



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY- 2022

“Building a shared future for all life”

Every year ‘22nd May’ is celebrated worldwide as **International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB)** to commemorate the adaptation of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992. Celebrating IDB every year reaffirms our resolve and reflects on our responsibility to safeguard the precious heritage of bio resources for future generation.

This year’s IDB theme is **“Building a shared future for all life”**.

On 22nd May 2022, as a part of IDB activity Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) organized virtual lecture for Biodiversity Management Committee’s (BMC’s). On onset Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, welcomed all participants and introduced Chief Guest, Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Hon’ble Minister for Environment and Climate Change; Guest of honour: Shri. Arun Kumar Mishra, IAS, Secretary, Environment and Climate Change. Lecture was delivered by Dr. Manoj Borkar, HOD, Zoology Dept. Carmel College for Women, Nuvem, Goa and also recipient of Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Award, 2021 on topic **“Biodiversity & Zoonotic Diseases: Conservation and Implications”**, also Dr. Mahendra Bale, Chairperson, Ambaulim BMC, South Goa and Shri. Alvito Joseph August D’Silva, Ex-Secretary, Pomburpa Olaulim, BMC, North Goa, shared their experience on BMC and Peoples Biodiversity Register(PBR), vote of thanks was given by Dr. Baban Ingole, Expert Member, GSBB.





Goa State Biodiversity Board
cordially invites you for



*Virtual Celebration of International Day for
Biological Diversity 2022*

Theme for IDB 2022: *Building a shared future for all life*

Join us for an eventful day on 22nd May 2022, 10 A.M. Onwards!!

<p>Inauguration & Welcome Address</p> <p>Experience sharing by Biodiversity Management Committees</p> <p>Guest Lecture on "Biodiversity & Zoonotic Diseases: Conservation and Implications"</p> <p>Interactive session followed by Vote of Thanks</p>	<p>Dr. Pradip Sarmakadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB)</p> <p>Shri. Arun Kumar Mishra, IAS, Secretary, Environment and Climate Change. (Guest of honour)</p> <p>Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Honble Minister Environment & Climate Change; Chairperson, GSBB. (Chief Guest)</p> <p>Dr. Mahendra Bale, Chairperson, Ambaulim BMC, South Goa; Shri. Alvaro Joseph August D'Silva, Ex-Secretary, Pomburpa Olaulim, BMC, North Goa.</p> <p>Dr. Manoj Borkar, HOD, Zoology Dept. Carmel College for Women, Nuvem, Recipient of Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Award, 2021</p> <p>Dr. Baban Ingole, Expert Member, GSBB</p>
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Your presence is requested by - Shri. Dashraaj Redkar, Director Environment and Climate Change & Dr. Pradip Sarmakadam, Member Secretary, GSBB

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Invitation of virtual celebration of IDB-2022

Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards-2022

In continuation to IDB- 2022, on 5th June 2022, GSBB presented “Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards-2022” in appreciation of exemplary contribution in the field of conservation of biodiversity, ecology and environment, held on 5th June 2022 at 3:00pm onwards at the “Dr. S. Z. Qasim Auditorium of National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) Dona Paula Goa”.

This year the awards were conferred in Five categories namely awards for best Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) Category, one each from North & South Goa, with a prize amount of Rs. 50,000/-, the Individual Category with prize amount of Rs. 25,000/-, for one individual each from North & South Goa, the Biodiversity Enthusiast Category with prize amount of Rs. 15,000/-, for one individual each from North & South Goa, Applied Biodiversity Researcher Category with



prize amount of Rs. 25,000/- for one individual from the State and Green Journalism Category with prize amount of Rs. 25,000/- for one individual from the State of Goa. In addition, special appreciation prizes were given to 4 BMCs with a prize amount of Rs. 10,000/- each, and 4 individuals with a prize amount of Rs. 5000/- each.

The dignitaries present included Shri Dashrath Redkar, Director Environment & Climate Change; Dr. Parveen Kumar, Director ICAR; Dr. Baban Ingole, Expert Board Member GSBB; Guest of Honour Shri. Suresh Shanbhogue, Director, Civil Aviation 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 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.

