET (S) will be final in case of any disputes or grievances.

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3. GLIMPSES OF PRE-WILDLIFE WEEK ACTIVITIES



Participants for Fancy dress competition





Participants for Rangoli competition



4. DAY-WISE ACTIVITIES

DAY 1(01.10.2022)

The inaugural function of the 71st Wildlife Week, 2022 was held at Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary, Collem on 1st October, 2022. The Chief Guest for this function was Dr. Ganesh Gaonkar, MLA Sanvordem and Chairman, GTDC who graced the occasion with his presence. At this function, Shri Mangirish Dharwadkar, Nodal Officer, Public Outreach Programme at the Wildlife & Eco-tourism (South) division, Margao, was felicitated at the hands of the Chief Guest for his contribution in protection and conservation in Wildlife of Goa. A poster on 'Marine Biodiversity of Goa' was also released at the hands of the Chief Guest who also inaugurated the Nature Interpretation Centre at Collem. Dignitaries from the Goa Forest department present for function were, Shri Rajiv Kumar Gupta IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Shri Santosh Kumar IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Shri Saurabh Kumar IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Shri Dr. Dinesh Kannan IFS, Conservator of Forests, Dy. Conservator of Forests, Asst. Conservator of Forests, Range Officers and other senior forest officials.



Shri Mangirish Dharwadkar, Nodal Officer, Public Outreach Programme felicitated by the Chief Guest



Release of Poster on 'Marine Biodiversity of Goa'



Inauguration of Nature Interpretation Centre, Collem



DAY 2 (02.10.2022)

Awareness programs on **'Mitigation measures to prevent Man-animal conflicts'** were undertaken in sensitive areas of Cotigao WLS and Netravali WLS wherein the villagers, panch members, NGOs and school students participated. Shri Ramesh Tawadkar, Hon'ble MLS and Speaker, Goa Legislative Assembly graced the occasion with his presence. Shri Kaviraj Gaonkar, Zonal Agriculture Officer, Canacona was also present. Solar kits were also distributed to the villagers of Cotigao village to reduce the dependency on forests.



ACF, WL&ET(S) conducting the awareness program






Felicitation of the Chief Guest and distribution of solar kits to villagers of Cotigao

Simultaneously, cleaning of Eco-tourism sites was carried out at Cotigao WLS and Netravali WLS.



Clean up activities





DAY 3 (03.10.2022)

An interactive session on **'Marine Megafauna Strandings in Goa'** was held at Cotigao WLS which was organized in association with ReefWatch Marine Conservation, Goa led by Shri Nester Fernandes, Research and Outreach Officer, Dr. Shashank, Veterinarian and Ms. Manisha Rao, Project Co-ordinator wherein the concerned stakeholders involved in beach tourism/ adventure activities, fishermen community, students from educational institutes, Drishti lifeguards and shack owners participated. Participation certificates were given to the participants.



Shri Nester Fernandes and Dr. Shashank interacting with the stakeholders



Group photo with ReefWatch Marine Conservation team





The session was followed by an Inter-tidal walk at Galgibag beach, Canacona for the students. Nester Fernandes, Research and Outreach Officer, ReefWatch explained about the marine ecology, intertidal habitats, as well as its inhabitants.



Shri Nester Fernandes explaining about the Marine ecology



Stony Coral
(*Scleractinia* sp.)



Common periwinkle
(*Littorina littorea*)



Honeycomb Stingray
(*Himantura undulate*)



Unidentified algae sp.

Photos 1-4: © Nester Fernandes



Group photo with ReefWatch Marine Conservation team





DAY 4 (04.10.2022)

Guided nature walks/trails were conducted in Netravali WLS and Cotigao WLS for school and college students and teachers, naturalists, environmentalists, nature lovers and eco clubs to sensitize about conservation of wildlife and its habitat.



Nature trails with students at Netravali WLS



Nature trails with students at Cotigao WLS





DAY 5 (06.10.2022)

A session on '**Marine Life and its Conservation**' in association with Coastal Impact was organized at Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes District Library, Navelim, Margao. Dignitaries present from the Forest Dept. were Shri Aniket P. Naik Gaonkar, Dy. Conservator of Forests, WL&ET (S) division, Shri Damodar Salelkar, Asst. Conservator of Forests, WL&ET (S) division, Range Forest Officer, Marine Cell and other forest officials. The Coastal Impact team was led by Shri Venkatesh Charloo, Founder/Trustee, Coastal Impact who was the speaker for the session.

