

## **DHALO FUGADI FESTIVAL 2018 BEGAN IN THE STATE**

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The Dhalo Fugadi festival-2018 of the season began in the state. To mark the opening of the festival, Minister for Art & Culture Shri Govind Gaude inaugurated the same at Shree Sateri Devasthan Karmi Bhat, Mercas in Tiswadi taluka today. Around 24 Dhalo and Fugdi groups from Tiswadi taluka participated in festival. The Directorate of art & Culture in association with Shree Sateri Devastha Mercas Tiswadi organized the function. During 21 days festival the Dhalo & Fugdi programmes will be organized in different parts of the all Talukas in the state

Shri Gaude while addressing at the function stressed on the need to preserve our age old folk dances like Dhalo and fugadi. He said Dhalo and Fugadi are part and parcel of Goan Culture. The Government attempts to extend all sort of cooperation to encourage the art and artists in the state. He appreciated the enthusiasm of the participants who are participated in the festival.

The Director of Art & Culture Shri Gurudas Pilernekar in his welcome address said that Goa has rich cultural heritage. This he said comprises of folk dances ,music and arts etc. The Government through the Art & Culture Department provide financial assistance under various schemes to preserve our rich art and culture he informed.

Shri Kishor Narvekar, President of Shree Sateri Devasthan and Secretary Shri Hemant Golatkar, both spoke on the occasion. Smt Parvati Dhaku Pilarnkar and Smt Hemangi Golatkar were present at the function

Shri Sudan Phadte compered the function. Deputy Director Shri Ashok Parab proposed the vote of thanks.

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