The Awards were presented to the awardees at the hands of the dignitaries.

GSBB felicitated Secretaries and Chairpersons of selective BMCs with appreciation certificate, Memento and cash prize of Rupees Five thousand each.

List of Secretaries and Chairpersons of BMCs:

- Ms. Ramita Krishna Murgaonkar (Cumbarjua BMC)
- Shri. Sushant Naik Gaonkar (Cotigao BMC)
- Shri. Yatin Kamurlekar (Mormugao MUC BMC)
- Shri. Keshav Phadte (Azossim Mandur BMC)
- Smt. Vaishali Naik (Rivona BMC)
- Shri. John Travasso (Xeldem BMC)
- Shri. Dominic John Noronha (Dramapur Sirlim BMC)
- Shri. Rui Manuel da Costa Araujo (Chicalim BMC)
- Mrs. Pallavi Raul (Tamboxem Mopa Uguem BMC)
- Shri. Jayesh Valavalkar (Piligao BMC)
- Shri. J Santano Rodrigues (Curtorim BMC)
- Shri. Rajendra Gawas (Candolim BMC)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION certificate & Memento was presented to 23 individuals for contribution in the field of agrobiodiversity, ecology, environment, sustainable agricultural practice, fallow land management, awareness & motivation to farmers and general public:



- Shri. Devidas Gaonkar
- Shri. Avit Bagle
- Ms. Prachita Shet Gaonkar
- Shri. Satish A. Painginkar
- Shri. Mangaldas P. Devsekar
- Shri. Glagri Rodrigues
- Dr. Sreekanth G B
- Ms. Zeena Rita Soares
- Shri. Raj R. Majik
- Shri. Fondu Appa Rane
- Shri. Vinod G. Sawant
- Shri. Vishant A. Gaonkar
- Ms. Milan Sandeep Gaonkar
- Shri. Satyavijay Sawant
- Smt. Sumitra Haldankar & Shri. Sajjan Haldankar
- Shri. Arjun Govekar, Shri. Manjunath Wadiyar
- Ms. Harshada Kerkar
- Shri. Kishor R Sarsolkar.

Special Appreciation Certificate, Memento & Cash prize for programs implemented by GSBB was presented to

- Dr. Firoz Badesab
- Shri. Arturo D'Souza
- Shri. Devesh Naik
- Smt. Elsa Fernandes
- Shri. Shamba Majik
- Shri. Rudresh Mhamal.

Special Recognition Certificate & Memento was presented to following BMCs

- Candolim BMC
- Chinchinim Deussua BMC
- Cavelossim BMC

Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2022 Biodiversity Enthusiast Category:



Shri. Ramesh N. Zarmekar (North Goa): from Surla, a village situated at the height of 813 mts of the above mean sea level of Sattari taluka. Having spent most of the time in the vicinity of the lush green nature in Surla, nestled in the lap of the Western Ghat forest of Goa, since childhood, he got the opportunity to witness the floral and faunal wealth of the area. He has inherited from his mother the traditional knowledge of folklore and ethnobotany, imbibed in him love for the nature around, along with the fighting spirit.

Shri. Johnson Stephen (South Goa): His zeal in protection of wild life and their habitats is exemplary and has led to positive actions leading to protection, restoration, rehabilitation of species and natural ecosystems around us. You have set an inspirational example to youth in promoting coexistence with wildlife. In the times when an increasing number of ecosystems including endangered species are facing threat, your work in taking up cleanliness drives in mangroves and riparian ecosystems has more relevance and importance.

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

Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2022 Biodiversity Researcher Category:

Dr. Manohara K.K. : Senior Scientist (Genetics & Plant Breeding),Crop Sciences Section ICAR - Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Ela, Old Goa. He is recognized for his selfless contribution in the field of agrobiodiversity, ecology and environment. His research has created livelihood opportunities for farmers and led to provisioning timely seeds. His contribution towards the Goan society has inspired other scientists to take up the research that will be useful for local communities and the State at large. This award included Citation, Memento, Silver coin and cash prize of Rupees Twenty five thousand.

Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2022 Green Journalist Category

Shri. Paul Fernandes has worked close to 40 years in journalism and his experience of covering environment and biodiversity issues is unmatched in Goa. He has consistently highlighted issues helpful for conservation of Olive Ridley turtles. His other memorable reports have been on conservation of shellfish, freshwater fish biodiversity, invasive fish species, migrant bird populations during winter, threats to bird habitats and wetlands, including Carambolim, Bondvol and Chimbél lakes. He has done a series of reports on the threat from tar balls. In his delightful writing style, Paul has highlighted unique animal rescues, new species of flora, felling of trees, encroachments in St Inez creek and campaign for its desiltation and restoration. Through his



illustrious career, Paul has covered every subject from high court to police, assembly sessions, political stories, features, PWD, but it is environment and heritage reports that remained close to his heart.

Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2022 Individual Category:

In individual category, Dr. Suresh Kunkaliker from North Goa & Shri. Kanta Gayak 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 _____ with Memento, Silver coin, Citation and cash prize of Rupees Twenty-Five thousand each.

Dr. Suresh Kunkaliker (North Goa): Principal, Don Bosco College of Agriculture, Sulcorna, Quepem, Goa is a plant pathologist and virologist. His significant contributions enhanced our knowledge of new and emerging threats by viruses to plant and agrobiodiversity. His professional expertise can be gleaned from his membership of prestigious organizations such as American Society for Virology, The American Phytopathological Society, Indian Virological Society, Indian Society for Mycology and Plant Pathology, Indian Society for Phytopathology, Association of Plant Pathologist. In his present position he has guided numerous farmers and people on cultivating paddy and sustainable rural development in Khazan lands in Goa. He has championed the promotion of local ecosystems and biodiversity and guided village youth for opportunities in Agro-Eco Tourism in Khazan and hinterland. Sensing the importance of pollinators in crop production he has promoted entrepreneurship training in honey bee rearing for honey production.

Shri. Kanta Gayak (South Goa): from Shristhal Canacona Goa is a unique example of Environment friendly personality selflessly serving people in his area for several years. He is a well-known Traditional healer who serves the people with Herbal Medicine for various diseases by making use of Bio resources and natural products with sustainable harvesting. The people from not only Canacona Taluka but surrounding areas too have benefitted from his remedies. He has been serving as a traditional healer without asking any fees in return as is the tradition followed by most of the healers. He has also been instrumental in ensuring that the herbal medicinal plants and trees are conserved and has planted and ensured their growth himself.

Special Appreciation certificate with memento and cash prize of Rupees Five Thousand each in Individual Category was awarded to Ms. Zarina Fernandes & Smt. Yeshodha Pandurang Gawade from North Goa and Dr. Lata Gawade & Dr. Jyoti Yashodan Heblekar South Goa



Special BMC appreciation certificate with memento and cash prize of Rupees Ten Thousand each was awarded to Pilerne BMC and Chodan Madel BMC (North Goa) and Rivona BMC and Ambaulim BMC.

Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2022 BMC Category:

Pomburpa Olaulim BMC (North Goa): This award is conferred for efforts taken by the Pomburpa Olaulim BMC in the field of conservation of biodiversity, ecology and environment since the constitution of Pomburpa – Olaulim BMC. Pomburpa was among first BMCs who took the advantage of Goa State Biodiversity Board’s decision to have a government official from any department other than the Village Panchayat Secretary by virtue of which Shri. Alvito D’ Silva was able to offer his dedicated and whole hearted service in grooming the Biodiversity Management Committee of Pomburpa Olaulim under Shri. Prabhakar Halarnkar as Chairperson. The extensive participatory consultation done by Pomburpa – Olaulim BMC by involving maximum stakeholders including traditional knowledge holder. The field work, ground truthing, transect walk and identification of flora, habitats, water sources, springs, GIS mapping of important ecological areas during PBR documentation continuously working with the Technical Support Group Biodiversity Action Network Group (BANG) to bring out one of the highest quality PBR with the ability of cross referencing unique layout, inclusion of all formats and exceeding the expectation of GSBB. Pomburpa - Olaulim BMC has set benchmark with preparation of quality PBR.

