PJAG CELEBRATES WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

To commemorate World Photography Day and 11th Anniversary of Photo-Journalists' Association of Goa (PJAG), the members of PJAG in association with Directorate of Art and Culture organized a Photography exhibition and award distribution ceremony in the Multipurpose Hall of Sanskruti Bhavan, Patto today. Minister for Art and Culture Shri. Govind Gaude was the Chief Guest for the function while Director, Directorate of Art and Culture Shri. Gurudas Pilernkar was the Guest of honor. Deputy Director Shri. Ashok Parab, PJAG President Shri. Sandip Dessai, Secretary Shri. Atish Naik and Treasurer Shri. Kailas Naik was also present among others.

Earlier the Minister inaugurated the photo-exhibition which contains photographs clicked by PJAG members and participants of Photography competitions held by the association. Speaking on the occasion the Minister congratulated the PJAG committee members for their tremendous contribution in society as the fourth pillar of the constitution. "Nowadays, everyone clicks a picture on a phone; however, photojournalists click a spot on pictures even in life-threatening situations. The accuracy of the picture is their key skill. By capturing the liveliest images, photojournalists act as a bridge between an even and a viewer," the Minister said.

Shri. Gaude while appreciating the participants for taking part in the competition urged them to work hard with honesty, professionalism, and intelligence. "One should be passionate about the work he/she is doing. To know any form of art, or to practice it passionately helps us in leading a fruitful life," the Minister stated. He also patted PJAG members for choosing good topics for the Photography competitions. "Topics such as 'traditional games of Goa', 'spots in Goa' will surely add on to our knowledge, especially enlightening us about the history of our state," Shri. Gaude said.

Earlier, the Minister and other dignitaries presented prizes to the winners of Photography competition. The competition was held in two categories viz School and Open category with topics 'traditional games of Goa' and spots in Goa' respectively. The winners in the School category are 1st prize- Mast. Arif Nadaf (Saraswat High School (HS), Mapusa), 2ND- Mast. Meghraj Akarkar (V.D. & S.V. Wagle HS, Mangeshi) 3rd- Ms. Urvi Kambli (Bal

Bhrati Vidyamandir HS, Raibandar). Mast. Arnan Jonathan Dias and Mast. Ansul Katare bagged the 1st and 2ndconsolation prizes respectively.

In the Open category, the 1st prize was bagged by Shri. Vaibhav Dayanand Bhagat, 2nd- Shri. Arunab Bhattacharjee, 3rd- Dr. Gauresh Ganjekar. Shri. Sanjeev Sardessai and Shri. Sanat Shirodkar won 1st and 2ndconsolation prizes respectively.

Senior Photo-Journalists Shri. Narayan Pai Fondekar from Margao and Shri. Gurudas Vaingnkar from Mapusa were felicitated by the Minister for their immense contribution in the field of Photojournalism. Past PJAG presidents Shri. Umesh Banastarkar, Shri. Soiru Komarpant, Shri. Kailas Naik, Shri. Atish Naik and Shri. Ganesh Shetkar were also presented with mementos by the Minister.

PJAG President Shri. Sandip Dessai gave the welcome address. Shri. Pilernkar spoke on the occasion while Shri. Gurudas Vaingnkar shared his experiences. Shri. Ganesh Shetkar compered and proposed vote of thanks. The function was attended by photo-journalists, photography enthusiasts, teachers and school students.