



## Goa University

### Botany Discipline, School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology

#### Report on Mega Sapling Distribution Drive

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| <b>1. Title of the Event/Activity/program</b>                 | <b>Mega Sapling Distribution Drive</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>2. Date and Time</b>                                       | 27 <sup>th</sup> February to 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)</b>                   | Physical                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>4. School/ Directorate/ Section</b>                        | School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate</b>             | Goa Forest Department Nursery, Quepem, Goa.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>6. Name of the Faculty in-charge</b>                       | Dr. Aditi Naik (Asst. Prof, SBSB, Goa University).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>7. Number of Faculty attended/participated</b>             | 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>8. Number of Student attended / participated</b>           | 350                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants</b> | 45                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event</b>       | The objective of this activity was to compel people to grow plants and to enlighten them about the various benefits of plants. It was also a move to encourage young entrepreneurs to showcase their talents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>11. Description of the Program/activity/event</b>          | The activity was held from 27 <sup>th</sup> February to 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023. A total of 600 plants were provided by Goa Forest Department nursery, which included 26 types of plants ranging from categories like medicinal, ornamentals, hedge plants, fruit trees and avenue trees. Awareness regarding the same was created through posters on social media and in different departments and schools of the Goa University. The distribution was formally inaugurated on 27 <sup>th</sup> February at the SCS, Seminar hall on |

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|                                                                      | <p>the occasion of the <i>Botanica</i> event organized by the Botany Discipline of the School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology. There were students from University as well as other Colleges, Professors and locals who availed of this drive. Posters of all the different types of plants available were prepared that included the scientific name, local name and the importance and uses of the plant.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event</b></p> | <p>With this drive we were able to help people grow more plants, know more about their benefits and uses, and we also gave awareness regarding the growth and maintenance of the plants with respect to the different categories they belonged. A total of 750 plants we distributed at the end of the drive. The distribution drive was a great success and many people were sensitized about the importance of plants in our life. Many people became aware of the uses of certain plants that they didn't know about before. This was a great move to encourage masses to plant more trees and become aware of the benefits of various plants. This sapling distribution drive was also paired with a sale of handmade items by young entrepreneurs. Some of the items on sale were: stone and bottle paintings, bracelets, water paintings, crochet arts, etc.</p> |
| <p><b>13. Enclosures with report</b></p>                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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