SEARCH AND RESCUE MOCK EXERCISE CONDUCTED

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The Search and Rescue Mock Exercise was conducted by the North Goa District Disaster Management Authority at Caranzalem beach today. North Goa Collector Shri Gopal Parsekar was present along with Addl. Collector Shri Mahadev Arondekar. The exercise commenced with involvement of activation of SAR agencies followed by mass rescue operation due to simulations of Air Crash. The mock exercise was witnessed by international Observers from 36 countries.

The mock exercise was conducted in cooperation with Goa Coast Guard headed by Comdt. Dipak Yadav and his team members. Two hovercrafts of Coast Guard were engaged in the operation besides other boats and helicopters. Other who were participated in the exercise were Deputy Captain of Ports headed by Captain Ajit Sirsaikar, team of Fire & Emergency Services was headed by Director Shri Ashok Menon. Superintendent of Fisheries Shri Chandresh Haldankar from Fisheries Department. Shri Ganesh Teli, Assistant Director Department of Tourism and team of life guards, Dr. Neeta Kakodkar, Health Officer, PHC Panaji and her team, Smt. Manisha Mardolkar, LPSI, Panaji Police station and her team members among others.

Shri Arondekar said that the mock exercise was conducted from various places and was successful. This preparedness was part and parcel for future if there is any emergency. We do not know when disaster occurs and therefore we have to prepare in advance. This is an exercise for all stakeholders to know and to prepare, co-operate, coordinate on how to respond in such kind of situation. He thanked all those who participated in the exercise.

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