

**Photo of the month**



AUDIENCE ENJOYING THE PERFORMANCE BY RABBI SHERGILL AT THE GOA CARNAVAL 2014



**Achievements**

- ★ 12% Increase in tourist footfalls
- ★ Goa Tourism bags Safari India Award
- ★ Goa bags best creative stall award at IITM, Kochi



**Festivals**



**Grape Escapade 2014- A Tribute to Taste**  
Goa's most looked-forward to wine festival, The Grape Escapade 2014 is being hailed ...



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*Director's desk*



**Nikhil Desai**  
Director,  
Department of Tourism,  
Government of Goa

This year, 2013, has been a memorable one for Goa on many accounts. We began the year with Carnival 2013 that was one of biggest and best that Goa has ever seen. The response to this was so overwhelming that we are inspired to raise the bar every coming year. We are committed to turn every occasion into a celebration here and spread the warmth and cheer that our state is so famous for.


One of the milestones this year was the 12 per cent increase in the number of tourists to Goa, especially during the off-season, monsoon months, this was a real feather in our caps and we hope to keep the momentum going.


I would like to further salute the spirit of each and every Goan.


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*Top 5 Tweets*

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**Neha Sharma @Officialneha**  
Was awesum fun at today's carnival...  
#goacarnival
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**Nimisha Tiwari @Nimitwari**  
Goa Carnival at its best. Catch it today n tmrw  
@TourismGoa @ETTravelIndia reports Vaibhav Moghe @vaibs2001
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**Bijoy Venugopal @bijoyv**  
Face it, you missed something awesome if you didn't make it to #GoaCarnival2014  
@TourismGoa #goa #carnival
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**Hrish Thota @dhempe**  
one of the most colourful floats during #GoaCamaval2014 organized by @TourismGoa - Samba anyone? ;)
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**Hrish Thota @dhempe**  
stay tuned 4 live updates from Goa Carnival on my TL on 1st/2nd March @TourismGoa  
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