Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar inaugurated Interstate Cultural Programme a festival of Folk Dances and folk Music at Dinanath Mangueshkar Kala Mandir in the city today. The programme was organized by Bal Bhavan Goa.

Minister for Art and Culture, Shri Govind Gawde, Dr. Sheetal Naik, Chairperson of Bal Bhavan Goa, Smt. Hemangi Golatkar, Board Member, Shri Santosh Amonkar, Director of Bal Bhavan Goa were present on the occasion.

While addressing the gathering the Chief Minister expressed satisfaction over the involvement of the children in Interstate Cultural Programme. He said that awareness about Traffic rules and discipline besides Swatch Bharat Mission needs to be inculcated in the minds of the Bal Bhavan children so as to make Goa plastic free.

In his address Minister for Art and Culture, Shri Gawde said that people participation coupled with appreciation plays a very important role in encouraging a artist. He also lauded the children for their participation in the festival which he pointed out will go a long way in enhancing their artistic talent and develop skills.

Participation certificates were presented to the representatives of various states which includes Jai Hind Bal Bhavan (Maharashtra), Jawahar Bal Bhavan, Mandi (New Delhi), Bal Bhavan Society Baroda (Gujrat), Bal Bhavan Silvassa (D&N), Bal Bhavan Telangana (Hyderabad), Shanti Niketan Bal Bhavan (Jammu), Jammu Bal Bhavan (Jammu) and Bal Bhavan Goa.

Dr. Sheetal Naik, Chairperson of Bal Bhavan Goa welcomed the gathering Smt. Tanavi Kamat Bambolkar compered the function while Shri Santosh Amonkar, Director of Bal Bhawan Goa proposed the vote of thanks.