The session witnessed participation of students from various Schools, Higher Secondary's, Colleges, naturalists and biodiversity enthusiasts. They had the opportunity to learn about the rich marine biodiversity found in Goa. They were also explained about the work being conducted by Coastal Impact for marine conservation in Goa including coral transplantation, beach clean-ups and raising awareness about marine life and climate change.



Shri Venkatesh Charloo explaining the audience rich marine biodiversity of Goa





Posters on 'Marine Biodiversity of Goa' which were released during the inaugural function of wildlife week at Bhagwan Mahaveer National Park, Collem were also distributed amongst the schools and colleges present.



Distribution of poster on 'Marine Biodiversity of Goa'

Towards the end of this interactive programme, participation certificates were awarded to the participants.



Group photos with school and college students



DAY 6 (07.10.2022)

A Quiz competition on the '**Forests and Wildlife of Western Ghats**' was organized for the students of Std 9 – 12 and was held at Parvatibai Chowgule College Arts and Science (Autonomous), Gogol – Margao. In total, 07 teams appeared for the quiz of which top 05 teams were selected for the final round. The Quiz was conducted by Shri Damodar Salelkar, Asst. Conservator of Forests, WL&ET(S), Margao.



ACF, WL&ET(S) conducting quiz for students



Group photo with the winners

5. VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

The Wildlife & Eco-tourism (South) division celebrated the Valedictory function of 71st Wildlife Week, 2022 at Ravindra Bhavan, Fatorda, Margao. Shri Subhash Phal Dessai, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, River Navigation and Archives & Archeology graced the occasion with his presence as the Chief Guest.



Felicitation of the Chief Guest

Dignitaries present from the Forest department were Shri Aniket P. Naik Gaonkar, DCF, WL&ET(S) division, Shri Prem Kumar R. IFS, DCF(S) division, Shri Raju Dessai, DCF (Soil Conservation) division, Shri Damodar Salelkar, ACF, WL&ET(S) division and other senior forest officials. The Chief Guest felicitated the winners of various online and offline competitions with certificates and mementos. While addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest appreciated the level of awareness and enthusiasm in the young minds and expressed happiness and gratitude to all stake holders for being a part of this celebration. He also emphasized on the need of sensitization in participatory conservation efforts. Shri Aniket P. Naik Gaonkar, DCF, WL(S) proposed the vote of thanks during this function.

During the Valedictory function, Wildlife Evidence Collection kits were distributed to the Range Forest Officers of Netravali, Cotigao and Marine Cell (South) by Nirmal Kulkarni, Senior Consultant, Wildlife Conservation Society.



Distribution of Wildlife Evidence Kits



A breath-taking video on the 'Waterfalls of Netravali WLS' was also released at the hands of the Chief Guest.



Release of video by the Chief Guest





Winners of Fancy Dress Competition (Std 1 – 4)



Winners of Fancy Dress Competition (Specially abled)

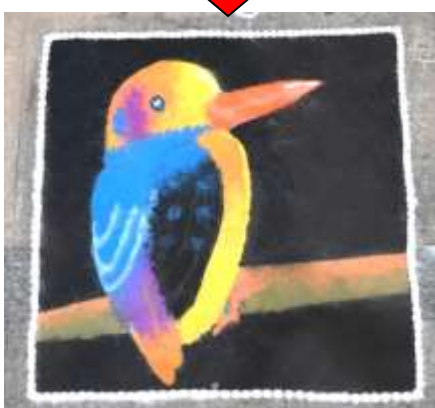




Winners of Rangoli Competition (Std 5 – 7)



Winners of Rangoli Competition (Std 8 – 10)



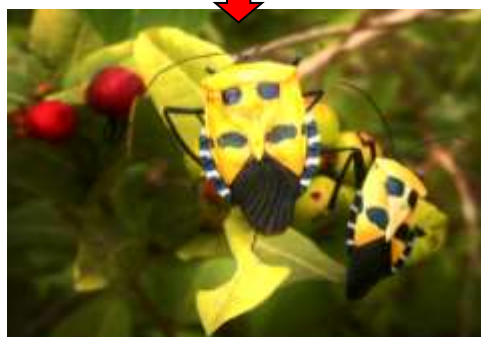


Winners of Rangoli Competition (Specially abled)





Winners of Online Photography Competition (Std 11 & 12)



Winners of Reel-making Competition (Std 11 & 12)





Winners of T-shirt painting Competition (College level)



Winners of Clay Art Competition (College level)





Winners of Quiz Competition (Std 9 – 12)



