

### **International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD- 2013)**

The Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) with the support of National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) celebrated the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD- 2013) on 22nd May 2013 at the office of GSBB, Saligao- Bardez-Goa. The theme of IBD-2013 was "Water and Biodiversity". Various activities were organized for the school children laying emphasis on biodiversity awareness. Activities such as cleaning, desalting and restoring of water bodies were carried out. Workshops on biodiversity awareness for locals were also conducted. Hoardings giving the message of "Water and Biodiversity conservation" were erected at different places in Goa for the awareness amongst the general public. Goa State Biodiversity Board organized the valedictory function of International Day for Biological Diversity 2013 on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June 2013 at Goa State Biodiversity Board, Saligao. On this occasion three posters and a pamphlet published by Goa State Biodiversity Board with the message of water and biodiversity conservation were released at the hands of Chief Guest and Guest of Honour. The special report published by National Biodiversity Board, Chennai India with the title "Watering Biodiversity, Ecosystem, Management" was also released and distributed on this occasion.

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