

## Photo of the Month



Christmas Celebrations in Ponda

Over 50 lakh pilgrims visited the St. Francis Xavier Exposition in Goa



Goa's biggest spiritual event – More than 50 lakh pilgrims venerated the relics of the Saint during the 43-day SFX Exposition at Old Goa. Since the commencement of the Exposition on November 22, 2014, more than a lakh pilgrims venerated the relics daily, and during the last 3-4 days, timings for veneration were extended by a few hours to meet the rush and long queues.

Archbishop Ferrao, in his introductory talks at the concluding Mass, said, "St Francis is God's gift to us, and we invoke his blessings for our ongoing journey of faith."

Goa Tourism also played a key role at the SFX Exposition by assisting visitors at the Old Goa Complex, disseminating information and providing tourism related services. Hop On Hop Off vehicles were introduced to give pilgrims and tourists an insight into Old Goa's heritage sites ....[Read more>>](#)

## Achievements

- ★ Goa marks 13.5 % rise in tourist arrivals for October 2014
- ★ Success of Visa on Arrival in Goa

## Initiatives

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## Festivals

Christmas celebrations in Goa ...[Read more>>](#)

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## Top 5 Tweets



Priya Ramachandran @Priyaaaa  
Want to see a #Goa beyond #beaches? Here's my #offbeat #travel plan in @htcafe: <http://bit.ly/1pESKtg> @TourismGoa



Himanshu Vidhani @hvidhani  
@TourismGoa am right at the beach, its awesome being in Goa. The best place for a destination wedding.



Priya Ramachandran @Priyaaaa  
A new #home and a new #hobby! #Birdwatching in Old #Goa is such a relaxing activity. A #photo #story @ <http://happyfeet.us/goa/bird-watching-carambolim/> ... @TourismGoa



BreakfastProjekt @pratishtakhan  
When Monday hits you nasty, dream of a trip to your favourite destination. Mine is #Goa. What's yours? @TourismGoa



Katchutravels @Katchutravels  
Nothing better than camping on a hill, sleeping under the stars with friends! #Keri #Goa # @TourismGoa @WeAreGoaaa

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