6. LIST OF WINNERS



GOA FOREST DEPARTMENT
Wildlife & Eco-tourism (South) Division, Margao

**RESULTS OF ONLINE AND OFFLINE COMPETITIONS HELD
ON THE OCCASION OF
71ST WILDLIFE WEEK, 2022**

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Category: Std 1 - 4

	Name	School (Std)
1	Mast. Anant Kunkolikar	Popular Primary School, Margao (Std 4)
2	Ms. Olicia Menezes	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour High School, Cortalim (Std 1)
3	Ms. Leona Menezes	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour High School, Cortalim (Std 2)

Category: Specially Abled

	Name	School (Std)
1	Ms. Meena Velip	Lokvishwas Pratishthan's Special School, Canacona
2	Ms. Saitri Kolekar	Lokvishwas Pratishthan's Special School, Canacona
3	Ms. Sailu Kolekar	Lokvishwas Pratishthan's Special School, Canacona

RANGOLI COMPETITION

Category: Std 5 - 7

	Name	School (Std)
1	Ms. Aarvi Gaonkar	Shree Balaram Residential High School, Canacona (Std 6)
2	Ms. Sanvi Naik	Holy Cross Institute, Quepem (Std 7)
3	Ms. Anuradha Kumbhar	Holy Cross Institute, Quepem (Std 7)

Category: Std 8 - 10

	Name	School (Std)
1	Ms. Sambhavi Gaonkar	Shree Balaram Residential High School, Canacona (Std 8)
2	Ms. Divisha Gaonkar	Shree Balaram Residential High School, Canacona (Std 8)
C	Ms. Yashasvi Gurav	Holy Cross Institute, Quepem (Std 8)

Category: Specially Abled

	Name	School (Std)
1	Ms. Aksha Pagi	Lokvishwas Pratishthan's Special School, Canacona
2	Ms. Sankeeta Naik	Lokvishwas Pratishthan's Special School, Canacona
3	Ms. Sakshi Pagi	Lokvishwas Pratishthan's Special School, Canacona

QUIZ COMPETITION

Category: Std 9 - 12

	Name	School/HSS (Std)
1	Mast. Stafford Dias and Ms. Clarissa Monteiro	St. Joseph High School, Aguem
2	Mast. Rohit Desai and Mast. Pushpak Desai	Shree Mallikarjun Higher Secondary School of Arts, Science and Commerce, Canacona
3	Ms. Shriya Mestry and Mast. Makarand Velip	Balaram-A Day Care School Mokhard Shristhal, Canacona

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Category: Std 11 & 12

	Name	School (Std)
1	Ms. Jancia Da'Silva Almeida	Govt. Multipurpose HSS, Borda (Std 12)
2	Ms. Sweeta Gaunekar	Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Fatorda (Std 11)
3	Ms. Stuti Sawant	MES Higher Secondary School, Zuarinagar, Sancoale (Std 11)

REEL-MAKING COMPETITION

Category: Std 11 & 12

	Name	School (Std)
1	Ms. Jancia Da'Silva Almeida	Govt. Multipurpose HSS, Borda (Std 12)
2	Ms. Riya Rocha	Govt. Multipurpose HSS, Borda (Std 12)
3	Ms. Lacy Monteiro	Govt. Multipurpose HSS, Borda (Std 12)

T-SHIRT PAINTING COMPETITION

Category: FY, SY & TY

	Name	School (Std)
1	Ms. Lyza D'Costa	Parvatibhai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous)
2	Ms. Anjali Velip	Government College of Arts Commerce and Science, Quepem
3	Ms. Linoshka Dias	Parvatibhai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous)

CLAY-ART COMPETITION

Category: FY, SY & TY

	Name	School (Std)
1	Mast. Swed Gavnekar	Government College of Arts Commerce and Science, Quepem
2	Ms. Veda Dessai	Government College of Arts Commerce and Science, Quepem
3	Ms. Srujan Dessai	Government College of Arts Commerce and Science, Quepem



7. FELICITATION OF ASSOCIATES

The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Eco-tourism (South) division expressed sincere gratitude and felicitated all those who were associated with the 71st Wildlife Week, 2022 celebrations without whom the celebrations would not have been a success. Shri Dnyaneshwar Kudalkar, ACF (South) was also present for this function.

To begin with, Ms. Raksha Khobrekar, Incharge, Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes District Library, Navelim was kind enough to let us allow the Multipurpose Hall at to conduct the Fancy dress competition, Rangoli competition and a seminar on 'Marine life and its Conservation'.

Nester Fernandes and Dr. Shashank, ReefWatch Marine Conservation, Goa delivered a lecture on 'Marine Megafauna Strandings in Goa' to the students of various schools and colleges to spread awareness.

