



Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA) is a body of the Government of Goa constituted as per Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017 and as per the provision made in Part II – Sec. 3 (i) Rule 5 (1) of “The Gazette of India: Extraordinary.” The State Government of Goa constituted the Goa State Wetland Authority in the year 2016 (Corrigendum No. GSWA/2017-18/WC/013/026/836 in Official Gazette of Government of Goa. Dated: 09th February 2018).

Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) is the Nodal Agency for GSWA, situated in the premises of the Department of Science, Technology, and Environment, Saligao, Bardez-Goa.

The Authority works under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Minister for Environment & Climate Change, Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Director Environment & Climate Change, Shri. Dasharath Redkar as the Member Secretary of GSWA and Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam (Member Secretary Goa State Biodiversity Board) as the Head of Nodal Agency for GSWA.

The Goa State Wetland Authority is acting on the following lines to achieve the goal:

- Prepare a list of all wetlands in the State of Goa and to identify and notify them under Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.
- Develop a comprehensive list of activities to be regulated and permitted within the notified wetlands and their zone of influence
- Define strategies for conservation and wise use of wetlands within their jurisdiction; wise use being a principle for managing these ecosystems which incorporates sustainable uses (such as capture fisheries at subsistence level

or harvest of aquatic plants) as being compatible with conservation, if ecosystem functions (such as water storage, groundwater recharge, flood buffering) and values (such as recreation and cultural) are maintained or enhanced

- Review integrated management plan for each of the notified wetlands and within these plans consider continuation and support to traditional uses of wetlands and pre-existing rights which are harmonized with the ecological character of wetlands
- In cases wherein lands within the boundary of notified wetlands or wetlands complex have private tenancy rights, recommend mechanisms for maintenance of ecological character through promotional activities
- Issue necessary directions for conservation and sustainable management of wetlands to the respective implementing agencies
- Undertake measures for enhancing awareness within stakeholders and local communities on the values and functions of wetlands.

## **Schemes under Goa State Wetland Authority**

### *Sharam Shakti Se Jal Samruddhi*

Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA) had taken the initiative by way of a project for the restoration of water bodies, Tali, Lakes, Ponds, and small wetlands through people participation under the project **“Shram Shakti Se Jaal Samrudhi”**. Under this project, GSWA has funded and supported five local individuals/ bodies to clean, restore and/or maintain different water bodies.

## **Right To Information**

Right to information is a basic right of every citizen of India, which has been duly guaranteed under the Right to Information (RTI) Act 2005. The Goa State Wetland Authority has appointed Public Information Officers, Assistant Public Information Officer, and First Appellate Authorities as follows:

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