



REPORT
of
STATE LEVEL CELEBRATION
(Virtual Celebration)
of
International Day for Biological Diversity - 2021
by
GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD
On the theme
"We're part of the solution # For Nature".

The State level function of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2021 (IDB 2021) was celebrated by Goa State Biodiversity Board & Goa State Wetland Board of Government of Goa in association with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change & National Biodiversity Authority on 22nd May 2021, from 10:15 am onwards in virtual mode. The theme adopted this year is **"We're part of the solution# For Nature"**, which was chosen to be continuation of the momentum generated last year under the theme, "Our solutions are in Nature", which served to remind that biodiversity remains the solution to challenges faced by humanity.

This year IDB 2021 was together observed with Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav inaugurated by Hon. Prime Minister of India to commemorate 75th Year of Independence.

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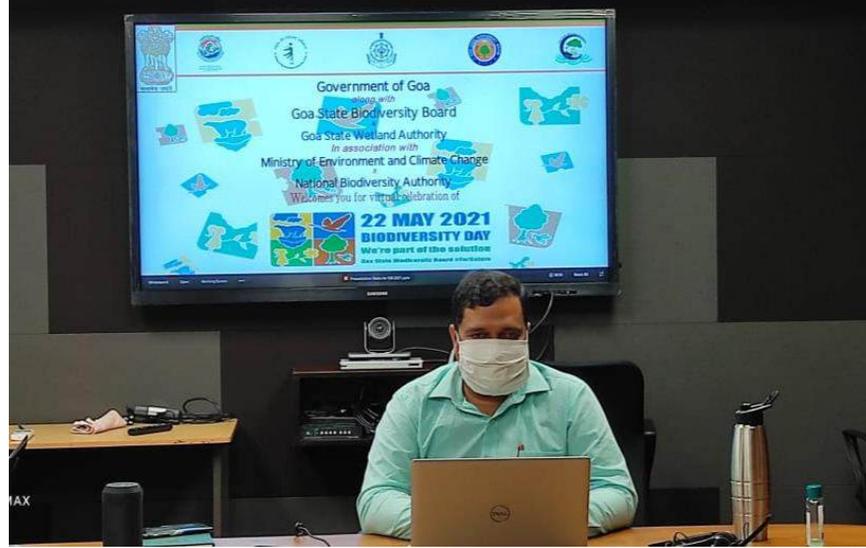
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The virtual program commenced with the welcome address by Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, GSBB, who also briefly highlighted the activities and achievements of GSBB.



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Shri. Kunal, IAS, Secretary - Power, Environment & Climate Change, Non – Conventional Energy, Chief Electoral Officer, Govt. of Goa spoke on his experiences of associating with the Chairpersons & Members of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) across Goa. He shared his experience of attending the People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) validation meeting of two BMCs and visits to the award winning BMCs villages.

Shri. Subhash Chandra, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Govt. of Goa and Chairperson of Awards Selection Committee of GSBB addressed the participants. He extended his support to the BMCs for their activities especially the livelihood and conservation related ones.

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Shri. Kunal, IAS, Secretary - Power, Environment & Climate Change, Non-Conventional Energy



Shri. Subhash Chandra, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Govt. of Goa

Experience Sharing by Award Winning BMCs: The address by the two dignitaries was followed by experience sharing by the Chairpersons & Members of the two Biodiversity award 2020 winning Biodiversity Management Committees from South & North Goa, Agarwada-Chopdem BMC & Shristhal BMC respectively. Shri. Vinay Tubki, BMC Chairperson & Shri. Shirish Pai, Member, from Shristhal BMC & Shri. Amol Raut, BMC Chairperson & Shri. Vithoba Bagli, Member, Agarwada Chopdem BMC, shared how activities were conducted in their villages with support from the Village Panchayat bodies as well as cooperation from villagers. They advised their peers on how to garner support of all the villagers, institutes from the village, NGOs and the Government bodies & their officials for the betterment of the village. Both the BMCs received many congratulatory and appreciation comments from the participants of the online program



Shristhal BMC



Agarwada Chopdem BMC

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Dr. T. V. Ramchandra, Energy & Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore deliberated on Importance of Wetlands with the Topic – “Wetlands: Treasure of Bangalore”. His in-depth knowledge was reflected through his highly informative presentation, whereby he took the participants on a virtual tour through the wetlands of Bangalore, their management, trouble shooting measures adopted to counter the various problems faced by the wetlands, Conservation of Terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and their linkages. He also informed about the capacity building activities carried out by the Indian Institute of Science including how youngsters have been involved in the data collection for Peoples Biodiversity Registers. His presentation was highly appreciated by the participants.



