

**GOA STATE CULTURAL AWARDS & BEST CULTURAL INSTITUTION
AWARD 2023-2024 ANNOUNCED**

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The Directorate of Art and Culture has announced the Goa State Cultural Awards and Best Cultural Institution Award 2023-2024. This year the Directorate of Art and Culture will honour 12 eminent personalities in the field of Art & Culture by conferring the prestigious Goa State Cultural Award for their contribution & achievements in their respective fields like Music, Drama/Tiatr, Folk Art, Bhajan, Kirtan, Craft, Literature, Painting, etc. The awards are for the year 2023-2024. These awardees have set an example to the youth of Goa and are encouraging them by dedicating their life for promotion and preservation of Art & Culture of the State. Also every year one Cultural Institute is being considered for the Best Cultural Institute Award.

The recipients of Goa State Cultural Award 2023 are - in the field of Indian Music- Shri Pradeep M. Shilkar, Ponda, Shri Shridhar K. Barve, Bardez, Shri Shivrai T. Fondekar, Quepem; in the field of Drama- Shri.Naresh A.Kadkade, Bicholim; in the field of Tiatr- Shri.Hortencio S.Pereira, Quepem, Shri. Menino Fernandes (Menino de Bandar), Salcete; in the field of Literature- Shri. Tukaram Rshet, Bardez, Fr.Manuel Gomes, Salcete, Shri Shaileshchandra P. Raikar, Salcete, Shri Vithal Gawas, Bicholim; in the field of Bhajan- Shri Ulhas S. Palni, Pernem and in the field of Fine-Art- Shri. Dnyaneshwar V.Wadji, Tiswadi. Kala Shuklendu, Panaji Goa begged the Best Cultural Institution Award 2023-24.

The Goa State Cultural Awards comprises of a cash purse of Rs.1,00,000/- each, shrifal, shawl, certificate, and Nataraj Replica. The award for Best Cultural Institution consists of a Memento and Cash purse of Rs. 3.00 Lakhs. The Goa State Cultural Awards for Individuals and Best Cultural Institution will be presented to the awardees at a special function to be organized by the Department of Art and Culture.

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