## RAJ BHAVAN WILL BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE COMMON CITIZENS

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Governor of Goa Dr. Smt. Mridula Sinha on the occasion of Goa Liberation Day announced that the Raj Bhavan will be accessible to the common citizens i.e., Goans, people from other States, as well as to the foreign nationals, to see its rich history and heritage, flora & fauna of the place and above all its mesmerizing scenic beauty from the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The visit will be in 2 slots, each batch of 50 visitors starting from 2:30 pm. till 4:00 pm. and second batch of 50 visitors from 4:00 pm. till 6:30 pm.

Raj Bhavan, Goa also known as Palacio-de-Cabo is the official residence of Governor of Goa. It is one of the finest residences of Indian Governors and also the oldest as no other residence of a Governor of a State in India has its origin dating back to over four hundred fifty years in the past. This place has been a restricted area for several decades.

Visitors are informed to make online booking for visiting the Raj Bhavan at <u>bookings.rajbhavan.goa.gov.in</u> and bookings will be accepted from 30th December, 2018. This link will be provided on Raj Bhavan, Goa website. Visitor will have to register on the said portal at least 3 days before the date of visit and entry will be subject to police verification. Confirmation of the booking will be intimated on SMS/Email to the applicant.

In Raj Bhavan, there is a Visitor Information Centre for further facilitation. A tour guide will accompany the visitors. Drinking water, Washroom/toilet facilities are provided inside Raj Bhavan, and visitors are prohibited to drink, smoke, litter, carry plastics or food in plastic. Entry route will be under surveillance. Entry fee has been fixed at Rs.300/- per person and payment has to be made online at the time of booking. Child below 12 years of age will not be charged the entry fee. The visit to Raj Bhavan will be conducted by GTDC.

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