Dr. T. V. Ramchandra, Energy & Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

Dr. Nandkumar Kamat, Consultant, Microbial Biodiversity, GSBB (appointed by Director of Higher Education and allotted to GSBB), spoke on Microbial Diversity of Goa, He also gave a number of recommendations & suggestions to the public on documentation of the different uses of microbes in day to day activities, the need of why not to tamper with our ecology and environment, especially within the context of the ongoing Pandemic and measures by which we can safeguard our future generation from any further pandemics by ensuring that we conserve our environment and biodiversity. He specially appealed to the people of

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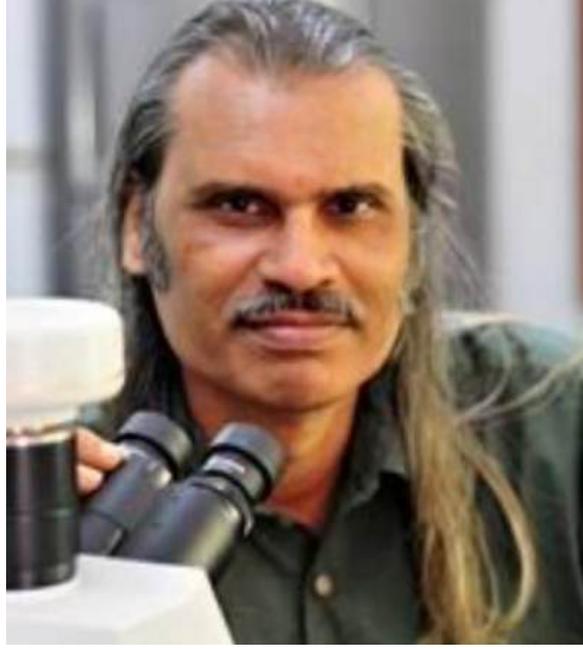
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Goa not to encourage consumption of the seasonal Termitomyces Mushrooms – Alami, as he warned that if we do not stop the indiscriminate harvest of these mushrooms we are headed towards another pandemic starting from the western Ghats as he explained briefly how the disease agents are contained by the forests and how our destructive actions lead to their release whereby resulting in epidemics & pandemics



Dr. Nandkumar Kamat, Consultant, Microbial Biodiversity, GSBB

Significant issues faced by Goa and possible solutions were discussed during the interactive session that followed. The function was attended by more than 100 local & National participants, including GSBB's Board members, Expert Committee Members, Scientists from institutions across India, NGOs, members of Biodiversity Management Committees, Biodiversity enthusiasts and general public.

Two minutes silence was observed to condole the death of noted environmentalist **Padma Vibhushan Shri. Sundarlal Bahuguna, founder of the Chipko Movement**, who passed away on 21st May 2021.

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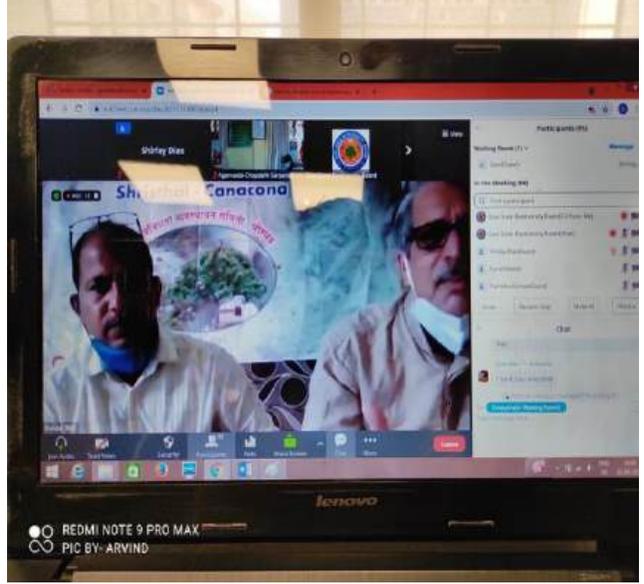
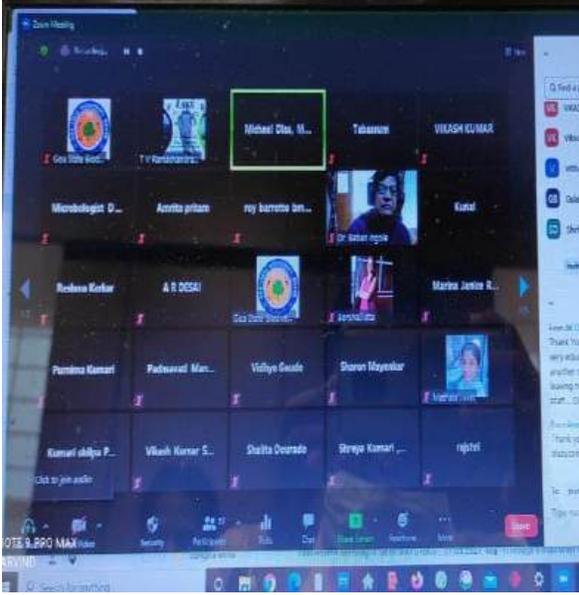
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The online event concluded with the closing remarks and vote of thanks proposed by Member Secretary, GSBB and the instrumental rendition of the National Anthem vide a video on wild animals.