This division is grateful to Prof. Nandini Vaz Fernandes, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Gogol, Margao for letting us use the Auditorium to conduct the Quiz competition for Std 9 -12 category.

Shri Nirmal Kulkarni, Senior Consultant, Wildlife Conservation Society distributed Wildlife evidence kits to the Range Forest Officers of Netravali, Cotigao and Marine Cell (South).

Last but not the least, this division is thankful to Shri Videsh Naik, Theatre Incharge, Ravindra Bhavan, Margao for letting us conduct the Valedictory function in the Conference Hall.





**Ms. Raksha Khobrekar,
Incharge, Dr. Francisco Luis
Gomes District Library,
Navelim, Margao.**



**Shri Nester Fernandes,
ReefWatch Marine
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**Prof. Nandini Vaz Fernandes,
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Gogol - Margao.**



**Shri Nirmal Kulkarni, Senior
Consultant, Wildlife
Conservation Society.**



**Ms. Bindiya Vast,
representative of Ravindra
Bhavan, Margao.**





8. MEDIA COVERAGE

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गुरुवार, १३ ऑक्टोबर २०२२ 7

पर्यावरणाचा समतोल राखणे गरजेचे

गणेश गावकर मोले येथील भगवान महावीर राष्ट्रीय उद्यानात राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव सप्ताह साजरा

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कुळे, दि. १२ : गोवा वन्यजीव अत्यंत चांगले काय करील असून त्यांच्या विविध उपक्रमांमुळे पर्यावरणाचा सांभाळ होत आहे व पर्यावरणाचा समतोल राखण्यात मदत होत आहे. प्रत्येक गोष्ट आपली असताना जस विचार प्रत्येकांनी केल्यास पर्यावरण सांभाळणे शक्य आहे. वनविभाग व वन विभागाच्या जवळपास राहणाऱ्या लोकांमध्ये चांगले मैत्रीचे संबंध असणे अत्यंत महत्वाचे आहे. त्यातून एक चांगला संदेश लोकांमध्ये जाईल व तक्रारी करण्याच्या संधी कमी होईल, असे मत आमदार तथा गोवा पर्यटन विकास महामंडळाचे अध्यक्ष गणेश गावकर यांनी मांडले.



मोले : राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव सप्ताहानिमित्त नेचर इंटरप्रिडेशन सेंटरचे उद्घाटन करताना गणेश गावकर. सोबत राजीव गुप्ता व वनखात्याचे सदस्य.

गोवा वनखात्यातर्फे मोले येथील वन्यजीव सप्ताह साजरा करण्यात आला. यावेळी ते प्रमुख पाहुणे या नात्याने मोलत होते. वनखात्याच्या संधी कमी होईल, असे मत आमदार तथा गोवा पर्यटन विकास महामंडळाचे अध्यक्ष गणेश गावकर यांनी मांडले.

आलेल्या नेचर इंटरप्रिडेशन सेंटरचे उद्घाटन करण्यात आले.

यावेळी त्यांच्यासोबत व्यासपीठावर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक राजीव गुप्ता, अतिरिक्त प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक संतोष कुमार, मुख्य संरक्षक सीता कुमर, उपवनसंरक्षक आनंद जाधव, अनिकेत गावकर, कुळे वंचावाडीचे सरपंच गोविंद जिगावकर, उपसरपंच नेहा मडकईकर, पंच सदस्य अश्विनी देसाई, मोले वंचावाडीचे सरपंच कपिल नाईक आदी उपस्थित होते.

यावेळी नेचर गाईड म्हणून प्रशिक्षण पूर्ण केलेल्या सुमारे ४० युवकांचे काढीचे वितरण करण्यात आले. वनखात्याच्या महत्वाचे योगदान दिलेल्या मंगिरी

धारवाडकर, आनंद, विशाल मायस, पावने व नकुल कैरकर यांचा सन्मान करण्यात आला. यावेळी आमदार गणेश गावकर यांच्या हस्ते पक्षांची माहिती असलेल्या तीन अभ्यास पुस्तकांचे प्रकाशन करण्यात आले.

दर वर्षी १ ते ७ ऑक्टोबर राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव सप्ताह म्हणून साजरा केला जातो. नामनेचे होत चाललेल्या वन्यजीव व पक्षाबद्दल लोकांमध्ये जागृती करणे त्यांचे महत्त्व नागरिकांमध्ये पटवून देणे हा त्यामागचा मुख्य उद्देश असतो, असे आमच्या स्वागतार भाषणात प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक राजीव गुप्ता म्हणाले. अतिरिक्त वनसंरक्षक परेश शर्मा यांनी कार्यक्रमाचे शुभसंचालन केले तर आनंद जाधव यांनी आभार मानले.

