

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY- 2018

Government of Goa and Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) in association with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, National Biodiversity Authority, UNEP and GEF observed the International Day for Biological Diversity- 2018 on May 22nd 2018 on the theme “**Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity**” at **Parisram Damodar Raikar Hall, Daivadnya Bhavan, Margao-Goa.**

INAUGURATION OF BIODIVERSITY EXHIBITION

Biodiversity exhibition was inaugurated at the hands of Dr. Giridhar Kinhal, IFS, Chairperson- National Access Benefit Sharing Committee, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai at 10:15 am. 24 stalls exhibiting biodiversity produce from villages of Goa were installed along with the traditional uses and information of the bioresources by the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) from North and South Goa. Few stalls were put up by Govt. Dept. such as Fisheries, Health Dept. and Forest Dept. (Medicinal Plant Board) and by technical support groups (TSGs) selected by GSBB for assisting BMCs in the preparation of People’s Biodiversity Register (PBR) and signatories to Access Benefit Sharing (ABS) for GSBB also participated and displayed their products.

Two stalls namely ‘Seed Conservation’ (बीज संरक्षण) and ‘Honey Bank’ were installed by GSBB. The purpose of installation of seed conservation stall was to take first step towards **creation of seed bank for the state**. Around 80 different varieties of seeds from 10 different villages of Goa were deposited on the stall. The honey bank stall displayed 29 honey samples collected from various parts of Goa.

INAUGURATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY- 2018

After the arrival of dignitaries on the dais Indian National Anthem was sung on the melodious tune played by Goa Police Band.

International Day for Biological Diversity- 2018 was inaugurated by lighting the traditional lamp to declare the function formally open at 10:45 am in the distinguished presence of Chief Guest Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS, Secretary- Environment, Govt. of Goa; Dr. Giridhar Kinhal, IFS, Chairperson- National Access Benefit Sharing (ABS) Committee, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai; Shri. Ravi Jha, IAS, Director- Environment; Shri. Rajendra Kerkar, Environmentalist and Shri. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary,

GSBB and in august presence of Members of Goa State Biodiversity Board, Head of Departments of Govt. Offices, Chairperson and Members of Biodiversity Management Committees, Village Panchayat Members and other respectful public representatives.

On this occasion the dignitaries on the dais Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS,; Dr. Giridhar Kinhal, IFS; Shri. Ravi Jha, IAS; Shri. Rajendra Kerkar, Environmentalist and Shri. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, GSBB were welcomed by presenting basket of fruits followed by felicitation by presenting memento.

WELCOME ADDRESS

Member Secretary, GSBB gave a welcome address and remarks on IDB Theme: Celebrating 25 years of Action for Biodiversity and information on significant activities of GSBB and declared the launch of Biodiversity Conservation Awards for BMC (one each- North and South Goa District) and individual level (one each- North and South Goa District). He welcomed all the BMC chairpersons, members, secretaries, TSGs, HODs from Govt. Depts., environmentalists and all the others present. He also informed that Hon. Governor madam, chief guest could not remain present due to unexpected difficulty.

ADDRESS BY DR. GIRIDHAR KINHAL, IFS,

While addressing the gathering Dr. Giridhar Kinhal, IFS, delivered inspiring speech whereby he expressed his concern over the alarming rate of extinction of species from earth and urged the gathering to conserve biodiversity and use it sustainably. Further he also mentioned that regulating the use of bioresources or conservation of bioresource at the village level could be made more efficient and appropriate by involving the grass root people in the system i.e. by involving BMC. His request to everyone to stand for biodiversity for a minute, was unique idea to involve everyone for the cause of biodiversity.

FELICITATION

Recognition to BMCs for completion of 1st PBR's in Goa

Shri. Santana Rodrigues, Chairperson of Curtorim BMC and Shri. Melvyn Sanches, Chairperson of Velim BMC were felicitated for completion of 1st PBRs in Goa at the hands of Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS by presenting a certificate of appreciation.

Recognition of 1st ABS signatories

GSBB has initiated the process of signing ABS and on this occasion the proprietors of companies of 1st ABS agreement signatories, Shri. Chinmay Tanshikar of Tanshikar Spice Plantation, Netravali, Sanguem and Shri. Pravesh Naik of Krishna Plantation, Sulcorna,

Quepem were felicitated at the hands of Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS by presenting a certificate of appreciation.