STILLS OF THE ONLINE PROGRAM



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Government of Goa
Along with
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&
National Biodiversity Authority
Cordially invites you for the virtual celebration of
International Day for Biological Diversity – 2021
(Theme: "We're part of the solution# For Nature")

In the presence of Members of Goa State Biodiversity Board; Chairpersons & Members of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs); Members of Thematic Expert Committees of GSBB & other respectful public representatives

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

TIME	PROGRAMME
10:15 am to 10:25 am	Welcome address & Review of Activities / Achievements of GSBB by Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, GSBB
10:25 am to 10:35 am	Address by Shri. Kunal, IAS, Secretary - Power, Environment & Climate Change, Non – Conventional Energy, Chief Electoral Officer, Govt. of Goa
10:35 am to 10:45 am	Address by Shri. Subhash Chandra, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest – Govt. of Goa, Chairperson, Awards Selection Committee of GSBB
10:45 am to 10:55 am	Experience Sharing by Chairperson, Shristhal BMC, Goa State Biodiversity Award winning BMC 2020, South Goa
10:55 am to 11:05 am	Experience Sharing by Chairperson, Agarwada-Chopdem BMC, Goa State Biodiversity Award winning BMC 2020, North Goa
11:05 am to 12:05 pm	As part of the Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav, Address on Importance of Wetlands, Topic – "Wetlands: Treasure of Bangalore" by Dr. T. V. Ramchandra, Energy & Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
12:05 pm to 12:15 pm	Interactive session
12:15 pm to 12:45 pm	Address by Dr. Nandkumar Kamat, Consultant, Microbial Biodiversity, GSBB, on Microbial Diversity of Goa
12:45 pm to 1:00 pm	Interactive session
1:00 pm to 01:10 pm	Concluding remarks & Vote of thanks
Web link Time: May 22, 2021 10:15 AM India, Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82113109614?pwd=c1FaT2ovVEVSUjRNOURJInhMT1o2Zz09 Meeting ID: 821 1310 9614, Passcode: 240778	

IDB-2021 MESSAGE FROM THE HON'BLE. CHAIRPERSON, GSBB.

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लोकमत

माननीय मंत्री, पर्यावरण आणि हवामान बदल
गोवा सरकार, अध्यक्ष, गोवा राज्य जैवविविधता मंडळ (जीएसबीबी) यांचा संदेश





श्री. निलेश काब्राल

आंतरराष्ट्रीय जैविक विविधता दिवस २०२१ च्या प्रसंगी

संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघामध्ये २२ मे हा दिवस 'आंतरराष्ट्रीय जैविक विविधता दिवस (आयडीबी)' म्हणून स्वीकारला आहे आणि वेदव्यस्त या दिवस साजरा करण्याचे परमर्षी नेपोल्येनस विमानमध्ये साजरा करण्यात येत आहे. या वर्षी "निसर्गाच्या प्रगल्भतेचा उत्सव: आम्हीही एकच पट्टा आहोत!" या विषय अंगीकार करण्यात आला आहे. या दिवसाची निवड ही मान्यतेला साजरा करणाऱ्या लक्षावधी आंदोलकांचे साक्षात्पणे हे जैवविविधतेकडे आहे याचे स्वरूप करून देण्याचा "आमच्या समस्यांचे निराकरण निसर्गात आहे" या विषयसंगतीतून येत्या वर्षी प्रकृतिसंगततेच्या अनुषंगाने करण्यात आली होती.