Chicalim BMC (South Goa): This award is conferred for the overall efforts taken by Chicalim BMC in the field of conservation of biodiversity, ecology and environment since the constitution of BMC. Chicalim BMC is a village level statutory custodian of the rich biodiversity of the serene village of Chicalim, in Mormugao taluka of South Goa. The Chicalim BMC under the dynamic leadership of its Chairperson Shri. Rui Manuel da Costa Araújo and proactive office bearers have strived, often at the cost of their own resources and braving risks, for galvanizing the community to guard the Chicalim bay and its resources from exploitative forces, to preserve and conserve the bay for posterity; while demonstrating impeccable commitment towards building capacity of fellow villagers in protecting the living heritage of their village. The consistent efforts of the villagers and the Chicalim BMC to invite limelight on the Window Pane Oyster and give it the status of a Flagship species is laudable and worthy of emulation.

Dr. Suresh Shanbhogue spoke about the massive plantation activity taken up by GSBB. He appreciated the efforts of GSBB.



Shri. Parveen Kumar, addressed the gathering. In his address he congratulated all award winners.

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 Shri. Subhash Jan.

The entire program was streamed live on youtube channel of GSBB. The program was attended by 300 people and over 100 live viewers.



Shri. Dasharath Redkar, Director Environment & CC lighting the traditional lamp to mark the commencement of the award ceremony.



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



Dr. Suresh Kunkaliker, receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2022 (Individual Category) South Goa



Shri. Kanta Gayak receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards-2022 (Individual Category) North Goa





Shri. Rui Manuel Da Costa Araujo - Chairperson, Chicalim BMC and other members receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards-2022 (BMC Category) North Goa, on behalf of Chicalim BMC



Shri. Prabhakar Haldankar, Chairperson Pomburpa Olaulim BMC and other members receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards -2022 (BMC Category) North Goa, on behalf of Pomburpa Olaulim BMC



Shri. Ramesh N. Zarmekar receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards 2022 (BD Enthusiats Category – North Goa)



Shri. Johnson Stephen receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards 2022 (BD Enthusiats Category – South Goa)



Dr. Manohara KK receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards 2022 (Applied Biodiversity Researcher Category)



Shri. Paul Fernandes receiving Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards 2022 (Green Journalist Category)





Logo of Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards, 2022



Dr. Parveen Kumar addressing the gathering during Awards presentation ceremony



Silver Coin presented to winners of Awards 2022



Memento presented to winners at Awards 2022



Pre IDB -2022 event - “RASTRIYA YUVA JAGRUTI”, a Youth National Festival held from 12th January to 19th February 2022.

Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB), in collaboration with Abhivyaktee, organized the “RASTRIYA YUVA JAGRUTI”, a Youth Festival from 12th January to 19th February 2022.

Inaugural function:

Virtual inaugural function held on 12th January 2022 to mark Shri. Swami Vivekanand’s birth anniversary which is celebrated as ‘Youth Day’. The function started at 3:00PM onwards. At onset Ms. Veda V. Manerikar, Chief Co-ordinator of Abhivyaktee, explained about the submission process.

Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, GSBB in his welcome speech spoke about the motive of the project.

Dr. Vinod B. Mathur, Hon’ble Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), was the Chief Guest who expressed his pleasure over such a project and its need. He declared the event open and the registration process began.

Aman Bagali compeered the inaugural function.

Following are the details of the competitions held at National level:

Microtale

This competition was for the age group of 16 - 35 years and the theme was ‘Back to Roots’.

74 people from 9 states participated. 34 microtales were received during submission process, of which 27 were approved based on relevance to topic and rules mentioned.

Shambhavi Rai and Avinash S. Nair were the judges.

The results are:

1st place - Rs. 1500/- :Jesmal Jelal, Kerala

2nd place Rs. 1300/- :Saleen Marandi, Bihar

3rd place - Rs. 1000/- :Dr. K. Akhilesh, Goa

Consolation - Rs. 700/- :NinadTengse, Goa

Consolation - Rs. 700/- :Anushree Savoiverenkar, Goa



Digital Poster Making

This competition was for the age group of 25 years and below and themes were Biodiversity matters' OR 'Global Warming.

