Minister for Art and Culture Shri Govind Gaude felicitated 30 artists for their contribution in the field of Art and Culture with the Kala Gaurav Puraskar, at a function organised by the Directorate of art and culture held at Kala Academy, Panaji, yesterday.

The artistes have been felicitated for their contribution in the fields of music, drama, tiatr, folk art, Bhajan, literature, Set Designer and Wood craft.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Gaude congratulated all the awardees and said that this is not only award function but a gathering of our artists. He further requested awardees to take the responsibility to teach their respective arts to our youngsters so that our Goan identity is preserved and our youth will take forward our art.

Also Present on the occasion were Shri Padmashri Prakash Sawkar, Veteran artist and chairman of the Selection committee, Shri Gurudas Pilarnekar, Director, Directorate of Art And Culture, and Deputy Director, Shri Ashok Parab.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Padmashri Prakash Sawkar said that Self Satisfaction is very important for the artist. He further said, we have achieved a lot in every field but still he believes that we are lagging behind in the field of music. Proper direction is needed in the field of Music he added.

In the field of drama, Shri Appa Yeshwant Shetye, Shri Dattatray Krishna Joshi, Shri Narshiv Shivam Nagvekar, Shri Sudan Vaikunth Naik, Smt. Lila Keshav Kadam, Shri Usman Muhammad Khan, Shri Vijaykumar Pandurang Kamat were felicitated.

Shri Ramnath Atma Parab, Shri Bhanudas Shanu Korgaonkar, Shri Rohidas Tukaram Naik Bhajan/drama, Shri Damador Gangu Gaude, Shri Ratnakar Rama Parab were felicitated for their contribution in Bhajans whereas for their contribution in the field of music Shri Krishnanth Vasudev Chari, Shri Ramnath Naik Shirodkar, Shri Amancio Romualdo De Souza were felicitated.
Shri Chandrakant Baburao Naik was felicitated for his contribution in the field of set designer. In the field of Folk Art Shri Datta Palkar, Shri Prakash Yeshwant Salgoankar, Shri Haridatta N. Satarkar, Smt. Anandi Anant Gaude were honoured.

Shri Sitaram Vassu Palienkar was felicitated for his contribution in the field of wood craft. In the field of tiatr, Shri Hilario Braganza, Shri Andre Mesquita, Shri Jose Filip Noronho, Shri Anthony Dias Shri Bosco Menaces, Smt. Mica D, Souza, Shri Joao Francisco Dias were felicitated. For their contribution to literature, Shri Milind Harishchandra Kakodkar, Shri John Charles Fernandes were felicitated.

Shri Pradip Naik compered the function and Shri Ashok Parab, Deputy Director proposed the vote of thanks.