या प्रसंगी, मी जैवविविधतेच्या संरक्षणासाठी 'वैविध्यपूर्णतेच्या अर्थव्यवस्थेचा प्रमुख भाग' करित आहे. जैविक या संघटनेमार्फत प्रकृतिसंगततेच्या माध्यमातून आमचे जीवन उत्कृष्ट जैवविविधतेच्या इतर क्षेत्रांच्या माध्यमातून संघर्षात साजरा करण्याची पाहणी करावी.

मी माझ्या समस्त सहकारी नेपोल्येनस आवाहन करू शकतो की हवामान बदल, आरोग्याच्या समस्या, जल व जल सुरक्षा, टीव्हाऊ जैवविविधतेच्या संकटाला सामोरा जाण्याचा समर्थन देण्यासाठी आम्हाला निरगमित आवाहन समाजातूनच साजरा जैवविविधतेच्या संरक्षणासाठी आम्हाला निरगमित आवाहन समाजातूनच साजरा जैवविविधतेच्या संरक्षणासाठी, पाहणी आम्हाला अन्न, जल, निवास व आरोग्याच्या सर्व पाहणीतून साजरा पाहणीतून आम्हाला.

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Message from the Hon'ble. Minister, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Goa, Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB)





Shri. Nilesh Cabral

On the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity 2021

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 "We're part of the solution: For Nature". The theme was chosen to be continuation of the momentum generated last year under the theme, "Our solutions are in Nature", which served to remind that biodiversity remains the solution to challenges faced by humanity.

On this occasion, I take this opportunity to reiterate the commitment of CSBB towards conservation of Biodiversity. Our new initiatives through project with brand name GoVen will lay the foundation in achieving conservation through livelihood intervention.

I wish to appeal to all my fellow Goans, to adopt sustainable lifestyle with nature based solutions to adapt ourselves to problems faced due to climate change, health issues, food & water security, sustainable livelihoods and to strengthen the conservation of biodiversity, which in turn will provide us with all our basic needs of food, water, shelter & health.

साजरी संदेशी-जैवविविधतेच्या संरक्षणासाठी आमचे प्रतिबद्धतेने | साजरी संदेशी-जैवविविधतेच्या संरक्षणासाठी आमचे प्रतिबद्धतेने | साजरी संदेशी-जैवविविधतेच्या संरक्षणासाठी आमचे प्रतिबद्धतेने | Careful Conservation of Biodiversity
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आंतरराष्ट्रीय जैवविविधताय दीसा 2021 निमतान

संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघामध्ये 22 मे ही जैवविविधतेच्या संरक्षणासाठी आंतरराष्ट्रीय दिवस (आयडीबी) म्हणून स्वीकारला आहे आणि वेदव्यस्त या दिवस साजरा करण्याचे परमर्षी नेपोल्येनस विमानमध्ये साजरा करण्यात येत आहे. या वर्षी "निसर्गाच्या प्रगल्भतेचा उत्सव: आम्हीही एकच पट्टा आहोत!" या विषय अंगीकार करण्यात आला आहे. या दिवसाची निवड ही मान्यतेला साजरा करणाऱ्या लक्षावधी आंदोलकांचे साक्षात्पणे हे जैवविविधतेकडे आहे याचे स्वरूप करून देण्याचा "आमच्या समस्यांचे निराकरण निसर्गात आहे" या विषयसंगतीतून येत्या वर्षी प्रकृतिसंगततेच्या अनुषंगाने करण्यात आली होती.

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Messages were printed in three different newspapers in Konkani, Marathi & English

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■ भांगरपुंय । प्रतिनिधी

पणजी: सुयम जंतूचो आगवे दिसाच्टे त्रिगोत कसो वापर जाता हाचे दस्तावेजीकरण जावपाची गरज आसा. लळा गोंया सयत सगळ्याक कोटेशनचे संदर्भ आसा. फुडाराक च फुडल्या पिळग्यांक आनीक कसलीय महत्वाची संसृष्टी पडूं येता. सैम आनी जैवविविधतायेचो सांबाळ, संवर्धन केल्यारुच आनी हाचे मुखार सुखी, निरोगी रावपाक शक्यता. अशें गोंय जैवविविधताय मंडळाचे सल्लागार, विज्ञानिक डॉ. नंदकुमार कामत हांगी सांगले.

