

SHRI AZGAONKAR INAUGURATES 'PARYATAN PARV'

Minister for Tourism Shri Manohar Azgaonkar inaugurated 'PARYATAN PARV' a three week long tourism event being organized by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India in collaboration with Department of Tourism, Government of Goa and Regional Tourism, Government of India at Paryatan Bhavan, Patto Plaza, Panaji.

Shri Nilesh Cabral, Chairman of Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC), Shri Brijesh Manerkar, Deputy Director Tourism, Shri Kutan, Assistant Director of India Tourism, Smt. Donna D'Souza, Principal of Hotel Management Institute Porvorim and others were present on the occasion.

The three week long programme which commenced on October 5, 2017 will conclude on October 25, 2017.

The objective of the programme is to lay focus on the benefits of tourism showcasing the cultural diversity of the state and reinforcing the principles of tourism for all.

The event has evoked good response from the general public as well as industry stakeholders.

A series of programmes and activities includes illumination in and around tourist sites, cultural workshops at different location, competitions for students, sensitization programmes for tourism service providers, yoga demonstrations etc. In addition, to this interactive sessions and workshops were organized on varies themes related to skill development in the tourism sector and rural tourism sites.

Shri Azgaonkar while addressing the gathering on the occasion said that Goa is much sought tourist destination to the people across the country and the world. He said that 'Paryatan Parv' launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is aimed at creating

tourism related awareness and urged goans to visit every tourist spot in Goa and work towards preserving it.

Shri Cabral while addressing the gathering said that the Government of Goa Through the Department of Tourism has been working hard to promote tourism activities by providing fine infrastructure and ensure security during their stay.

Shri Arvind Khutkar, Deputy Director Tourism welcomed the gathering while Shri Deepak Narvekar compered and proposed the vote of thanks.