



STATE LEVEL CELEBRATION  
(Virtual Celebration)  
of  
**International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) - 2020**  
by  
**GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD**

Theme of IDB-2020 is “**Our Solutions are in Nature**”.

The Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB), in association with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change & National Biodiversity Authority held the State Level celebration of the **International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB)** on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020, by conducting a webinar on the IDB-2020 Theme “Our Solutions are in Nature”. The virtual celebration was held due to the prevailing COVID-19 Pandemic.

The webinar commenced with the biodiversity song. **Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary**, Goa State Biodiversity Board, in his welcome address explained the relevance of the IDB- 2020 theme “**Our Solutions are in Nature**”.

The pre-recorded video message by **Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Hon’ble. Minister for Environment, Goa & Chairperson, GSBB** briefing on biodiversity of Goa and on IDB 2020 theme and prevailing COVID-19 Pandemic. He informed about the the constitution of 100% Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) and Peoples' Biodiversity Register (PBR) across Goa, followed by online launch of ‘**Multipurpose Processing Centre**’ under the Project “**Biodiversity Conservation through livelihood Intervention with ‘GoVan’ brand**”.



Pre- recorded message By Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Hon'ble. Minister for Environment, Goa & Chairperson, GSBB

Webinar was inclusive of declarations of the winners of the competitions held to commemorate the World Wetlands Day by the Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA) and announcement of winners of the YuvaJagruti2020 Pre-IDB competitions followed by short interactive session & discussion with experts from Goa, GSBB's Thematic Expert Committee Members, BMC Chairpersons & members and Members of Goa State Biodiversity Board.

Short informative videos and photo clippings of individuals felicitated by GSBB for their work in the field of Biodiversity were also part of this webinar. The individuals felicitated includes **Mrs. Bhagirathi Kharvat**, from Malpe, Pernem for seed preservation and her traditional knowledge, **Shri. Shrikant Priolkar**, for restoration of traditional bund by motivation of locals in Chodan-Madel island and two youngsters from Savoiverem, **Miss Devata Naik & Sankalp Naik**. A short film on innovative method of control of human animal conflict measures adopted to control monkey menace by **Shri. Vinod Barve** was screened (Short film is in local language with English subtitles).



Felicitations of Mrs. Bhagirathi Kharvat

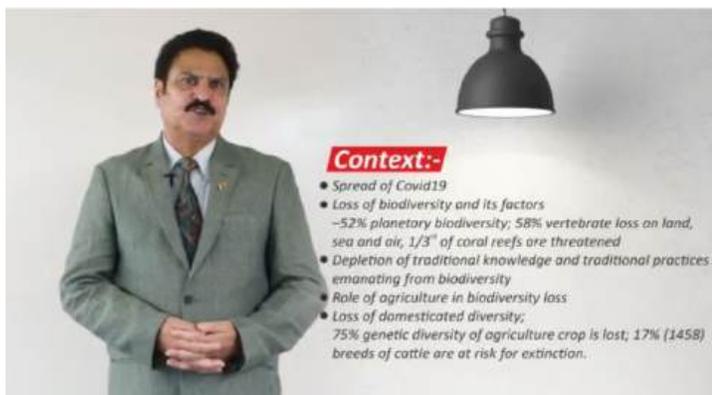


Felicitations of Shri. Shrikant Priolkar



Felicitation of Miss Devata Naik & Sankalp Naik by the hands of SavoiVerem BMC Chairperson and Member.

Pre recorded sessions by **Dr. Rakesh Shah**, Vice chancellor of Himalayiya University Dehradun, Uttarakhand, He briefed on IDB-2020 theme and highlighted on Pandemic COVID-19, loss of biodiversity and its factors, depletion of traditional knowledge and traditional practises. Further he urged the participants that they should understand the nature and practice traditional methods of agriculture and follow traditional knowledge and for this documentation in the form of PBR and its scientific validation is very important.



Online session by Dr. Rakesh Shah

**Dr. Pushpa Kumar Lakshmanan**, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi briefed on implications of amendments proposed for the Biological Diversity (BD) Act, 2002 and Biological Diversity Rules 2004 with respect to roles of BMCs. He discussed on Nagoya protocol and briefly explained about BD Act. He congratulated Goa State Biodiversity Board for doing great work for implementing Biodiversity Act.



Online session by Dr. Pushpa Kumar Lakshmanan

Local expert **Shri. Savio Fonseca**, Chief Naturalist-Avocet & Peregrine, author of the book, "Photographic guide to Birds of Goa". In his impressive session, he highlighted different bird habitats, important birding hotspots of Goa and importance of birds to humans and also mentioned about bird mortality being indicative possibility of disease outbreak. The professional presentation with exclusive pictures and video clips of birds made it very interesting.



Online session by Shri. Savio Fonseca

The webinar was well attended by participants from across the State and Country with some international presence too. The vote of thanks was proposed by Shri. Parag Rangnekar, Expert Member, GSBB and the program was compered by Adv. Joyce Rodrigues, Legal Assistant GSWA.