गोंयकार पावसाच्या दिसांनी अडक्यांचेर दुसून पडटात. हे आनी बांधवले ना जाव्यार अस्तंत प्रायंतल्यान महामती येचे येता. अशी शिटकावणी दिवन डॉ. कामत हांगी राजां, जैवविविधताय संमत्तच करी आदारान दवरता, ताची सविस्तर मागणी दिली. सैम, पर्यावरणांत आनी हस्तक्षेप कित्याक करपाक जावना ते

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विशीं सांगून तांगी कांय शिकारशीच केल्यो.

गोंय राज्य जैवविविधताय मंडळ आनी गोंय राज्य प्राणधळ जर्मन मंडळा कतीन सल्लागार आंतरराष्ट्रीय जैवविविधताय दिसा निमतान खास ऑनलाइन कायदाक आरंभिल्लेता जाली. हे कायदाक पर्यावरण, राजां मंत्रालय आनी राष्ट्रीय जैवविविधताय प्राधिकरणाचुच तेंको दिल्ले. तातूंत डॉ. कामत उल्लेखिल्ले.

अंदुची संकल्पना आशिल्ली, सैमा खातीरच्या उण्याचो आनीय एक वांटो. सैमानुच उपाय रिपिल्ले आसात मनस जाती मुखार आशिल्ली आव्हानां सोडोवप खातीर जैवविविधताय हीच उपाय आसा. पोरु हेच संकल्पनेचेर कार्यावळ जाल्ली. भारताच्या 25 व्या स्वातंत्रताय दिसा निमतान प्रधानमंत्र्यान भारत का अमृत महोत्सव आयोजीत केला, बांगडाच हो जैवविविधताय दिसुच

मनयलो.

गोंय राज्य जैवविविधताय मंडळाचे बांगडो सवीच डॉ. प्रदीप सरमोकादम हांगी संबसार दिले. तशेंच मंडळाच्या कार्याचे म्हायती दिली. उपस्थितांक पर्यावरण सवीच जुगारल, मुखेल उपायल सुवाच घट हांगी मार्गदर्शन केले. मनोर पुरस्कार मेळिल्ल्या आगरबाड- घोपडे आनी बीम्बळ जैवविविधताय वेवस्थापन समितीच्या अध्यक्ष, बांगडाचोनी अणभव सांगले.

प्राणधळ, दलदल, ओलसाण आशिल्ले जमनी विशीं भारतीय विज्ञान संस्थेच्या पर्यावरण विज्ञान केंद्राचे डॉ. टी. श्री. रामचंद्र हांगी भौलदिक म्हायती दिली. हे कार्यावळींत उपरत उपभितरणी गोंयां फुडल्या कांय समस्वांचेर भासभास केली. तातूंत 100 परस घट गोंयांतल्या आनी राष्ट्रीय पांवड्या वयल्या लोकनी भाग घेतली. सरकारी अधिकारी, विनर सरकारी संस्थांचेय हातूंत आस्पाव आसले.

Article on IDB 2021 program in local Marathi newspaper

BRIEF REPORT ON THE PRE-IDB 2021 COMPETITIONS

Prior to the State level online program of IDB 2021, GSBB held the Pre- IDB competitions under the name **YUVA JAGRUTI 2021** in association with 'ABHIVYAKTEE' a registered NGO formed in the year 1997 at Panaji by likeminded people from performing arts and has since then been thriving for artistic expressions for Children, Youth & Adults for a socio-cultural cause.

The organising process for this year's competition began in December 2020 with a fleet of experienced Youth with lot of brain storming to design and draft the more challenging chapter of *Yuva Jagruti* which was to be entirely executed online and on a National level.

A specially designed Website of *Yuva Jagruti 2021* was thus formulated and was launched online at the hands of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Shri. Nilesh Cabral on 12th January 2021, Swami Vivekanand's birth anniversary celebrated as 'Youth Day'.

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Registration process through the designated website began from 14th January and youngsters from more than 20 states and Union territories registered for various events. The registration process ended on 02nd February while the submissions began from 02nd till 12th February. Judging was carried out from 13th to 20th February 2021.

Since the launch of the website, a total of 3,111 unique people visited the website, of which 301 youths registered for the six contests.

