

**Message from the Hon'ble. Minister, Environment & Climate Change
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On the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity 2022

Warm greetings to everyone on 'The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB)- 2022', being celebrated all over the world.

The theme of this year is "building shared future for all" and is in line with previous themes emphasizing on nature as solution and that we all are integral part of the ecosystem. Biodiversity is foundation of our life support system and existence. The State of Goa is preparing Goa State Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan (GSBSAP) for the next decade and at the same time the post 2020 Global Biodiversity framework is being prepared at global level at the upcoming UNBD Conference i.e COP 15, while the global community is making effort to bend the curve of Biodiversity loss, we have to do a bit by ensuring solidarity, participation and participatory conservation of biodiversity.

Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) has taken several initiatives along with Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA) and Climate Change secretariate. The notification of seven wetlands by GSWA, Plantation scheme of GSBB, setting up of Multiproduct Processing Centre (MPC) for biodiversity conservation through livelihood initiatives under GoVan project, continuous quality upgradation of PBR's and Green skilling initiatives etc. are few of such initiatives. We are committed to the mission of biodiversity conservation through peoples participation.

Let's pledge today that we will build our shared future by not only considering our prosperity but also well-being and others species around us.