वार्ता

राज्य

वन अधिकारी, लोकांमध्ये मैत्रीचे संबंध आवश्यक!

आमदार गणेश गावकर : मोलेत नेचर इन्स्पिरेशन सेंटरचे उद्घाटन

प्रतिनिधी। गोवन वार्ता

धारबांदोडा : गोवा वन खाते अत्यंत चांगले काम करीत असून त्यांच्या विविध उपक्रमांमुळे पर्यावरणाचा सांभाळ होत असून पर्यावरणाचा समतोल राखण्यात मदत होत आहे. प्रत्येक गोष्ट आपली आहे, असा विचार प्रत्येकांनी केल्यास पर्यावरण सांभाळणे शक्य आहे. वन अधिकारी व लोकांमध्ये मैत्रीचे संबंध असणे अत्यंत महत्वाचे आहे. त्यातून एक चांगला संदेश लोकांमध्ये जाईल व तक्रारी करण्याच्या संधी कमी होतील, असे मत आमदार तथा गोवा पर्यटन विकास महामंडळाचे अध्यक्ष गणेश गावकर यांनी मांडले.

गोवा वनखात्यातर्फे मोले येथील भगवान महावीर राष्ट्रीय उद्यानात ७२ वा राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव सप्ताह साजरा करण्यात आला. यावेळी गावकर प्रमुख पाहुणे म्हणून मोलत होते. त्यांच्या हस्ते नव्याने



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नामशेष होत चाललेल्या वन्यजीव व पक्षांबद्दल लोकांमध्ये जागृती करणे, त्यांचे महत्त्व नागरिकांना पटवून देणे यासाठी राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव सप्ताह साजरा केला जातो, असे मुख्य वनसंरक्षक राजीव गुप्ता यांनी सांगितले.

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यावेळी नेचर गाईड म्हणून प्रशिक्षण पूर्ण केलेल्या सुमारे चाळीस युवकांना काढीचे वितरण करण्यात आले. वन खात्यामध्ये महत्वाचे योगदान दिलेल्या मंगिरी धारवाडकर, आनंद, विशाल मायस, पावने व नकुल कैरकर यांचा सन्मान करण्यात आला. यावेळी आमदार गणेश गावकर यांच्या हस्ते पक्षांची माहिती असलेल्या तीन अभ्यास पुस्तकांचे प्रकाशन करण्यात आले.



Wildlife Week celebrations in Goa



The Wildlife & Eco-tourism (South) division kick started with the 71st Wildlife Week celebrations on September 28 with various online and offline events such as fancy dress, rangoli, reel-making, photo-graphy, t-shirt painting, clay-art and quiz for schools and colleges of South Goa. The response was over-whelming. Various awareness programs and seminars in association with ReefWatch Marine Conservation, Goa and Coastal Impact were also organized which also included the release of a post-er on 'Marine Bio-diversity of Goa' during the inaugural function of Wildlife Week at Bhagwan Maha-veer National Park, Collem.

The Wildlife & Eco-tourism (South) division celebrated the Valedictory function of 71st Wildlife Week, 2022 on October 8 at Ravindra Bhavan, Fatorda, Margao. Subhash Phal Dessai, Minister for So-cial Welfare, River Navigation and Archives and Archeology was the chief guest. Dignitaries present from the Forest department were Aniket P Naik Gaonkar, DCF, WL&ET(S) division, Prem Kumar R IFS, DCF(S) division, Raju Dessai, DCF (Soil Conservation) division, Damodar Salelkar, ACF, WL&ET (S) division and other senior forest officials.



During the Valedictory function, Wildlife Evidence Collection kits were distributed to the Range Forest Officers of Netravali, Cotigao and Marine Cell (South) by Nirmal Kulkarni, Senior Consultant, Wildlife Conservation Society, followed by the release of a breath-taking video on the 'Waterfalls of Netravali WLS'.

Subhash Phal Dessai also felicitated the winners of various competitions with certificates and me-mentos. While addressing the gathering, he appreciated the level of awareness and enthusiasm in the young minds and expressed happiness and gratitude to all stake holders for being a part of this celebration. He also emphasized on the need of sensitization in participatory conservation efforts. Aniket P Naik Gaonkar, DCF, WL(S) proposed the vote of thanks during this function.



THANK YOU!