Recognition of farmer for conservation activity

Smt. Rita Pacheco, a farmer from a Parra village was felicitated at the hands of Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS by presenting a cheque, memento and certificate of appreciation for conserving the local variety of watermelons.

Prize distribution (of ABS Logo/ Bridvakya competitions)

Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS felicitated Shri. Jitendra Nagvekar and Shri. Vignesh Shinde- winners of ABS logo competition and Shri. Gopalkrishna Kerkar winner of Bridvakya competition by presenting a cheque, memento and certificate of appreciation.

Henceforth Goa State Biodiversity Board will start using its motto / bridvakya statement along with existing logo and also provide newly selected ABS logo to ABS signatories to display on their letterhead as ABS signatory with date and logo. (Same will be separately sent to NBA).

Release of Book & Poster of GSBB

Book titled 'Sacred Groves of Goa'- Volume I authored by Shri. Rajendra Kerkar and published by GSBB; posters (4 nos) and a brochure was released at the hands of Chief Guest Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS.

ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST

Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS referred to various ancient texts in context to biodiversity conservation which are inherent to our cultural tradition. He also expressed his views regarding the desire of human beings for excessive material need and development that eventually leads to biodiversity, cultural and traditional destruction which is the root cause of unhappiness.

Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS also quoted the book 'World without Us' written by American author Shri. Alan Weisman wherein the author offers an original approach to questions of humanity's impact on the planet; the author asks us to envision our Earth without us and explains how our massive infrastructure would collapse and finally vanish without human presence- a post human scenario of the planet. Shri. Hawaldar urged people of Goa to conserve, preserve, prosper and provide safe environment for future generations.

Vote of thanks of the inaugural programme were given by Shri. Ravi Jha, IAS, Director, Department of Environment.

At 11:40 am the inaugural program concluded with National Anthem played by Goa Police Band.

PERFORMANCE BY PRIZE WINNING ENTRIES OF COMPETITIONS BY GSBB SUCH AS EXTEMPORE SPEECH AND STREET PLAY COMPETITION

Presentation by prize winners of extempore speech competition

Ms. Smriti Tamhankar, a student of Dr. K.B. Hedgewar High School; Ms. Sreeshha Gaonkar, a student of Dr. K.B. Hedgewar Higher Secondary School and Ms. Smital Gaonkar, a student of St. John of the Cross High School presented the extempore speech. All the prize winners were presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Performance by prize winner of street play competition

Students of S. S Angle Higher Secondary School, winner of street play competition performed the street play written by Shri. Ravindra Phaldessai. All the participants of the play were presented a certificate of appreciation. The performance was enjoyed thoroughly by all.

TECHNICAL SESSION

Dr. A. G. Untawale, Executive Secretary, Mangrove Society of India gave a presentation on 'Mangrove Ecosystem and its Conservation by involving BMCs'. He explained in detail the importance of mangroves and involvement of BMCs for conservation efforts of mangroves at village level. This session was followed by interactive discussion.

Dr. Pravir Deshmukh, Counsellor at CII-ITC gave a very informative lecture on 'India Business and Biodiversity Initiative' and explained in detail biodiversity in business-learning and best practices along with brief mention of ecosystem service matrix and benefits of biodiversity indexing. He discussed on how BMCs could work with business houses.

Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director ICAR delivered a very interesting lecture on 'Agonda Goan- a local pig breed for conservation' and discusses the role of ICAR in supporting BMCs for conservation of local species of Agonda Goan pig. He assured full support to GSBB for all the possible services and products from ICAR – Goa.

INTERACTIVE SESSION

During the interactive session all the Expert Members of Goa State Biodiversity Board guided the members of BMC's.

Member Secretary informed the gathering that very soon a power point presentation explaining the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 will be uploaded on the GSBB website.

After the deliberations on various critical biodiversity related issues, it was resolved that a joint meeting of various Government Departments will be scheduled to discuss and understand the issues with those BMCs facing biodiversity destruction threats.

The vote of thanks were delivered by Dr. Antonio Mascarenhas, Expert Member, GSBB.

The programme was attended by over 500 people from different segments of the society that included representatives of BMCs/ research institutes/ Govt. Organizations/ NGOs, students and others.

State level poster competition (pre event) was organized by Goa State Biodiversity Board in association with Abhivyakti (NGO).

