



Goa State Biodiversity Board

Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards - 2021



The Government of Goa's "Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards-2021" in appreciation of exemplary contribution in the field of conservation of biodiversity, ecology and environment were presented at an awards presentation ceremony held on **3rd August 2021** at Ravindra Bhavan Curchorem, **Goa**. Due to Covid- 19 Pandemic restrictions the function was held with restricted number of invitees.

The dignitaries present included Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Hon'ble Minister for Environment & Climate Change (CC), Chairperson GSBB; Shri. Kunal, IAS, Secretary Environment & CC, Government of Goa; Shri Dashrath Redkar, Director Environment & Climate Change; Shri. Parag Rangnekar, Expert Board Member GSBB; Shri. Nilesh Dhaigodkar, Member Secretary, Ravindra Bhavan Curchorem; Dr. Jasmine Braganza, Chairperson, Curchorem Cacora Municipal Council Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC); Shri. Siddharth Dessai, Zilla Parishad member Curchorem Cacora and Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, GSBB.

The award ceremony commenced with the National Anthem, followed by the lightening of traditional lamp at the hands of the dignitaries.

Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB), in his welcome address introduced the award winners and briefly apprised about the Awards selection procedure that is followed by the Goa State Biodiversity

Conservation Awards Selection Committee, which is headed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. He explained different activities carried out by GSBB.

The Awards were presented to the awardees at the hands of Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Chairperson GSBB and Shri. Kunal, IAS, Secretary Environment.

GSBB felicitated women volunteers of the Multiprocessing Centre Pale at the hands of Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Chairperson GSBB with shawl and shripal.

GSBB felicitated Secretaries of selective BMCs at the hands of Shri. Kunal, IAS, Secretary Environment with appreciation certificate, Memento and cash prize of Rupees Five thousand each.

List of Secretaries of BMCs:

- ❖ Shri. Sushant Vishwambhar Lolayekar (Agonda BMC)
- ❖ Smt. Ranjana Anant Raul (Chodan Madel BMC)
- ❖ Shri. Ramesh Parshuram Mandrekar (Agarwado Chopdem BMC)
- ❖ Shri. Vijay Vishnudas Tilve (Corgao BMC)
- ❖ Smt. Vandana Sawant (Malcornem BMC)
- ❖ Smt. Sunita Virendra Dessai (Ambelim BMC)
- ❖ Shri. Allauddin Maniyar (Chinchinim and Cavelossim BMC)
- ❖ Smt. Manjita Phadte (Camurlim BMC)
- ❖ Smt. Karishma Ghadi (Revora BMC)
- ❖ Shri. Mandar Mohan Naik (Pernem MuC BMC)
- ❖ Shri. Makarand Palav (Khanjnem Amere Poroscodem BMC)
- ❖ Shri. Gauri Velip (Rivona BMC)

Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Shri. Chandrajitsing Dhanaji Rane, Shri. Arjun Santosh Govekar, Shri. Sarvesh Subhashchandra Gaonkar, Shri. Manjunath Mallesh Wadiyar, and Shri. Rohit Apa Gaonkar from Ramanata Crisna Pai Raikar School of Agriculture, Savoiverem, Ponda, Goa, in appreciation of their active role in the activity of plant distribution under the compensatory afforestation of 10 times the trees felled at Mopa Airport site for the year 2021-22 for a period of 2 months.

Recognition Certificate and memento was presented to 16 individuals from Goa in recognition of their contribution in the field of agrobiodiversity, ecology, environment, sustainable agricultural practice, fallow land management, awareness & motivation to farmers and general public.

- ❖ Shri. Dinesh Harmalkar
- ❖ Fr. George Quadros
- ❖ Dr. Suresh Kunkaliker
- ❖ Shri. Francisco Fernandes (Pele)
- ❖ Shri. Natekar Vijaykumar
- ❖ Shri. Benhail Antao
- ❖ Shri. Nakul Kerkar
- ❖ Dr. Sreekanth G.B
- ❖ Shri. Hanuman Tulshidas Gawas
- ❖ Dr. Manohara K.K.
- ❖ Dr. Shivasharanappa Nayakvadi
- ❖ Shri. Paul Fernandes
- ❖ Shri. Surel Tilve
- ❖ Shri. Devesh Naik
- ❖ Shri. Sachin Rane
- ❖ Dr. Adavi Rao Desai

Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2021 Biodiversity Enthusiast Category:

Shri. Amrutlal Singh from North Goa and Shri. Shricharan Dessai from South Goa were awarded the Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards 2021 in Biodiversity Enthusiast Category for their exemplary work in protecting wild life species specially rescue and rehabilitation of snakes and other wild animals, including rescue of adult crocodiles that had ventured into villages and

successfully rehabilitated them. Both have been selected by suo moto recognition by the Board members of GSBB.

This award included Citation, Memento, Silver coin and cash prize of Rupees Fifteen thousand each.

Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2021 Biodiversity Researcher Category:

Prof. (Dr.) Sangram Keshari Das was awarded the Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards 2021 in Biodiversity Researcher Category. This award included Citation, Memento, Silver coin and cash prize of Rupees Twenty Five thousand. Prof. (Dr). Sangram Keshari Das, MD, PhD, Professor and Head, Dravyaguna (Pharmacognosy and Pharmacology), Gomantak Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya and Research Center, Shiroda , was awarded for his exemplary work & keen interest in Medicinal plant cultivation, Propagation, Soil conservation, Garden development, Medicinal plant awareness program, Identification of Folk claimed plants, encouragement of Traditional Healer and their Healing practices , Ethno-Medico-Botanical survey, Drug standardization and Quality Control, Biodiversity conservation especial to Western Ghat. He has also been actively involved with the study of the various probable Biodiversity Heritage Sites specially the study of Goa's first Biodiversity Heritage Site at Surla -Purvatali Rai. He facilitated the visit of the traditional Healers for the National Ayurveda Congress held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Special Individual appreciation were awarded to Shri. Sujeetkumar Mariappa Dongre (North Goa) and Shri. Dattaram S.G. Borkar (South Goa) with appreciation certificate, Memento and cash prize of Rupees Five thousand each.

Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2021 Individual Category:

In individual category, **Shri. Sanket Suresh Naik from North Goa & Dr. Manoj Ramakant Borkar from South Goa** were awarded the State Biodiversity Award for their contributions in the field of Biodiversity & Environment. Both the Awardees were felicitated at the hands of Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Chairperson GSBB and Shri. Kunal, IAS, Secretary Environment with Memento, Silver coin, Citation and cash prize of Rupees Twenty-Five thousand each.

Shri. Sanket Naik's contribution as an Environment Educator in moulding the younger generation learning under his able guidance as students of the Government Primary Schools namely at Ambeshi – Pale & Kholpewadi – Sal situated in the heart of mining belt of Goa where he has been teaching. He has developed school gardens with medicinal plants and herbs and undertaken successfully various green initiatives with the students, parents & community. His mission of greening the school complex with the most innovative concept of the 'Nakshatravan', transformed a school from remote village into an inspiration for others.

Dr. Manoj Ramakant Borkar, Associate Professor of Zoology at Carmel College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Nuvem; a tribal pocket of Salcete. He founded the Biodiversity Research Cell (BRC), a training, research & consultancy in Field Biology in 2000, collaborated with a number of state and national agencies for Capacity Building programmes in 'Biodiversity Conservation & Management'. He has done pioneering work on 'Crocodiles of Cumbarjua canal and their conservation status' this has earned him a place in IUCN's Crocodile Specialist Group.

Special BMC appreciation was awarded to **Mandrem BMC and Penha de Franca BMC** (North Goa) and **Sarzora BMC and Cavelossim BMC** with appreciation certificate, Memento and cash prize of Rupees ten thousand each.

Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2021 BMC Category:

Shri. Arturo D'Souza- Chairperson & other BMC members of **Santa Cruz BMC** accepted Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards 2021 in BMC Category North Goa. This award is conferred for efforts taken by the BMC in preparing Peoples Biodiversity Register of the village, efforts for identifying and proposing to notify 'Bondvol Lake' as Wetland, also for the assistance provided for the 'Task Force on Bondvol'', contribution of the BMC team members and enthusiastic present Chairperson Shri. Arturo D'Souza in recognizing the local biodiversity knowledge holders, stakeholders, wetland mitras and experts.

Dr. Firoz Badesab – Chairperson & other BMC members of **Curti Khandepar BMC** accepted Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Award 2021 in BMC category South Goa. This award included Citation, Memento and cash prize of Rupees Fifty thousand each. This award is conferred for the overall efforts taken by BMC in setting an example for others by preparing Peoples Biodiversity Register of the village in participatory method and ensuring all three levels of its phase I validation. Revival of natural water bodies in Curti and Khandepar Villages, conservation of indigenous variety of seeds, efforts in convergence and collaboration of local institutions, encouraging youngsters and youth in conserving biodiversity, taking initiative to benefit fourteen local vaid/hakims with 'Vaidya Mitra Card'. Contribution of the BMC team members and enthusiastic Chairperson Dr.Firoz Badesab in recognizing the local biodiversity knowledge holders, stakeholders, experts and developing healthy relations with all other local body members, the efforts towards preservation and translation of the ancestral traditional medicinal book from the family of Shri. Salim Mulla is a unique effort of its kind.

Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Chairperson GSBB addressed the gathering. In his address he congratulated all award winners and he said people should conserve nature for better future, he appreciated the efforts of GSBB.

Shri. Kunal, IAS, spoke about uniqueness of Peoples Biodiversity Register prepared by BMCs in Goa and appreciated the validation process. He spoke on GSBB achievements in last one year. He applauded the good work and assured support.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Shri. Dasharath Redkar, Director Environment & Climate Change.

Short video clips of the Award winners were displayed. The entire program was compeered by Smt. Sucheta Naik.

The entire program was streamed live on zoom, social networking platforms of GSBB namely youtube and facebook.

The program was attended by 120 people and 300 live viewers.



Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Hon'ble Minister for Environment CC; Chairperson, GSBB, lighting the traditional lamp to mark the commencement of the award ceremony.



Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, GSBB, addressing the gathering



Shri. Sanket Suresh Naik, receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2021 (Individual Category) South Goa



Mrs. Meenal Borkar receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards-2021 (Individual Category) North Goa on behalf of Dr. Manoj Borkar



Shri. Arturo D'Souza- Chairperson, Santa Cruz BMC and other members receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2021 (BMC Category) North Goa, on behalf of Santa Cruz BMC



Dr. Firoz Badesab, Chairperson Curti Khandepar BMC and other members receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2021 (BMC Category) North Goa, on behalf of Curti Khandepar



Shri. Shricharan Desai receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards 2021 (BD Enthusiats Category – South Goa)



Shri. Amrutlal Singh receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards 2021 (BD Enthusiats Category – North Goa)



Dr. Sangram Keshari Das receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards 2021 (Applied Biodiversity Researcher Category)



Logo of Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards, 2021



Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Hon'ble Minister for Environment & CC; Chairperson GSBB, Government of Goa, addressing the gathering during Awards presentation ceremony



Shri. Kunal, IAS, Secretary Environment & CC, Government of Goa, addressing the gathering during Awards presentation ceremony



Silver Coin presented to winners of Awards 2021



Memento presented to winners at Awards 2021

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