

**GOA STATE CULTURAL AWARDS, BEST LIBRARY AND BEST  
LIBRARIAN AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED**

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The Directorate of Art and Culture will honour 12 eminent personalities in the field of Art and Culture by conferring the 'Goa State Cultural Award 2016-2017' for their contribution and achievements respective art forms like music, drama/tiatr, folk art, bhajan, kirtan, craft, literature, painting etc. Shri Sachin Khedekar, renowned Film Actor and Director will be the Chief Guest and will present the awards. Minister for Art and Culture, Shri Govind Gaude and Shri Daulat Hawaldar, Secretary, Art and Culture will be the Guests of Honor. The function will be held on February 12, 2018 at 4.30 p.m at Kala Academy, DMK Hall, Panaji.

The awardees are Shri Pramod Priolkar, Priol (Music : Indian), Shri F.G. Alvarro de A. Pereira, Utorda (Music Western), Shri Dasu Shirodkar, Tarvalem, Shri Gajanan Jog, Caranzalem and Shri Avecleto Afonso, Panaji (literature), Shri Ganesh Marathe, Corlim, (drama), Smt Maria Fernandes, Sangolda (tiatr), Shri Romaldo D'Souza, Chinchinnim (tiatr), Shri Udaybua Phadke, Mulgao (kirtan), Shri Umesh Tari, Old Goa, (bhajan), Shri Ram Mauskar, Nagargaon (folk art) Shri Sadashiv Parab, Moira, fine art).

Government will also honor 'Antruz Lalitak' Bandora, Ponda as Best Cultural Institution in the field of Art and Culture for the year 2016-17. Best Library Award will be presented to St.Xavier's College, Mapusa and Best Librarian Award will be presented to Shri Sadanand R. Shirgaonkar and Shri Mohandas Naik.