Theme for poster competition: Conservation of wetlands/ climate change/ conservation of biodiversity.



1st prize: People's High School



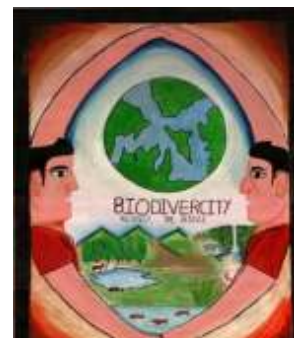
2nd prize: Dr. K.B. Hedgewar High School



3rd prize: Bethany Convent High School



1st consolation: Sarvodaya E. S. High School



2nd consolation prize: Shrimati High School

'Invention of credit system has affected human life the most'

International Biodiversity Day Celebrated

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Margao: Visitors to the International Day for Biodiversity celebration at Margao on Tuesday were offered a glimpse of the state's rich and vibrant biodiversity.

Speaking at the inaugural session, environment secretary Daulat Hawaldar stressed on the need for biodiversity conservation and pointed out that the structure of world economy has had an adverse impact on ecology and environment.



Environment secretary Daulat Hawaldar (centre) spoke about the impact that material development has had on the world's biodiversity

"While 1% of the people own 50% of the world's resources, 10% own 86% of them. 50% of the people do not own anything. This inequitable development has extremely negative consequences on climate change and biodiversity," he said.

"All material develop-

ment has an impact on biodiversity. In the process of civilisation, the invention of credit is the important thing that has affected human life. By mortgaging your future, you are able to get everything you want in life. This is the foremost reason that causes damage to biodiversity," Ha-

waldar said.

Chairperson of the national committee on access benefit sharing, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, Giridhar Kinhal stressed on the need for sustainable and equitable use of biodiversity.

"Sacred Groves of Goa" a book written by environmentalist Rajendra Kerkar was released on the occasion.

Various technical sessions on issues concerning biodiversity were also held.

At the interactive session chaired by GSBB member secretary Pradip Sarmukadam, members of the biodiversity management committees were provided guidance on issues pertaining to conservation of biodiversity by experts.



Dr. Giridhar Kinhal, IFS, Chairperson- National Access Benefit Sharing Committee, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai inaugurating Biodiversity Exhibition during the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Chief Guest Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS visiting stalls at Biodiversity Exhibition during International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Biodiversity lovers visiting stalls at Biodiversity Exhibition during the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



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Enthusiastic biodiversity lovers on BMC stall singing biodiversity songs at Biodiversity Exhibition during the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Dr. E. Chakurkar presenting certificate to the participants on BMC stall at Biodiversity Exhibition during the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



'Seed Conservation' (बीज संवर्धन) stall was installed by GSBB at Biodiversity Exhibition during the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



'Honey Bank' stall was installed by GSBB at Biodiversity Exhibition during the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Dr. Giridhar Kinhal, IFS, Chairperson- National Access Benefit Sharing Committee, National Biodiversity Authority, lighting the traditional lamp during the inauguration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Member Secretary, GSBB giving a welcome address and remarks on IDB theme and information on significant activities of GSBB during the inaugural function of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Participants listening attentively to the speakers during the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Dr. Giridhar Kinhal, IFS, addressing the gathering during the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Chief Guest Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS addressing the gathering during the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



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Shri. Ravi Jha delivering vote of thanks of inaugural programme during International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Chairperson of Curtorim BMC being felicitated for completion of 1st PBRs in Goa by Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS by presenting a certificate of appreciation during International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Chairperson of Velim BMC being felicitated for completion of 1st PBRs in Goa at the hands of Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS by presenting a certificate of appreciation during International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Proprietor of company signing 1st ABS agreement being felicitated at the hands of Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS by presenting a certificate of appreciation during International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Winners of ABS logo competition being felicitated by Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS during International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Winner of Bridvakya competition being felicitated by Shri. Daulat Hawaldar, IAS during International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



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Students of S. S Anle Higher Secondary School- winner of street play competition performing the street play during International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



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Dr. A. G. Untawale, Executive Secretary, Mangrove Society of India interacting with the participants during International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



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Expert Members of Goa State Biodiversity Board guiding the members of BMC's at the time of interactive session held during International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018



Member Secretary, GSBB along with the Staff of GSBB during International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2018