102 contestants from 9 states registered. 40 digital posters from 7 states were received during the submission process, of which 24 were approved based on relevance to the topic and rules mentioned.

Venkatesh Lagji and Arun Malik were the judges.

The results are:

1st place - Rs. 2500/- : Gautam Naik, Goa

2nd place- Rs. 1500/- :Akshay Volvoikar, Goa

Consolation - Rs. 1000/- : Sundar Chaudhary, Goa

Consolation - Rs. 1000/- :Konal Makwana, Goa

Reel

This competition was for the age group of 16 - 25 years and theme was Biodiversity/Environment.

34 people from 25 states registered. 12 submissions were received of which 7 were selected based on relevance to topic and the rules mentioned.

Qualifying entries were posted on Instagram and the result was declared based on the number of likes. Sahil Umesh Naik selected final 7 memes.

The results are:

1st place- Rs. 4000/- : Akshay Volvoiker, Goa

2nd place - Rs. 3000/- : Srushti Desh Bhandari, Goa

Consolation - Rs. 1700/- : Neha Bhobe, Goa

Consolation - Rs. 1700/- : Sushant Kadam, Goa

Monologue

This competition was for the age group of 16 - 24 years and theme was Man and Nature.

Out of 42 registrations, 11 entries from 3 states were received during the submission process and all 11 were approved based on relevance to topic and rules mentioned.



Veena Sharma and Dr. Sanjay Patil Deolankar were the judges.

The results are:

1st place- R. 2500/- :Nayansadhak, West Bengal

2nd place - Rs. 1800/- :BiplabNaskar, West Bengal

Consolation - Rs. 1300/- :Alip Halder, West Bengal

Consolation - Rs. 1300/- : Rahul Sardar, West Bengal

Meme

This competition was for the age group of 25 years and below and theme was Biodiversity/Environment.

48 people from 7 states registered. 17 entries were received during the submission process, of which 15 were approved based on relevance to the topic and rules mentioned.

These 15 were posted on social media and the result was declared based on the number of likes.

Mitanshu Kawlekar selected final 15 memes

The results are:

1st place - Rs. 2500/- : Twizel Coutinho, Goa

2nd place - Rs. 1500/- :Akshay Volvoiker, Goa

Consolation - Rs. 1000/- :Nimay Kamat, Goa

Consolation - Rs. 1000/- : Himanshu Naik, Goa

Photography

This competition was for the age group of 16-35 years and Theme was Flora and Fauna.

180 youths registered. 65 entries were received during the submission process, of which 55 from 15 states were approved based on relevance to the topic and rules mentioned.

Vishruth Cavale and Parag Rangnekar were the judges.

The results are:

1st place - Rs. 2000/- :Irengbam Momocha, Manipur

2nd place - Rs. 1500/- : Abhishek Govekar, Goa



Consolation - Rs. 1000/- :Parth Lokhande, Maharashtra

Consolation - Rs. 1000/- : Jovan Dias, Goa

Concluding function:

The concluding was held on 19th February at 3.30 pm over Zoom. The ceremony was witnessed live by more than 60 participants from all over the country.

Dr. Saish Deshpande, Project in charge, briefed about the project and its outreach in 2022.

Member Secretary, GSBB, Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam welcomed all and put forth the motive behind such annual event.

Ms Veda Manerikar elaborated on the 2nd edition of राष्ट्रीय YuvaJagruti 2022 participation process, the mission and its success. The winners of all competitions were announced by the respective in charge along with the display of the award winning entries and an introduction of the judges.

Chief Guest, Hon'ble Chairperson of National Biodiversity Authority, Dr. Vinod B. Mathur congratulated all participants and prize winners for having developed such clarity and awareness of nature and environment at such a young age.

Ms Samiksha Chari, Programme Officer, GSBB congratulated the winners and explained about the prize money direct transferring formalities.

The function was concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ms Antara Bhide.

***** Thank you*****

