

## **"Distribution of Titles" under Forest Rights Act, 2006 held on 17th November, 2022 on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.**

This office has organised a programme of "Distribution of Title for forest land under occupation" on the occasion of 147<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at Seminar Hall, Ground Floor, Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa from 3.30 p.m. onwards. Subsequently, workshop on post recognition of forest right claims was conducted by the Department of Agriculture and Goa State Horticulture Cooperation Ltd.

Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister/Hon'ble Minister for Tribal Welfare was the Chief Guest for the programme. The other dignitaries graced the programme were:

1. Shri. Ramesh Tawadkar, Hon'ble Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly;
2. Shri. Subhash Chandra, IAS, (Secretary), Tribal Welfare;
3. Ms. Mamu Hage, IAS (Collector), North Goa District;
4. Shri. Dinesh Kannan, IFS, Conservator of Forest;
5. Shri. Jiss K. Varkey, IFS, DCF, Ponda-Goa;
6. Shri. Anand Jadhav, DCF, Wild Life and Eco Tourism, Panaji-Goa;
7. Smt. Triveni Velip, Director of Tribal Welfare.

Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister/Hon'ble Minister for Tribal Welfare enlightened the beneficiaries regarding the benefits of land granted under Forest Rights Act, 2006. He explained that the land granted cannot be sold but the title holder shall cultivate the land and protect the same. He also stressed the role and importance of Gram Sabha for determining the nature and extent of individual or community forests rights.

Smt. Triveni Velip, Director of Tribal Welfare briefed the beneficiaries present about the overview of Forest Rights Act. Shri. Ramesh Tawadkar, Hon'ble Speaker enlightened the beneficiaries about the features and importance of Forest Right Act, 2006.

The total of 40 titles were distributed to beneficiaries under Forest Rights Act, 2006. The programme was followed by the workshop/programme to the forest right holder on the post recognition of forest rights of forest dwellers under Forest Rights Act, 2006. The Department of Agriculture educated the Title holders on soil and water conservation technologies and

also elucidated various subsidies available which they can avail for agriculture produce. The Goa State Horticulture Cooperation Limited educated the title holders the objectives to promote and undertake the cultivation of horticultural and plantation crops and the schemes and subsidies available to title holders.