## SCREEN SHOTS INDICATIVE OF PARTICIPATION DURING WEBINAR



**Photography & Video Film Competitions:** GSSB has also invited entries from across Goa State for the Photography and Video film competitions. The last date for receipt of the same is 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

## ONLINE BROCHURES OF IDB-2020 PROGRAM AND COMPETITIONS



## Message from the Hon'ble. Environment Minister, Government of Goa, Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board

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Warm greetings to all the people of Goa on the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity 2020

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 different themes. The theme adopted for this year is "Our Solutions are in Nature". The theme emphasizes that nature with its bounties has all the answers to the challenges faced by humanity.

We depend on biodiversity not only for food, medicine, recreation and life support but we are integrated part of web of life. We shall survive only if our surroundings are conducive and all other species are surviving sustainably.

Let us all pledge to conserve ecological heritage for economic prosperity and explore nature for our solutions.

**माननीय पर्यावरण मंत्री, गोवा सरकार  
अध्यक्ष, गोवा राज्य जैवविविधता मंडळ यांचा संदेश**





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आज आंतरराष्ट्रीय जैवविविधता दिन २०२० यानिमित्त गोव्याच्या सर्व लोकांना हार्दिक शुभेच्छा.

संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभेने २२ मे हा आंतरराष्ट्रीय जैवविविधता दिवस (आयडीबी) म्हणून जाहीर केला आहे आणि हा दिवस वेगवेगळ्या घोषवाक्यांसह दरवर्षी जगभर साजरा केला जातो. यावर्षीचे घोषवाक्य आहे "आमच्या समस्यांचे निराकरण निसर्गात आहे" या घोषवाक्यावर जोर देण्यात आला आहे की निसर्गाच्या उदारतेसह मानवतेसमोरील सर्व समस्यांचे उपाय आहेत, असे स्पष्ट होते.

आम्ही जैवविविधतेवर अवलंबून आहोत फक्त अन्न, औषध, करमणूक आणि जीवन आधारावर नव्हेत तर आम्ही जीवनाच्या साखळीचा एकामिक भाग आहोत. जर आपल्या सभोवतालचे सर्व जैविक घटक सुदृढ असतील तरच आपण सुनिश्चितपणे जन्मू शकतो.

चला, आपण सर्वांनी आर्थिक समृद्धीसाठी पर्यावरणीय वास्तव जतन करण्याचे आणि आपल्या समस्यांच्या निराकरणासाठी निसर्गाचे अन्वेषण करण्याचा संकल्प करूया.

(Message has been published in English/ Marathi/Konkani - 3 newspapers)

### Newspaper clip

## २२ मे रोजी जैवविविधता दिवस : मंत्री काब्राल यांचा व्हिडिओ संदेश

प्रतिनिधी पत्रकी जून १९९२ साली रीयो डी जानेरीयो येथे संपन्न झालेल्या शिखर परिषदेत जैवविविधता परिषद स्वीकारण्यात आलेल्या परिषदेच्या स्मृत्यर्थ दरवर्षी २२ मे रोजी जागतिक आंतरराष्ट्रीय जैवविविधता दिवस साजरा करण्यात येतो. यावर्षी गोवा राज्य जैवविविधता मंडळाने पर्यावरण मंत्रालय, वन आणि हवामान बदल आणि राष्ट्रीय

जैवविविधता यंत्रणेच्या सहकार्याने राज्य पातळीवर आंतरराष्ट्रीय जैवविविधता कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन केले आहे. या वर्षी कोविड-१९ मुळे ऑनलाईन कार्यक्रमान्वारे २२ मे रोजी सकाळी ११.३० वाजता साजरा करण्यात येणार आहे. पर्यावरणमंत्री तथा गोवा राज्य जैवविविधता मंडळाचे अध्यक्ष नीलेश काब्राल यांच्या गोवा जैवविविधता आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय जैवविविधता २०२० या संकल्पनेवर आधारित पूर्व रिकॉर्ड केलेल्या

व्हिडिओ संदेशाने सवास प्रारंभ होणार आहे. उत्तराखंड विद्यापीठाचे उपकुलसुध डॉ. राकेश शाह तसेच नालंदा विद्यापीठाच्या प्राध्यापिका डॉ. पुष्पा कुमार लक्ष्मणन व गोवा राज्य जैवविविधता मंडळाचे स्थानिक तज्ज्ञ यांचे १० मिनिटांचे पूर्व रिकॉर्डिंगचे ऑनलाईन सत्र संपन्न होणार आहे. यानंतर जागतिक वेटवर्ड दिनी आयोजित केलेल्या विविध स्पर्धेतील विजेत्यांची नावे जाहीर करण्यात येतील. यावेळी गोवा राज्य जैवविविधता मंडळ

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