Online Inaugural function was held on 30th January, which was attended by all the registered participants. Swapnil Fadnis compeered the inaugural. Founder member of Abhivyaktee, Smt. Anagha Deshpande explained about the project. Member Secretary of Goa State Biodiversity Board Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam spoke on behalf of the Board and announced the commencement of the event. Submission process started from 1st February and went on till 12th February.



abhivyakteeapanaji A sneak peek into Yuva Jagruti 2021's Inauguration Ceremony held yesterday 🌸



abhivyakteeapanaji YUVA JAGRUTI 2021 begins today!!!

Stills from the Inaugural function of Yuva Jagruti- Pre IDB 2021 competitions, posted on social media

Details of the Pre IDB 2021 Competitions:

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1. Microtale

This competition was for the age group of 16 - 25 years. Theme was 'Co-exist'. 60 people from 12 states participated. 32 microtales were received during submission process, of which 16 were approved based on relevance to topic and rules mentioned.

Kaaviya Balkrishnan from Tamil Nadu won 1st Prize.

2nd Prize was begged by Siddhant Khandekar.

Ninad Tengse and Dale Dias from Goa got Consolation prizes.

2. Digital Poster Making

This competition was for the age group of 16 - 25 years. Themes were *Body image, the social media and its effects* and *Global warming*. 64 people from 15 states had participated. 30 digital posters from 15 states were received during the submission process, of which 17 were approved based on relevance to the topic and rules mentioned.

Gautam Naik from Goa won 1st Prize.

2nd Prize was secured by Kaaviya Balkrishnan from Tamil Nadu.

Ashita Sharma from Delhi and Absal Ahmad from Tamil Nadu got Consolation prizes.

3. Reel ad

This competition was for the age group of 16 - 25 years. Theme was *Biodiversity/Environment*. 32 people from 25 states had participated. During the submission process, 5 ads were approved based on relevance to topic and rules mentioned. These 5 were posted on social media and the result was declared based on the number of likes and shares.

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Abhishek Pradhan from West Bengal secured 1st prize.

Rahul Sardar from west Bengal got 2nd Prize and

3rd prize was won by Dale Dias from Goa.

4. Monologue

This competition was for the age group of 13 - 22 years. Theme was any one element of *Panchamahabhuta* – Air, Water, Earth, Fire and Space. 54 people from 15 states participated. 48 monologue entries were received during the submission process, of which 17 from 5 states were approved based on relevance to topic and rules mentioned.

Biplab Naskar from **West Bengal** won 1st Place,

Chaitra Deshbhandari from **Goa** got 2nd and

Samar Mridha from **West Bengal** got 3rd Place.

5. Meme

This competition was for the age group of 16 - 25 years. Theme was *Biodiversity/Environment*. 41 people from 14 states had participated. 18 entries from 8 states were received during the submission process, of which 8 from 5 states were approved based on relevance to the topic and rules mentioned. These 5 were posted on social media and the result was declared based on the number of likes and shares.

Goa's Dale Dias' meme got maximum number of likes and won 1st Place whereas

Uttam Parsekar also from Goa secured 2nd Place.

6. Quiz

15 teams registered for this competition of which 11 teams participated in the 1st/preliminary round held on 11th February. 6 teams qualified and entered 2nd round

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which held on 18th February. Of these, 4 entered the final round held on 21st February.

Shivansh Jain and Shubham Kumar from **Bihar** won 1st place and Manali Borkar and Amogh Kantak from **Goa** secured 2nd Place.

The concluding ceremony and was held online on 21st February at 4.30 pm over Zoom. The ceremony, with Ms Antara Bhide as compeer, was witnessed live by more than 60 participants from all over the country. Dr Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, GSBB congratulated all participants and prize winners for having developed such clarity and awareness of nature and environment at such a young age. The winners of all competitions were announced and congratulated. Ms Veda Manerikar elaborated on the National level Pre- IDB-2021, *Yuva Jagruti* participation process, the mission and its success. Mr Saish Deshpande concluded the ceremony with a Vote of Thanks.

The vibrant exchange of ideas at National level Pre- IDB-2021, Yuva Jagruti surely does contribute towards a positive change in the participating youth towards our society and in developing a view as regards to the environment and biodiversity.

GSBB would like to place on record its appreciation of Dale Dias for donating the prize money of the competitions he won to an Animal Shelter in Panaji, Goa.

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