

**Message from the Hon'ble. Minister, Environment & Climate Change
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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 GSBB towards conservation of Biodiversity. Our new initiatives through project with brand name GoVan will lay the foundation in achieving conservation through livelihood interventions.

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.