

Goa celebrated Shigmo 2015 with much splendor



Shigmo 2015, Goa's annual spring festival was celebrated by Goa's Hindu community from March 13 to March 17, 2015. Shigmo was conventionally celebrated as spring's biggest festival which

flattered the repatriation of the warriors who had left their homes and families at the end of Dusshera to contest the invaders. Throughout the month of the parade, both locals and visitors alike go party all across town in celebration of Goan culture and tradition. Traditional folk dances like 'Ghode Modni' and 'Fugdi' were performed on the streets in massive troupes along the procession, showcasing the tradition of Goa. The glistening floats with widespread lighting and sound effects moved along with the parade fascinating the attention of a huge crowd that lit the streets of Goa. The streets were sprinkled with the choicest of local Goan delicacies.

Food & Cultural Festival 2015

The 'Goa Food and Cultural Festival' - an annual property to showcase a different aspect of Goa, is going to be held from April 17 to 21, 2015 at D. B. Bhandarkar Grounds, Campal. Usually held with the Goa Carnival every year, this will be a festival presenting Goa's authentic cuisine along with presentation of Goa's folklore and a volley of cultural shows by local Goan artists. There will be different stalls with a variety of dishes from different states of India. During the festival, one can enjoy poetry, painting, open-air concerts, local delicacies and a chance to sample freshly prepared seafood dishes culminating in night-time fireworks around the coastline and partying throughout Goa.



Goa bags award for 'Best Wedding and Honeymoon Destination' at ITB Berlin 2015



Goa Tourism has bagged the prestigious Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) Award for the 'Best Wedding and Honeymoon Destination' during ITB Berlin 2015. The award was presented at a ceremony held at the ITB venue, Messedamm, Berlin to Goa Tourism officials at the hands of Secretary General of United Nations World Travel Organisation (UNWTO), Mr. Taleb Rifai in presence of Mr. Sagar Ahluwalia, Secretary General PATWA. The Goa stall at ITB Berlin 2015 was tastefully designed with focus on culture, cuisine, adventure tourism, eco tourism and special events.

Goa Tourism recorded huge success at FITUR 2015

Goa Tourism participated and recorded huge success at the International Tourism Trade Show at FITUR between January 28-February 1, 2015. During the tourism trade show in FITUR and road shows at Amsterdam, business deals for the next season to the extent of 1,000 room bookings were closed in from a

relatively new market for Goa Tourism. This would bring in visitors from Mexico, Ecuador and Chile. Tremendous interest has been shown from Latin American countries, which serves as an endorsement for furthering tourism ties after the hosting of the Lusofonia Games in Goa in 2014.

Goa - Voted as the 'Favourite Beach Destination'



Goa has evolved as one of the hottest tourist destination in India. With a coastline of 101 km, Goa Tourism has taken up the task of cleaning the beaches to have hygienic beaches which will help improve tourism potential in the State. Such initiatives have ensured clean beaches in Goa which has led to Goa being voted the 'Favorite Beach Destination' at Cavelossim by Outlook Traveller Readers.

The Cavelossim Beach, encounters undisturbed golden sand that stretches south to the mouth of the River Sal at Mobor, where itinerant fisherfolk haul in their wares and the Blue Whale beach

shack graces one of the most picture-perfect spots in all of Goa. The captivating beaches of Goa attract millions of local and foreign tourists throughout the year.

Foundation stone laid for Mayem Lake Development Works

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri. Laxmikant Parsekar, recently laid the foundation stone for development works proposed to be under taken at Mayem Lake. The project is being implemented by the Department of Tourism, Govt. of Goa through the Goa Tourism Development Corporation's Project Cell. The total project cost is Rs 8.93 crore and proposes to develop an area of 13,333 sq mts at Mayem Lake and is proposed to be completed within a year.

The development works proposed to be undertaken at Mayem Lake includes improvement of existing infrastructure and addition of new components to the same for attracting tourists. There are a lot of components to be added for development of tourism affiliated infrastructure facilities at Mayem such as the development of Approach Road, Parking, Internal Pathways,

Natural Trail and Lake Parapet, a new Cafeteria and Coffee Deck, Amphitheatre with a capacity for 120 persons for local audience, Potters Hut, Souvenir shop, Pergola and Kiosk and Mirror maze for children recreation among others.



Goa's party scene gets better with Club Nyex

Goa is once again in the news across the globe through the most popular National Geographic's list of best places to party which has enlisted the World's Best Night Life Cities - and Goa ranks sixth in it. Goa's night life has been described to be centered on beaches and recollection of the hey days of the hippie 70s. Keeping the popularity of Goa's nightlife in mind, Club Nyex has been added to Goa's party scene at Anjuna. Located by the beachside, overlooking the sea, Club Nyex has a 24 hour restaurant which serves Goa's special local cuisine. Apart from that, for the late night party lovers, the club begins from 9 pm every evening till 4 am in the morning. Club Nyex also has venue area to hold weddings or entertainment events with a massive space to accommodate 4000 guests and 100 car parks. With 4 levels, the restaurant can also make seating arrangements for 20-50 people. They also have an open area seating, with a stage for an in-house DJ along with security guards and CCTV cameras. At an entry fee ranging from Rs. 1,500 - Rs. 4,000 on any given day, Club Nyex is hoping to become the next favorite place for Goans and tourists alike. The property is owned by the Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC) which has been leased out to Maberest Hotel, Panaji.

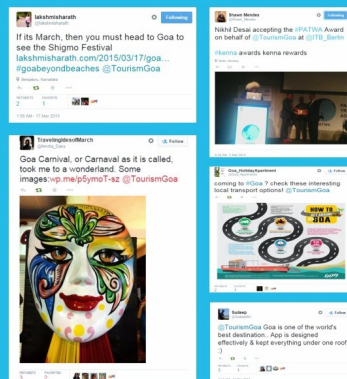


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Children on the streets of Goa celebrating Shigmo 2015



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