



**Dempo Charities Trust's
Dhempe College of Arts and Science
Panaji, Goa**

Report of seminar by Shri Rajendra Kerkar on Saturday 21st October 2023

1. **Title:** Sacred Groves tradition of Goa
2. **Resource person:** Shri Rajendra Kerkar
3. **Date of activity:** 21st October 2023
4. **Name of College:** DCT's Dhempe college of Arts and science, Miramar Panaji, Goa
5. **Co-ordinator:** Mrs. Majiri M. Barve
6. **Organising members:** Dr. Purnima Ghadi, Dr. Shilpa Bhonsle, Dr. Pratibha Prabhugaonkar and Dr. Ashish Prabhugaonkar
7. **Number of Participants:** 66 students and 5 teachers.
8. **Summary of activity:**

Department of Botany under Star DBT Scheme of college organized seminar on Saturday 21st October 2023 at Swami Vivekananda hall from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon titled Sacred Groves tradition of Goa. Resource person was **Shri. Rajendra Kerkar**, an eminent environmentalist and author of book 'Sacred flora of Goa' and 'Natural heritage of Goa'. Function started with floral welcome followed by principal Prof. Vrinda Borker welcoming resource person and lauding his efforts to conserve biodiversity of Goa. Dr. Pratibha Prabhugaonkar formally introduced speaker. Shri Rajendra Kerkar in his lecture with images of various Sacred grooves of Goa explained various traditions leading to protection of forest and wildlife. Students benefitted from vast experience of resource person which reflected in talk by speaker which lasted for more than one hour. Students were also introduced to fascinating aspects of sacred grooves like Myristica swamp forests, ancient trade routes through forests, wild life, Giant trees of Goa etc. Total 66 students and five teachers benefitted from the seminar.

The program ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Ashish Prabhugaonkar.



Report submitted by Ashish Prabhugaonkar

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