

**Message from the Hon'ble. Chief Minister, Government of Goa,
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On the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity 2019

United Nations General Assembly adopted 22nd May as The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB), and this day is being celebrated worldwide every year since then with a different theme. The theme adopted for this year is “**Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health**”. The theme aims to leverage knowledge and spread awareness of the dependency of our food systems, nutrition, and health on biodiversity and healthy ecosystems.

On this occasion, I take this opportunity to appeal to all my fellow Goans, to take all steps to strengthen the age old agro-biodiversity, fisheries, forest products and all other natural sources of food derived from biodiversity and which provide us with health that leads to prosperity of our State. Let us vow to protect our biodiversity for the well being of our future generations.