

**Message  
From  
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Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Goa Chairperson, Goa State  
Biodiversity Board**

**On the occasion of  
International Day for Biological Diversity- 2018**



Biodiversity is variety of all forms of life including different plants, animals and all other organisms living on the earth. Presence of biodiversity makes our earth best place to live and ensures environmental equilibrium.

This year's theme of International Day for Biological Diversity-2018 is "Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity". Theme is chosen to mark the 25th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention on Biological Diversity and to highlight the progress made in the achievement of its objectives at the national and global levels. India is signatory to the convention and presently one among the global leaders in this field.

On this occasion, I take this opportunity to appeal to all the Goans, for taking up participatory conservation efforts for biodiversity. We must respect and review our age old traditions which are based on principles of coexistence with nature. Let us manage our resources responsibly and judiciously. Let's take all the possible measures to ensure ecological as well as economical sustainability in the interest of our future generations.